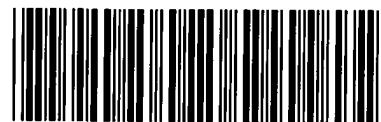


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Council of Management's Annual Report

The Council of Management (Council), who are also Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Objectives and activities

Objects

The principal object of the company, as set out in its Memorandum of Association, is to promote the advancement of education and learning, particularly amongst children, of science and technology and in particular to do so by maintaining and carrying on an exhibition to explore various scientific concepts and to encourage an awareness amongst children of the significance of science and technology in society.

Aims

Techniquest's aim is to promote the advancement of education and engage the public in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) by establishing permanent and temporary interactive exhibitions across Wales, together with supporting educational programmes and a series of outreach programmes for those unlikely to visit a permanent exhibition.

Vision

Techniquest will be the UK's leading science discovery centre, regarded as an exemplar of innovative, interactive STEM engagement. Techniquest will play a key role in positioning Wales as a leading nation in scientific and technological endeavour, driven by a sustained supply of young people entering STEM careers and supported by an outstanding and world leading engagement programme.

Mission

To embed science in Welsh culture through interactive engagement.

Activities

Techniquest operates the busy science and discovery centre in Cardiff Bay, open for both public and schools, and offers extensive outreach services across Wales. The centre features a collection of 120 interactive exhibits primarily designed and constructed by Techniquest to provide hands-on experience of scientific phenomena and problem solving opportunities in a safe and friendly environment.

For public visitors, in addition to the exhibition areas, Techniquest offers presenter-led programmes in its science theatre, planetarium and lab. A range of special events includes theme weekends, toddlers' days, Brownie, Beaver and Cub sessions as well as specific evening events for over 18s. Front of house staff provide every visitor with a warm welcome and help and advice during their visit, an important part of the Techniquest experience. Techniquest exhibits and programmes are also taken to a number of external cultural and community events.

Techniquest's schools services include a wide range of curriculum linked programmes designed to inspire and motivate pupils on topics from space science to computer coding. All programmes are available in the medium of Welsh and English and are gender-balanced.

In addition to participating in the on-site programmes, school groups visiting Techniquest spend time in the main exhibition area investigating the exhibits in order to gain inspiration and to deepen their understanding and skills.

As an alternative to visiting the main site in Cardiff, schools from all parts of Wales can book Techniquest outreach services. For schools in South East Wales these are provided from Techniquest in Cardiff. For schools in other areas, Techniquest works in partnership with Techniquest Glyndwr (North East Wales) and during 2016/17 New Directions also delivered outreach on our behalf. Techniquest targets disadvantaged schools preferentially with its outreach offer to support their access to its services. It identifies those most disadvantaged through the proportion of pupils in receipt of free school meals and the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD).

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Techniquiest works closely with the Welsh Government to support its priorities, such as strengthening scientific literacy, the National Literacy and Numeracy Framework, Digital Competency Framework and its *Qualified for Life – focus on science* initiative and since 1998, the charity has been awarded a core grant from the Welsh Government's Education Directorate. However in 2015, the Government announced its intention to withdraw its grant and 2016/17 was the first year of the phased reduction in grant support.

Techniquiest maintains a comprehensive website at www.techniquiest.org. The development of a new website was commissioned in the autumn of 2016. Online booking facilities will feature as part of the new site. Techniquiest continues to be active on social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Techniquiest employs a range of skilled, specialist staff to manage, develop and deliver its activities. This expertise is often in demand and the organisation frequently provides advice, consultancy and design to other organisations to help generate income.

In addition to the significant financial support from Welsh Government, Techniquiest is very grateful to the following organisations for their funding or in-kind support for the charity's activities during the year: Admiral Group plc; the UK Association for Science and Discovery Centres; Easystore Self-Storage; Ernest Cook; Eversheds; ExxonMobil; Garfield Weston Foundation; GE Aviation; GE Healthcare; The Institution of Engineering and Technology; Institute of Physics; Nathan Wyburn, Nuffield Foundation; Interserve; The Princes Trust Cymru; Lloyds; The Moondance Foundation; Morrisons Foundation; Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners; Office of National Statistics; ProCopy; Royal Academy of Engineering; Science and Technology Facilities Council; UK Space Agency; Wellcome Trust; Supaclean; The Waterloo Foundation; Wellcome Trust Image Library; and Western Power Distribution.

Achievements and performance

Audiences

During the year a total of 338,051 people experienced a Techniquiest 'live' STEM enrichment activity in Wales. This is 32,426 less people than in 2015/2016 and represents almost a 9% decrease, it is spread across both public and schools. Most of this reduction was anticipated because the timing of Easter fell predominantly outside the 2016/17 financial year and with the decrease in the Welsh Government core funding, the schools targets were reduced. However, weather conditions also played a part in the overall public numbers as well.

The following table shows a breakdown of the figures for 2016/17 showing where the activity took place. Similar to 2015/16 Techniquiest saw an increase in participation at short term events, these included the National Eisteddfod and our Techniquiest on Tour deliveries which celebrated Techniquiest's 30th anniversary.

