

Prewired Trustees Annual Report

2020-21

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Trustees' Annual Report

for the year ended 31 March 2021

Administrative Information

Prewired Trustees

Prewired Trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

| Trustee Name | Office |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Ewan Klein | Chair |
| Yula Syahrial | Treasurer |
| Rikki Guy | Secretary |
| Freda O'Byrne | Child Protection Officer |
| Oliver Littlejohn | Deputy Chair |
| Helen Williams | |
| Cameron Gray | |
| Kelly Gardner | |

Independent Examiner: Alistair Christie

Structure and Governance

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and was registered in its current legal form on 27 September 2017. The charity was an unincorporated association before changing its legal form to a SCIO. Its governing document is a Constitution, according to which the charity has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Trustees must retire from office at Annual General Meeting but will be deemed to have been re-elected except under certain conditions. In addition, the board may at any time appoint any person to be a charity trustee by way of a resolution passed by majority vote at a board meeting. There must be a minimum of five and a maximum of eleven trustees.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purposes

Prewired's charitable purpose is to advance the education of young people and in furtherance of this:

- to encourage young people to become active participants in creatively using and building digital technologies;
- to provide a supportive environment in which young people can work collaboratively
 with their peers and with more experienced mentors to develop their digital skills and
 undertake individual and team projects; and
- to support mentors in building on their existing strengths and in acquiring new skills by working with young people, and to support them in demonstrating how they have developed personally and how they have made a positive impact.

Prewired is a programming club for young people under the age of 19 and is based in Edinburgh. Participants attend weekly evening sessions where they improve their skills in digital technologies within a friendly, collaborative, and supportive environment. They pursue a wide variety of projects, including web development, mobile applications, games and constructing robots and other hardware devices.

Prewired sets no lower bound on the age or experience of participants, as these do not help us to understand an individual's abilities or potential. The only requirement for attendance is enthusiasm about programming and a desire to learn. We think technology can help us move towards a better world, but only if future generations understand the opportunities it brings and the impact it can have.

Activities

Due to Covid-19, Prewired was unable to run weekly in-person sessions throughout the period of this report. We experimented with online sessions for a few weeks during April–May 2020 but were unable to create an online experience that was sufficiently engaging for participants or mentors.

For similar reasons we were unable to offer our annual Summer Hack during 2020.

In the early part of 2021, we submitted a successful bid for funding from the <u>Creative Informatics Resident Entrepreneur programme</u>. The main goal of this project, dubbed Prewired++, was to research and implement more effective methods for taking Prewired sessions online. The bulk of this work was carried out after the end of the current reporting period and will be reviewed in our Annual Report for 2021–22.

Financial Review

Since most of our activities have been suspended, we have not incurred our usual running expenses.

Our main income has consisted of the restricted funding received from Creative Informatics and expenditure has similarly been focussed on costs involved in executing the project.

Policy on Reserves

Because of the suspension of our usual activities, we have not considered it necessary to maintain a specific level of reserves.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Ewan Klein

Chair

10 September 2021

Financial Statement

| Receipts and payments for the year to 31 March | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|----------|------------|
| Receipts | £ | £ |
| Donations — Unrestricted | - | 800.00 |
| Donations — Restricted | 4,800.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Total Receipts for Year | 4,800.00 | 2,800.00 |
| | | |
| Payments | £ | £ |
| Salary — Restricted | 3,400.00 | 4,200.01 |
| Insurance | 205.90 | 205.90 |
| Domain Registration | - | 142.56 |
| Sundry Expenses (snacks & soft drinks) | (31.20) | 311.40 |
| Office supplies | - | 72.80 |
| Total Payments for Year | 3,574.70 | 4,932.67 |
| Excess of Receipts over Payments | 1,225.30 | (2,132.67) |

| Balances as at 31 March | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|----------|------------|
| Of which: | £ | £ |
| Bank Balance as at 1 April | 3,304.09 | 5,436.76 |
| Excess of Receipts over Payments — Unrestricted | (174.70) | 67.34 |
| Excess of Receipts over Payments — Restricted | 1,400.00 | (2,200.01) |
| Bank Balance as at 31 March | 4,529.39 | 3,304.09 |
| | | |
| Funds Analysis | | |
| Unrestricted Funds brought forward | 472.90 | 405.56 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for year | (174.70) | 67.34 |
| Unrestricted Funds carried forward | 298.20 | 472.90 |
| Restricted Funds brought forward | 2,799.99 | 5,000.00 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for year | 1,400.00 | (2,200.01) |
| Restricted Funds carried forward | 4,199.99 | 2,799.99 |
| Total Funds as at 31 March | 4,498.19 | 3,272.89 |

| Monetary Assets | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Bank Current Account, Royal Bank of Scotland | 4,498.19 | 3,304.19 |
| Less outstanding payment carried forward | 31.20 | 31.20 |
| Add back outstanding payment | (31.20) | - |
| | 4,498.19 | 3,272.99 |

Notes to Financial Statement

Accounts

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and Statement of Recommended Practice — Accounting and Reporting by Charities. The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on page 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of 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 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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.

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