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Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014 'ON THE EDGE' FUSION YOUTH ORCHESTRA

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Report of the Trustees

for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2014. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

07887876 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1152503

Registered office

7 Regent Road Harborne Birmingham West Midlands B17 9JU

Trustees

F Ord-Shrimpton
J McKay
A Ellahi
J Kyle

Company Secretary

Independent examiner

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The appointment of the Board of Trustees (the Executive Committee) is governed by the charity's constitution. The Executive Committee shall have no fewer than 4 trustees and no more than 12. All trustees are made familiar with the practical work of the charity. New trustees are invited first to attend a meeting with the Board members and executive before committing themselves to being recruited. The charity's literature and activities allow new audiences, including potential new trustees, to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates. The Trustee Handbook and other Charity Commission publications are made available to new trustees, advising them of their legal responsibilities.

Organisational structure

The Board meets quarterly and is responsible for the direction and policy making of the charity. At present the board has 4 members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. All Board members have voting rights. Day to day responsibility rests with the Founder and Executive Director, Fiona Ord-Shrimpton who is responsible for the administrative and managerial matters. Additional, specialist support is bought in by way of a number of freelance contractors (including musicians, sound engineers, training).

Wider network

'On The Edge' is a member of Making Music and EUCLID

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

As stated in its Memorandum and Articles of Association (constitution), 'On The Edge' (OTE) objects are to advance, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music in all aspects by any means the trustees see fit including through the presentation of public concerts and recitals.

The charity's aims are to develop education and appreciation of all aspects of fusion music, for young musicians and others, by the presentation of public concerts, workshops, and training. To nurture access and involvement in a wider range of musical styles. To provide a range of musical and non-musical creative opportunities for all Birmingham young people interested in fusion music regardless of background.

Significant activities

Significant activities during the year have been expanding the OTE school outreach programme, producing three 'Our Big Gig' events, developing a stronger community relationship with the Edgbaston District and participating in two days of Artsmile at Cafe Nero as a member of the Edgbaston Arts Forum. We began a summer community centre music workshop series that extended to regular weekly meetings at Milebrook Hall until the end of 2014.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit at their Board meetings.

Volunteers

Volunteers at board level continue to be vital to the successful initiation and direction of the organisation. This input permeates through all levels of OTE infrastructure to members of OTE Team V, who are young volunteer recruits committed to gaining experience in a wide range of arts management skills, new recruits continue to be taken on regularly. Volunteer induction of undergraduate musicians supports ongoing CPD as well as the charity's development and leads to work opportunities for musicians later in the year.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Music making of all kinds is behind instrumental teaching in workshops, rehearsals and schools providing primary, secondary schools and college students with support, resources, equipment and helping to train classroom teachers where required. OTE employed a team of musicians in 2014 that participated in public performances, workshops and presented events for over 1000 young people and 200 adults. Young people from all across the city were involved in the OTE Team V training programme.

Fundraising activities

A successful ongoing strategy exists to respond to pilot project opportunities with a variety of partners and to continue to maintain an extensive equipment resource. Joint fundraising activities were trialled in the community and online donations are in place. Further funding developments are for long-term growth.

Internal and external factors

Factors relevant are an evolving board of directors with current skill requirements, a committed team of young volunteers from across the city of Birmingham, fundraising capacity in line with funding climate and level/needs of development and a pool of young people wishing to participate in music making activities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

Plans for reserves are under on-going discussion with a view to second-stage and further development of the organisation. The Board aim to establish reserves of 30% of the organisation's annual running costs within 5 years.

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Currently principal funding is a mix of donations, crowdfunding and trusts and foundations, which has supported pilot projects, equipment and training.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

OTE continues to participate in collaborative activities with a range of existing and new partners. Undergraduate and graduate musicians help promote participation in the orchestra through school outreach activities, special events and workshops. OTE Team V activities to be further developed as a training programme to support web content development and to inspire OTE Team V in maintaining the profile of the charity.

We develop a cohort of under graduates and graduates with the 'School Outreach Scheme' designed to train and support tutors for the 'On The Edge' musician pool and develop and support regional teachers and musicians in their work with young musicians where required.

We will continue to establish further links with organisations that work with young people with challenging circumstances - those who are often hard to reach, and those who have the fewest opportunities. We continue to collaborate with young people from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds through our links with various Academies, Colleges and Youth Centres and links in a number of priority areas in the city of Birmingham.

We will continue our regular weekly music activity and work towards building a community large ensemble. We are revising the next stage funding strategy to cover the costs for a growing organisation.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Ms F Ord-Shrimpton - Trustee

Date: \$25/09/2015

<u>Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 'ON THE EDGE' FUSION YOUTH ORCHESTRA</u>

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014 set out on pages five to nine.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of Sections 394 and 395 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sally-Ann Reeves FCCA

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Date: 21/9/2015

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

		Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	31.12.14 Total funds	31.12.13 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income		125	9,676	9,801	6,836
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		2,999	8,963	11,962	7,270
Governance costs		213	-	213	213
Total resources expended		3,212	8,963	12,175	7,483
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NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(3,087)	713	(2,374)	(647)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		5,535	3,867	9,402	10,049
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		2,448	4,580	7,028	9,402

Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2014

	Ţ	Inrestricted fund	Restricted funds	31.12.14 Total funds	31.12.13 Total funds
•	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	4	2,036	2,580	4,616	4,978
CURRENT ASSETS Cash at bank		612	2,000	2,612	4,624
Cash at bank	•	012	2,000	2,012	4,024
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	5	(200)	-	(200)	(200)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		412	2,000	2,412	4,424
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,448	4,580	7,028	9,402
NET ASSETS		2,448	4,580	7,028	9,402
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds Restricted funds				2,448 4,580	5,535 3,867
TOTAL FUNDS				7,028	9,402

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2014.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on $\frac{16}{09}/2015$ and were signed on its behalf by:

Ms F Ord-Shrimpton -Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Musical instruments - 20% on cost Computer equipment - 20% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES

Net resources are stated after charging/(crediting):

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Fiona Ord - Shrimpton, a director and trustee, received freelance fees amounting to £1,460 (Year ended 31st December 2013 £795)

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2014 nor for the year ended 31 December 2013.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

4	TANGI	RLE	FIXED	ASSETS

4.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
		Musical	Computer	
		instruments	equipment	Totals
		£	£	£
	COST			
	At 1 January 2014	3,923	2,300	6,223
	Additions	1,103	-	1,103
	At 31 December 2014	5,026	2,300	7,326
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	DEPRECIATION	705	460	1.246
	At 1 January 2014	785	460	1,245
	Charge for year	1,005	460	1,465
	At 31 December 2014	1,790	920	2,710
	At 51 December 2014			2,710
	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 31 December 2014	3,236	1,380	4,616
				
	At 31 December 2013	3,138	1,840	4,978
5.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ON	IE YEAR		
			21.12.14	21.12.12
			31.12.14	31.12.13
			£	£
	Other creditors			200
6.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS			
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		,	Net movement	
		At 1.1.14	in funds	At 31.12.14
		£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds			
	General fund	5,535	(3,087)	2,448
	Restricted funds			
	Schools outreach & workshops	427	1,573	2,000
	Equipment	3,440	(860)	2,580
		3,867	713	4,580
	TOTAL FUNDS	9,402	(2,374)	7,028
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds	*	. ~	~
General fund	125	(3,212)	(3,087)
Restricted funds			
Schools outreach & workshops	9,676	(8,103)	1,573
Equipment	<u>-</u>	(860)	(860)
	9,676	(8,963)	713
TOTAL FUNDS	9,801	(12,175)	(2,374)