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	2016/17	2015/16
Public audiences		
Techniquiest (at the Cardiff site)	143,290	155,686
Techniquiest (at Electric Mountain in NW Wales)	6,423	6,711
Techniquiest at other fixed sites	21,011	26,509
Techniquiest outreach at short term events	40,437	32,677
Total public	211,161	221,583
Schools audiences		
Techniquiest (at the Cardiff site)	44,637	44,486
Outreach from Techniquiest	74,519	83,986
Outreach from Techniquiest Glyndŵr hub	2,764	2,982
Outreach from other Techniquiest schools hub	4,970	17,440
Total schools	126,890	148,894
	338,051	370,477

The number of pupils and teachers from schools in Wales engaged at Techniquiest's main Cardiff site was 44,637 (2015/16: 44,486). Through its outreach, Techniquiest reached 82,253 (2015/16: 104,408) pupils and teachers in schools in all 22 unitary authorities of Wales representing a 21% decrease from the previous year. This decrease is as a result of the reduction in the target figures as previously stated.

Techniquiest, along with contracted partners, delivered outreach across Wales. Techniquiest Glyndŵr ran Techniquiest primary outreach in North East Wales and Techniquiest secondary outreach in North Wales. Techniquiest, with assistance from New Directions, delivered primary and secondary outreach in North West and South West Wales.

Techniquiest recognises the importance of working in the medium of Welsh; all schools programmes are available in both Welsh and English and all written materials are provided bilingually. During the year, 14,661 (2015/16: 12,374) pupils included in the table above were engaged through programmes delivered through the medium of Welsh. This is an increase of 18.5%, due to increased demand for the delivery of programmes through the medium of Welsh in North West and South West Wales.

Techniquiest continued to work closely with teachers, supporting enrichment activities in the classroom. In addition to the 7,964 (2015/16: 9,169) teachers who participated with their classes in programmes during the year, 738 (2015/16: 1,476) teachers participated in professional development opportunities provided by Techniquiest as a result of Welsh Government funding. The decreases in comparison to 2015/16 correlate with the reduction in targets as agreed with Welsh Government and these agreed targets were met. Techniquiest also provided 418 (2015/16: 472) days of professional development opportunities to teachers in Wales through the contract with STEM Learning Ltd.

Public attendance at Techniquiest's site in Cardiff Bay decreased by 9% on the prior year, at 143,290 (2015/16: 155,686). The final figure was made up of 52% children and 48% adults, mainly in family groups. Techniquiest places a high value on the impact it generates by engaging both children and their parents, or carers, in an informal learning environment and recent research has highlighted that children's aspirations may be raised as a result of a discussion that takes place both during the visit and afterwards: at home and in the wider community.

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Techniquet's annual survey of public visitors took place during February half term and the findings indicated that the majority of our visitors came from the Cardiff post code area, with adults aged 36-45 years and mainly female, children between 4-9 years with a 50/50 split of Welsh and non-Welsh speakers. The survey outlined that repeat visitation is increasing with 48% having already visited this year and 33% had visited more than 4 times in the past year. Previous school visits to Techniquet was a strong influencer on the parent to visit and most stayed for between 2-4 hours compared with previous surveys which identified 1-2 hours. The "fun" element of the day was stated by 93% as the main motivation for the visit. Those who attended the shows rated them as excellent, they rated the staff as excellent and overall visitors (66%) rated Techniquet as excellent.

Techniquet in partnership with Western Power Distribution engaged visitors in science activities at the Royal Welsh Show, the Three Counties Show and the Royal Bath and West Show. To celebrate Techniquet's 30th birthday, 'Techniquet on Tour' visited ten locations across South Wales. Members of the public interacted with a number of hands on activities and busking demonstrations. During these days, Techniquet engaged with families and individuals who would not as a rule come to the centre in Cardiff Bay. During 2016/17 Techniquet also ran a programme called the "The Crunch"; this programme was funded by the Wellcome Trust, developed by Association for Science and Discovery Centres (ASDC) and delivered by selected Science Centres. The Crunch included activities and resources about how our food, our health and our planet are all interconnected. Techniquet engaged 17,378 public visitors in the community, including the National Eisteddfod, throughout summer 2016. Techniquet also maintained exhibits at the Electric Mountain centre in Snowdonia.

Techniquet Exhibition

The exhibition area continued to be refreshed with the installation in October of Imagination Playground. The block-based play system encourages child-directed, unstructured free play that encourages creativity, communication and collaboration. The attraction features soft, oversized foam blocks, noodles, hinges, balls and chutes with holes and shapes that fit together in various ways - allowing children to let their imaginations run wild and make all sorts of different creations, all while easily transforming their environment. A LEGO replica of the Soyuz capsule, on loan from the London Science Museum, was also installed in February and a new partnership with the company behind the design of a hydrogen fuel celled Eco car (Riversimple), led to the opportunity to display their concept car as well as the model used for aerodynamic testing.

Techniquet was asked by the UK Space Agency to host the start of Tim Peake's post-flight UK tour in October 2016. The event was attended by Wales' First Minister, Carwyn Jones. Six schools with 267 pupils were invited along with ten VIP guests. This event was also featured on both BBC and ITV News that evening.

In November, Techniquet celebrated its 30th anniversary with a special celebratory evening, including keynote speaker, Stephen Attenborough, Commercial Director for Virgin Galactic. The event was attended by 200 guests.

In addition to the investment in the exhibition floor, operational improvements included a refurbishment of the coffee shop, the installation of new public toilets and an upgraded Wi-Fi service.

For the fourth year running, Techniquet displayed twenty-two winning photographs from the Wellcome Trust's 'Wellcome Image Awards' in its exhibition.

During the summer Techniquet ran the Roald Dahl inspired "Splendiferous Science" show which was developed in-house with funding from the Roald Dahl Foundation. It ran special themed events - the *Animals Weekend* and *The British Science Week Weekend*. Younger visitors enjoyed Techniquet's Toddler Days and Techniquet ran After Hours for adult audiences which were sponsored by Admiral.

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Partnerships and projects

Techniquiest continued its partnership with the Techniquiest Glyndŵr science centre at Glyndŵr University in Wrexham. In addition to providing Techniquiest outreach services to schools in the area, the centre offers public and school visitors the chance to enjoy exhibits and programmes the majority of which are provided by Techniquiest.

Techniquiest maintains a strong link with Cardiff University and there was collaboration on a range of activities that involved a number of the University departments, ranging from providing continuous professional development sessions for teachers, supporting After Hours and themed weekends and providing Nuffield placements. Techniquiest also worked with Swansea, Bangor, Aberystwyth, Cardiff Metropolitan and Swansea Metropolitan Universities. During 2016/17 it worked with 212 (2015/16:140) members of staff from 59 (2015/16: 50) departments in Welsh Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). An additional 116 researchers supported two bespoke After Hours events.

In March, Techniquiest was invited to attend the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Celebration of Talented Woman in Wales. Working in partnership with Cardiff University, Swansea University and the Welsh Government, WISE hosted an event at the Senedd to mark International Women's Day and to celebrate the contribution women in Wales are making in the STEM fields. The event followed on from the Talented Women for a Successful Wales report, published in March 2016 and provided an opportunity for education, business and public sector partners to share practical initiatives which are making a difference to the recruitment, retention and advancement of women scientists and engineers in Wales.

For the second year running Techniquiest worked with the Institute of Physics Cymru to provide its Stimulating Physics Network for teachers in Wales.

Techniquiest continues to operate the Nuffield Research Placement Programme in Wales. Under this scheme, A-level students undertake research placements with practising researchers for periods of 4 to 6 weeks during the summer holidays. Techniquiest placed 87 students against a target of 80 on the scheme in 2016/17.

Techniquiest is an active member of ASDC, which represents the network of science centres and museums across the UK that collectively reach over 20 million people per year. Techniquiest was successful in its bid to run the Wellcome funded Crunch programme that was developed and managed by ASDC. Techniquiest also received funding to run primary workshops as part of the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) project, Explore Your Universe that is also managed by ASDC. The benefit of being part of ASDC is access to these programmes that can refresh Techniquiest's offer.

Techniquiest continued to run Science Alliance Cymru meetings for science communicators in Wales to share ideas and best practice.

Techniquiest has worked with 165 staff from Welsh companies and organisations on such initiatives as the Nuffield Research placements, Science of Me, Animal Weekend, British Science Week Weekend, After Hours. Additionally, GE Aviation and Office of National Statistics have supported deliveries of our secondary programmes in schools by releasing 74 staff to co facilitate the workshops.

International activities

Techniquiest maintains a strong overseas reputation for its in-house expertise to develop and manufacture science exhibits for other science centres, for the quality of its STEM education kits and programmes for schools and for its consultancy and training services.

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The organisation's profile was maintained by its membership of science centre networking bodies in Europe, the Middle East, Far East and Australasia and its participation at conferences in Austria and Jordan. This work not only promotes Welsh expertise overseas, but provides an excellent source of new ideas and collaboration across cultural boundaries. Several delegations were hosted at Techniquest for a range of international visitors from these regions, and significant discussions were held with potential international partners and clients throughout the year.

The majority of Techniquest's commercial work during the financial year was undertaken on a series of major UK projects, however the charity also provided services to the Far East, Middle East and Europe. Outreach kits were supplied to science centres in China and Malaysia, further exhibit sales were secured to clients in Brunei and China, and a major consultancy contract was completed with a longstanding client in Kuwait.

Financial review

A summary of the financial results and the work of the charity is set out below.

Results

The results for the year ending 31 March 2017 are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 17. A surplus of £1,120,731 resulted for the year, which is a significant increase on the prior year surplus of £224,605. The main reasons for this surplus are the one off donation of one million pounds from the Moondance Foundation and a decrease in overall expenditure, primarily due to a restructure undertaken during the third quarter of the year. The overall reserves position as at 31 March 2017 is now £3,146,213 (2015/16: £2,025,482).

The Welsh Government continues to provide significant funding to Techniquest to help with the delivery of its educational objectives for which the Council is most grateful. Other sources of income include funding from additional grants and sponsorship from various sources, admission charges for the Cardiff Bay site and commercial income from retail and exhibit sales activities.

Reserves

The reserves policy has been developed based on the premise that a major funder withdraws its funding from Techniquest. The reserves policy reflects the amount of free reserves required for the organisation to operate for 12-18 months, which results in a range of between £0.9m to £1.4m. Techniquest's current level of free reserves is £2.6m, which is total reserves less net book value of fixed assets. The policy has been reviewed by the Finance Director, Trustees and Chief Executive Officer during the course of the Council of Management and Finance Committee meetings.

Designated reserves

Exhibition renewal

The designated fund relating to exhibition renewal enables a more strategic approach to be taken to exhibition renewal by enabling suites of related exhibits to be developed together. This in turn offers advantages in terms of technical innovation and can help attract more match funding. Techniquest plans to maintain a designated reserve of £150,000 for this purpose.

Business development

In light of the reducing core funding from the Welsh Government it is important that the charity maximises its income, and therefore developing new income streams or strengthening existing ones continues to be a priority. Whilst some activity is included within the annual budget, in order to meet the costs of larger or more long-term initiatives it is helpful to maintain a designated reserve for this purpose. These costs may include research as well as the development and implementation of plans which will enhance and improve the overall Techniquest product and visitor experience. Techniquest therefore maintains the reserve of £300,000 for this purpose.

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Book value of grant funded fixed assets

The designated fund relating to the book value of grant funded fixed assets is set up to reflect the book value of the assets, and reduces over the useful economic life of the assets in line with their depreciation.

Investment Policy

The organisation maintains cash balances to support the reserves policy. Cash balances are invested with major banking institutions so as to maximise interest receivable within a low-risk environment.

Dividend

The payment of a dividend or any other distribution to members is not permitted under the terms of Techniquet's Memorandum of Association.

Supplier Payment Policy

The company does not follow any standard codes of payment but aims to settle supplier accounts in accordance with their individual terms of business. The number of days' purchases outstanding at the year-end in respect of the company was 37 (2016: 38).

Tax Status

Techniquet is a registered charity and, therefore, no provision has been made for taxation.

Employees

Techniquet recognises the importance of its staff and values very highly the skills and experience they bring to its many activities. Staff are kept informed of developments within the organisation by a range of measures including an annual staff day, regular email communications and notices on the intranet, as well as staff briefings. As far as possible, young people joining Techniquet to work with visitors on the exhibition floor are given opportunities to take roles in the wider organisation, providing a valuable source of new talent.

Staff pay is subject to an annual review process which includes consideration of a range of factors including cost of living and benchmarking with other relevant sectors. Staff at lower pay levels are subject to additional review criteria and awards for this group may differ from those of other staff. Guidelines are applied to the alignment of pay scales for new staff and for changes to existing staff, and a control process is in place to ensure appropriate authorisation.

Disabled Persons

Techniquet has a policy of encouraging the employment of disabled persons wherever this is practicable and makes reasonable adjustments to working conditions or to physical features of its premises where disabled persons are placed at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with people who are not disabled.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

Techniquet is a company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity. Its governing documents are its Memorandum and Articles of Association as adopted on incorporation in 1986 and as subsequently amended by Special Resolution.

The charitable company has one wholly owned subsidiary, Techniquet Enterprises Limited. This company is now dormant, but will be reactivated if and when it is decided to engage in trading that falls outside of the objects of the company.

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The members of the Council of Management and the company's advisers

The Council of Management and other advisers who served the company during the year, and up to the date of signing, together with other administrative details of the company, can be found on page 3.

Board and governance structure

Members of the Council of Management are appointed or removed by resolution of the Members of the company in a General Meeting. Members of the Council of Management retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and may be re-elected. The Council has been constituted so that finance, legal, education and science fields are well represented. New members undergo an induction programme to ensure that they are acquainted with all aspects of the organisation including an opportunity to meet key employees. In addition, they are fully briefed on their legal obligations under charity and company law. The Council is responsible for the company's strategy and policy framework. Council meets at least quarterly and there are separate sub-committees covering finance and audit, which have three co-opted members; two in audit and one in finance, independent from the Council.

A third sub-committee (Task and Finish Group) entitled the Strategic Review Committee, and established by the Council of Management in March 2016 to advise Council on the business development options open to Techniquiest, has concluded its work and has been disbanded.

The Council has overall responsibility for ensuring that the company has appropriate systems of controls, financial and otherwise. The Chief Executive Officer advises Council on strategic issues and manages day-to-day operations with certain restrictions. The Chief Executive appoints certain senior executives to the senior management team, which meets formally on a fortnightly basis.

Risk management

The Council has responsibility for the formal risk management process and regularly reviews the current risks the company faces and the controls in place to mitigate these risks. The senior management team maintains and monitors an up to date register of risks prioritised in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence. All risks within the risk register are reviewed regularly by the Audit Committee.

The Council seeks to minimise levels of risk wherever possible, but acknowledges that some risk is unavoidable when operating within its chosen environment. The five highest risk areas identified in the Techniquiest risk register are:

- Reduction of Welsh Government core funding
- Dependency on income sources
- Staff Output
- UK leaving the EU
- Reduced take-up of school outreach service

Welsh Government core funding and dependency on income sources

Techniquiest is grateful for the consistent annual grant support it has received from the Welsh Government since 1998. In line with previous suggestions that the grant would eventually cease, the Cabinet Secretary confirmed in August 2016 that the core grant would reduce to zero by April 2021, decreasing year-on-year. The charity's financial position has benefited from a donation of £1m from the Moondance Foundation, received in June 2016.

Over the last year there has been a great deal of work undertaken which has looked at options for generating new income streams. These included infilling within the existing property as well as enclosing the east and west terraces to create dedicated space for corporate hire and conferences. In December 2016, the trustees concluded that the return on investment derived from these construction works could not justify the level of borrowing required. Consequently, and since January this year, the charity's focus has been on developing a bid to the Wellcome Trust's Inspiring Science Fund, aimed at

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supporting the construction of a new extension at the rear of the property to house new and innovative content, thereby extending Techniquiest's audience and increasing admissions. At an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in December 2016, the Council also supported the development of a business plan aimed at promoting Techniquiest as a venue for both corporate and private hire. This strategy is currently being developed.

The Council continues to focus on repositioning the charity, prioritising the redesigning of the charity's operating model aimed at securing new income streams. The repositioning initiative and building new, strategic relationships continues to be the Chief Executive Officer's main strategic priority. Fundraising remains a priority and the charity has further invested in its fundraising resource by recruiting an additional fundraising professional in February 2017. The fundraising team continues to apply to trusts and foundations whilst at the same time seeking support through corporate sponsorship.

Following on from its five-year transition plan, submitted to the Welsh Government in May 2016, a further Five Year Strategic Plan (2017-2022) was approved by the Council of Management in March 2017. This document identifies a range of options and priorities for the charity over the next five years, along with associated costs and timescales. The Strategic Plan will be reviewed by the Council of Management and updated to enable trustees to make appropriate and timely decisions in respect of Techniquiest's future.

Techniquiest has continued to review the range and costs of its current activity, whilst delivering operational business efficiencies. In November 2016, a new organisational structure was implemented generating annual net savings of £200k and reducing headcount by 12%.

Staff Output

Much has been achieved over the last twelve months and change will be constant for the charity and the Techniquiest team. Whilst the plans to increase income through corporate and private hire opportunities, along with the new extension and exhibition offering are building confidence around the charity's future, there is a significant amount of work to do over the next four years to transform the business, the culture of the organisation and ensure the charity has a future. The organisation will continue to prioritise this transformation but there remains a risk that output will decrease in line with reduced capacity.

UK Leaving the EU

Outcomes from the UK leaving the EU are unclear at present. Risks may arise as a result of potential changes to government policy and the economic climate. However, other opportunities may materialise such as an increase in exports due to the declining value of UK GBP.

Reduced Take-Up of Schools Outreach Service

In July 2016, Techniquiest commissioned specialist Public Relations (PR) support to help raise the profile of Techniquiest and to support the delivery of the charity's marketing function, ensuring that schools and communities are targeted effectively.

Health and Safety

A robust approach is taken to Health and Safety with a monitoring and oversight committee chaired by the Director of Business Services which meets six times a year. The Chief Executive Officer also attends this meeting.

Building

Techniquiest's land and buildings in Cardiff Bay are held principally freehold with a small leasehold element. The land and buildings are recorded in the financial statements at cost. The land and buildings were valued at 31 March 2008 by an independent professional firm of chartered surveyors on a depreciated replacement cost (DRC) basis at £7.5 million and on an alternative use basis at £1.2 million. The Council has chosen not to include the property at a valuation.

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Public benefit

The Council can confirm that it has complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. Significant activities undertaken during the year that demonstrate public benefit are set out within the content of this annual report.

Plans for future periods

Key objectives for the 2017/18 financial year are:

1. Reconfigure and extend the existing site at Stuart Street to create new exhibition space and innovative content aimed at generating additional income through increased admissions and venue hire, whilst diversifying the audience and reaching currently underrepresented and underserved communities;
2. Secure new income streams from a range of funders, including trusts, foundations and corporate sponsorship to support the implementation of capital works and ensure the long-term sustainability of the charity;
3. Work in partnership with Cardiff Council and the Harbour Authority to explore the feasibility of developing a new, bespoke science discovery centre in Cardiff Bay;
4. Continue to deliver STEM enrichment activity for public and school audiences at the Cardiff Bay discovery centre whilst providing outreach programmes to both primary and secondary schools in priority areas and extending community engagement across disadvantaged communities in Wales;
5. Continue to identify and implement business efficiencies aimed at reducing operational costs across the business whilst increasing productivity and commercial sales from Techniquiest's workshop.

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Statement of members of the Council of Management's responsibilities

The members of the Council of Management (who are also directors of Techniquet for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Members of the Council of Management's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the members of the Council of Management to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the members of the Council of Management have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Under company law the members of the Council of Management must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the members of the Council of Management are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2015);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The members of the Council of Management are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

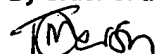
The members of the Council of Management are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

In accordance with Section 418, directors' reports shall include a statement, in the case of each director in office at the date the directors' report is approved, that:

- (a) so far as the members of the Council of Management are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- (b) the members have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

The maintenance and integrity of the Techniquet website is the responsibility of the Council of Management; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.

By order of the Board



T C Marsh
Secretary

Independent auditors' report to the members of Techniquest

Report on the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, Techniquest's financial statements (the financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure and cash flows for the year then ended;
 - have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
 - have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.
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What we have audited

The financial statements comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 31 March 2017;
- the statement of financial activities for the year then ended;
- the cash flow statement for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the Council of Management have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Council of Management's Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Council of Management's Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In addition, in light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we are required to report if we have identified any material misstatements in the Council of Management's Annual Report. We have nothing to report in this respect.

Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Techniquet

Council of Management's remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of Council of Management's remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Entitlement to exemptions

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the Council of Management were not entitled to: prepare financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime; take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Council of Management's Annual Report; and take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a Strategic Report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Our responsibilities and those of the Council of Management

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities set out on page 14, the Council of Management are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the charity's members and Council of Management as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

What an audit of financial statements involves

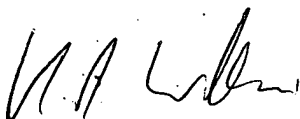
We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK & Ireland). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Council of Management; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the Council of Management's judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report. With respect to the Council of Management's Report, we consider whether the report includes the disclosures required by applicable legal requirements.



Kevin Williams (Chief Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Cardiff

7 September 2017

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Company no. 01955696 / Charity no. 517722

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2017

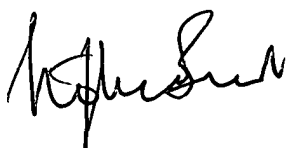
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds for the year to 31 March 2017 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds for the year to 31 March 2016 £
Income from:							
Donations & Legacies	4	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-	-	-
Other trading activities	2	921,339	-	921,339	576,213	-	576,213
Other income	3	8,054	-	8,054	12,286	-	12,286
Charitable activities:							
Grants receivable	4	1,095,000	-	1,095,000	1,315,000	-	1,315,000
Provision of on-site educational services	4	828,984	42,040	871,024	868,046	89,440	957,486
Provision of off-site educational services	4	196,411	141,020	337,431	139,918	239,250	379,168
Total		4,049,788	183,060	4,232,848	2,911,463	328,690	3,240,153
Expenditure on:							
Exceptional items	5	62,665	-	62,665	-	-	-
Other costs of raising funds	5	650,366	-	650,366	467,709	-	467,709
Total costs of raising funds		713,031	-	713,031	467,709	-	467,709
Charitable activities:							
Provision of on-site educational services	6	1,675,119	42,040	1,717,159	1,717,859	30,825	1,748,684
Provision of off-site educational services	6	540,907	141,020	681,927	607,184	191,971	799,155
Total charitable activities		2,216,026	183,060	2,399,086	2,325,043	222,796	2,547,839
Total		2,929,057	183,060	3,112,117	2,792,752	222,796	3,015,548
Net income		1,120,731	-	1,120,731	118,711	105,894	224,605
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	105,894	(105,894)	-
Net movement in funds		1,120,731	-	1,120,731	224,605	-	224,605
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		2,025,482	-	2,025,482	1,800,877	-	1,800,877
Total funds carried forward		3,146,213	-	3,146,213	2,025,482	-	2,025,482

The statement incorporates the Income and Expenditure account. All recognised gains and losses have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities and the amounts included are derived from the continuing activities of Techniquet.

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets	8	567,670	590,182
Total fixed assets		567,670	590,182
Current assets:			
Stock	9	65,786	125,079
Debtors	10	266,731	221,825
Cash at bank and in hand		2,728,550	1,678,710
Total current assets		3,061,067	2,025,614
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	423,091	530,881
Net current assets or liabilities		2,637,976	1,494,733
 Total assets less current liabilities		 3,205,646	 2,084,915
 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		 -	 -
Provisions for liabilities and charges	12	59,433	59,433
Net assets or liabilities		3,146,213	2,025,482
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds	13	3,146,213	2,025,482
Restricted funds:	13	-	-
Total funds		3,146,213	2,025,482

These financial statements on pages 17 to 31 were approved by the members of the Council of Management on 7.9.2017 and are signed on their behalf by:



S H Best
Council member

The notes on pages 20 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Net income		1,120,731	224,605
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges		86,166	84,530
Movement in provisions		-	(29,551)
Add:			
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	9	59,293	(92,626)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	10	(44,906)	42,395
(Decrease) in creditors	11	(107,790)	(38,554)
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,113,494	190,799
Statement of cash flows:			
Cash flows from operating activities:		1,113,494	190,799
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,113,494	190,799
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Capital expenditure	8	(63,654)	(48,187)
Net cash used in investing activities		(63,654)	(48,187)
Change in cash and cash equivalents		1,049,840	142,612
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		1,678,710	1,536,098
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		2,728,550	1,678,710

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

1 Principal Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a going concern basis and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, as modified by the inclusion of the Council of Management's estimated valuation of certain exhibits of machinery and equipment, which have been donated by supporters of Techniquet. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2015 (SORP 2015), FRS 102 and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, using consistently applied accounting policies.

Company status

Techniquet is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Council of Management named on page 3. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

Techniquet is a public benefit entity.

Fund Accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes laid down by the donor. Such purposes are within the overall aims of the organisation. Expenditure for those purposes is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for expenditure on the general objectives of the company.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which have been designated for specific purposes by the members of the Council of Management, for necessary work in connection with the ongoing provision of services.

Incoming Resources

Donations and gifts

All monetary donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable, provided that there are no donor imposed restrictions as to the timing of the related expenditure, in which case recognition is deferred until the pre-condition has been met.

Grants receivable

Revenue grants are credited as incoming resources when they are receivable provided conditions for receipt have been complied with, unless they relate to a specified future period, in which case they are deferred.

Grants for fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable.

All other income is included in the statement of financial activities when the company is legally entitled to the income.

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Resources expended

Grants payable

Grants payable are accounted for in the period in which the performance conditions attaching to the grant payment are met or, where no performance conditions apply, when a legal or constructive obligation arises.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising;
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the company in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them;
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activity on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

Operating leases

Rental payments under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost less estimated residual value on a straight line basis as follows:

Freehold buildings	depreciated over a period of 15 years
Plant and machinery	20% - 33% per annum
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% - 33% per annum
Exhibits	6.66% - 20% per annum
Motor vehicles	25% per annum

Freehold land and assets under construction are not depreciated.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Work in progress

Work in progress is valued on the basis of direct costs incurred. Provision is made for any foreseeable losses where appropriate.

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Pension costs

The company operates defined contribution pension schemes for employees. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation

The company has no liability for corporation tax due to its charitable status.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

2 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31 March 2017 Total £	31 March 2016 Total £
Shop and café	268,735	-	268,735	290,842
Product sale and hire	652,604	-	652,604	285,371
	921,339	-	921,339	576,213

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31 March 2017 Total £	31 March 2016 Total £
Bank deposit interest	3,888	-	3,888	6,647
Gain on disposal	400	-	400	-
Other	3,766	-	3,766	5,639
	8,054	-	8,054	12,286

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

4 Charitable activities

a) Income donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31 March 2017 Total £	31 March 2016 Total £
Donations and Legacies	1,000,000	-	1,000,000	-
Core funding	1,095,000	-	1,095,000	1,315,000

b) Income from other charitable activities

	31 March 2017 Total £	31 March 2016 Total £
Unrestricted		
Provision of on-site educational services:		
Admissions	779,332	852,446
Support from Welsh Government or public authority and other parties	49,652	15,600
	828,984	868,046
Provision of off-site educational services:		
Primary school outreach	47,260	33,675
Support from Welsh Government or public authority and other parties	149,151	106,243
	196,411	139,918
Total unrestricted	1,025,395	1,007,964

	31 March 2017 £	31 March 2016 £
Restricted		
Provision of on-site educational services:		
Support from Welsh Government or public authority and other parties	42,040	89,440
	42,040	89,440
Provision of off-site educational services:		
Primary school outreach	18,925	9,858
Secondary school outreach	51,904	25,100
Support from Welsh Government or public authority and other parties	70,191	204,292
	141,020	239,250
Total restricted	183,060	328,690

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

All donations and grants recognised during the year have been utilised on charitable activities. The donations and grants recognised during the year were as follows:

Source	31 March 2017 Recognised £	31 March 2016 Recognised £
Welsh Government (Core Funding)	1,095,000	1,315,000
Techniquest Glyndwr	72,000	93,275
The Moondance Foundation	1,000,000	-
Welsh Government (Institute of Physics)	68,112	107,388
Ernest Cook	2,774	4,983
Exxon Mobil	1,500	-
The Equitable Charitable Trust	9,500	-
Garfield Weston	30,000	-
The Institution of Engineering & Technology	9,892	-
Morrisons Foundation	15,055	-
National Science Learning Centre	58,089	69,588
Nuffield Foundation	41,119	37,936
The Princes Trust	4,000	5,280
The Royal Academy of Engineering	14,953	18,306
STFC	-	15,238
The UK Association for Science and Discovery Centres	25,959	31,648
The Waterloo Foundation	9,000	-
The Wellcome Trust	8,217	7,500
Western Power Distribution	6,500	5,480
Fundraising	8,809	5,843

5 Cost of raising funds

	Shop and café £	Product sales and hire £	Exceptional Items £	31 March 2017 Total £	31 March 2016 Total £
Wages & salaries	82,152	228,850	-	311,002	243,047
Materials	127,686	211,678	62,665	402,029	224,662
Total	209,838	440,528	62,665	713,031	467,709

Exceptional spend during the year was expenditure associated with the redevelopment of Techniquest. Consultancy expenditure amounted to £45,323 and other investment expenditure amounted to £17,342.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Staff costs	Support and governance costs	Property costs	31 March 2017 Total	31 March 2016 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted:					
Provision of on-site educational services:					
Admissions	1,090,033	201,240	383,846	1,675,119	1,717,859
Provision of off-site educational services:					
Other off-site activities	22,883	18,236	-	41,119	-
Primary school outreach	201,899	22,599	63,066	287,564	369,624
Secondary school outreach	128,507	41,673	42,044	212,224	237,560
Total unrestricted	1,443,322	283,748	488,956	2,216,026	2,325,043
Restricted:					
Provision of on-site educational services:					
Admissions	4,188	37,852	-	42,040	30,825
Provision of off-site educational services:					
Other off-site activities	-	-	-	-	-
Community outreach	-	4,557	-	4,557	-
Primary school outreach	11,990	6,935	-	18,925	25,121
Secondary school outreach	31,575	85,963	-	117,538	166,850
Total restricted	47,753	135,307	-	183,060	222,796
Total 2017	1,491,075	419,055	488,956	2,399,086	
Total 2016	1,647,211	430,304	470,324	2,547,839	

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Staff and support costs are allocated using the number of 'hourly' paid staff who work across the activities:

Support costs

	31 March 2017	31 March 2016
	£	£
Office costs	155,144	239,552
Exhibition costs	51,810	58,259
Professional & consultancy costs	212,101	132,493
	419,055	430,304

Included in professional & consultancy costs are audit fees of £12,850 (2016: £14,600).

7 Council of Management and employee information

a) Council of Management information

No member of the Council or person with a family or business connection with a member of the Council, received remuneration directly or indirectly, from the charitable company. Trustees' expenses of £253 were paid in the year (2016: £274).

b) Employee information

	31 March 2017	31 March 2016
The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:		
Management	5	4
Administration	3	5
Operational	86	108
	94	117

The aggregate payroll cost of these persons was as follows:

	31 March 2017	31 March 2016
Wages and salaries	1,590,660	1,710,695
Social security costs	128,741	137,726
Pension costs	45,191	46,756
	1,764,592	1,895,177

Included in the above aggregate payroll cost, the company paid £113,933 (2016: £83,779) as redundancy and compensation for loss of office, which is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation arises.

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The number of employees whose emolument (salary and bonuses excluding pension contribution and redundancy), for the year were greater than £60,000 was as follows:

	For the year to 31 March 2017	For the year to 31 March 2016
£60,000 - £69,999	-	1
£70,000 - £79,999	-	-
£80,000 - £89,999	1	-

Employment costs of £7,876 (2016: £33,390) are included in the wages and salaries, within note 5, that relate to the work in progress held within stock at the year-end.

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge for the period represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme and amounted to £45,191 (2016: £46,756).

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Exhibits £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Freehold land and buildings £	Assets under construction £	Total £
Cost or valuation							
At beginning of the year	1,725,580	614,327	522,839	36,879	920,737	-	3,820,362
Additions	13,858	-	4,542	14,158	-	31,096	63,654
Disposals	-	-	-	(9,617)	-	-	9,617
At end of the year	1,739,438	614,327	527,381	41,420	920,737	31,096	3,874,399
Depreciation							
At beginning of the year	1,433,150	537,228	430,518	18,704	810,580	-	3,230,180
Charge for the year	48,675	17,899	3,362	6,248	9,982	-	86,166
On disposals	-	-	-	(9,617)	-	-	9,617
At end of the year	1,481,825	555,127	433,880	15,335	820,562	-	3,306,729
 Net book value at 1 April	 292,430	 77,099	 92,321	 18,175	 110,157	 -	 590,182
Net book value at 31 March	257,613	59,200	93,501	26,085	100,175	31,096	567,670

All fixed assets are held for direct charitable purposes.

Freehold land and buildings includes land with a cost of £15,000.

Techniquet's land and buildings in Cardiff Bay are held as principally freehold with a small leasehold element. The land and buildings are recorded in the accounts at cost as permitted by FRS 102.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

9 Stock

	31 March 2017	31 March 2016
	£	£
Work in progress	18,130	50,484
Finished goods – Shop	33,861	38,426
Part Built Kits	13,795	36,169
	65,786	125,079

10 Debtors

	31 March 2017	31 March 2016
	£	£
Trade debtors	150,433	155,962
Other debtors	64,965	35,802
Prepayments	51,333	30,061
	266,731	221,825

11 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	31 March 2017	31 March 2016
	£	£
Trade creditors	126,044	132,763
Taxation and social security	68,909	53,175
Other creditors	18,744	11,471
Accruals and deferred income	209,394	333,472
	423,091	530,881

12 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Dilapidation
	£
At 1 April	59,433
(Release) in year / Additional provision	-
At 31 March	59,433

The provision, established in 2016, relates to the Bessemer Road lease obligations and future costs that will probably be incurred when either the break clause to the lease occurs in November 2018 or the lease ends in November 2020.

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13 Movement in funds

	Restricted funds £	General unrestricted funds £	Designated unrestricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 1 April	-	1,451,073	574,409	2,025,482
Income	183,060	4,038,530	11,258	4,232,848
Expenditure	(183,060)	(2,759,618)	(169,439)	(3,112,116)
Transfers	-	(141,702)	141,702	-
Fund balances at 31 March	-	2,588,283	557,930	3,146,213

An analysis of grant receivable as Restricted funds is shown in note 4.

An analysis of Designated Funds is as follows:

	Fund balance at 1 April £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Fund balance at 31 March £
Designated funds					
Exhibition renewal	150,000	-	(33,198)	33,198	150,000
Business Development	300,000	11,258	(136,241)	124,983	300,000
Book value of grant funded fixed assets	124,409	-	-	(16,479)	107,930

Purpose of Designated Funds

The designated fund relating to exhibition renewal enables a more strategic approach to be taken to exhibition renewal by enabling suites of related exhibits to be developed together. This in turn offers advantages in terms of technical innovation and can help attract more match funding. Techniquet plans to maintain a designated reserve of £150,000 for this purpose.

In light of the reducing core funding from the Welsh Government it is important that the charity maximises its income, and therefore developing new income streams or strengthening existing ones is a priority. Whilst some activity is included within the annual budget, in order to meet the costs of larger or more long-term initiatives it is helpful to build a designated reserve for this purpose. These costs may include research as well as the development and implementation of plans which will enhance and improve the overall Techniquet product and visitor experience. Techniquet therefore maintains the reserve of £300,000 for this purpose.

The designated fund relating to the book value of grant funded fixed assets has been set up to reflect the book value of the assets and will be reduced over the useful economic life of the assets in line with their depreciation.

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14 Capital commitments

The company had capital commitments of £31,096 at 31 March 2017 (31 March 2016: £nil).

15 Related party transactions

The charitable company has a wholly owned subsidiary in Techniquet Enterprises Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. Techniquet Enterprises Ltd is dormant and is carried at £nil value in these accounts.

The company paid £27,330 (2015: £60,625) to a former senior manager as redundancy and compensation for loss of office.

16 Operating Leases

The total of future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in relation to the rental of workshop units:

	2017 £	2016 £
Not later than one year	52,248	52,248
Later than one year and not later than five years	34,832	191,576