

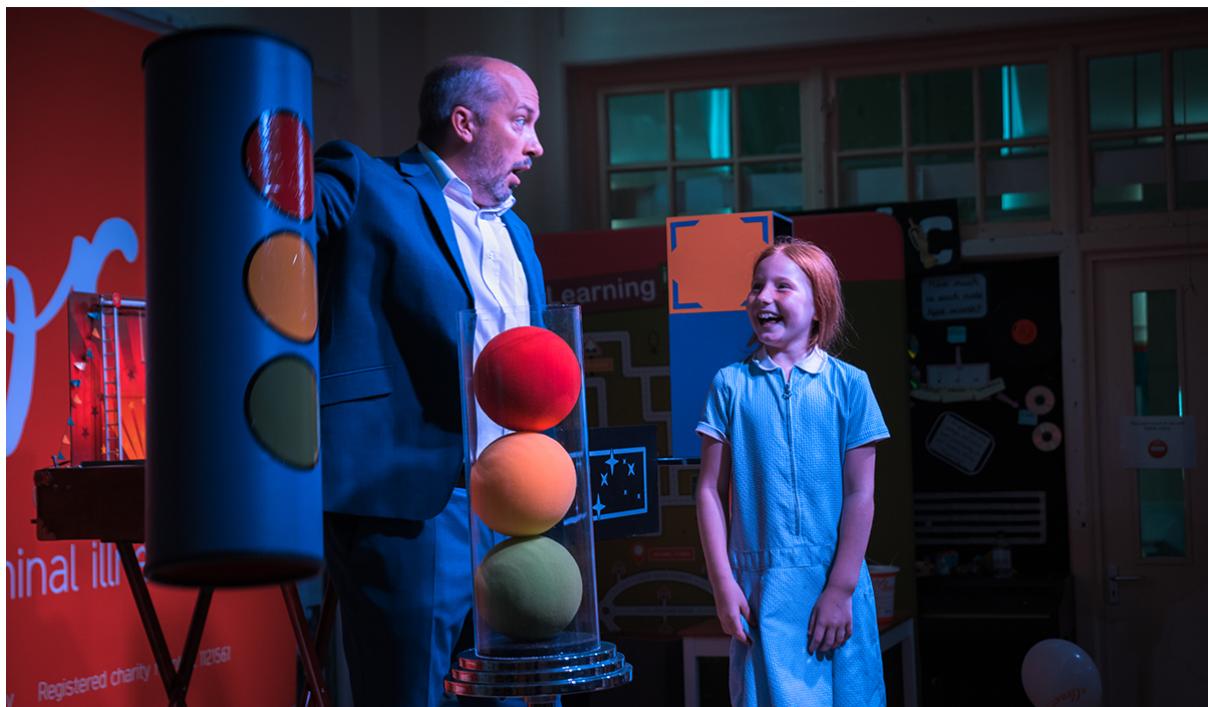


Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year
ending 31st December 2016



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Introduction

The Trustee's present their report and financial statement for the year ending 31st December 2016. This report is presented in accordance with the statement of recommended practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP), issued in March 2005.

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) registered number 1167521 was established on 7th June 2016, to use the creative arts to proclaim the Good News, equip Christians through training and provide them with resources to tell the Big Story of God.

The financial year for the charity runs from January to December and as this is the first annual report it covers the period between 7th June 2016 – 31st December 2016.

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: The Big Story Trust

Registered Charity Number: 1167521

Registered Address: 19 Gladwyn Close
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ME8 9TQ

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Trustees:

Trustee Name	Office	Date Started	Date Ended
REV SUSAN VALLENTE-KERR	Chair	7.6.16	N/A
CAPTAIN GRAHAM NUNN CA		7.6.16	N/A
REV TIMOTHY SAIET		7.6.16	N/A

Other Key People:

Name	Office (if any)
Nathan Ward	Founder / Director
Kayleigh Ward	Secretary



Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a constitution and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

The trustee's are fully committed to safeguarding and therefore have made 'The Big Story Trust' a member of CCPAS (The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) which is an independent Christian charity providing professional advice, support, training and resources in all areas of safeguarding children, vulnerable adults and for those affected by abuse.

The trustees have adopted a full set of policies and procedure which are all published on the charities website under the governance section. The policies include:

- Volunteer management policy
- Risk management policy
- Reserves policy
- Paying staff policy
- Investment policy
- Grant-making policy
- Expenses Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy Statement
- Conflict of interest policy
- Complaints handling policy

- Code of Conduct Policy
- Anti money-laundering terrorist financing and bribery policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Volunteer Agreement

The trustees review all major risks facing the charity at each meeting of the trustee's and believe that there are no major risks facing the charity at this time. New Trustees are provided with a copy of the Charity Commission's leaflet "The Essential Trustee – CC3".

Public Benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year. The Trustees have, in their view, met the public benefit requirement by holding a variety of events which are open to the general public and which seek, in accordance with their vision, to transform lives and thus enable people to live as responsible citizens in their community.



Objectives and Activities

The Big Story Trust is a Kent based charity aiming to uses the creative arts to proclaim the Good News, equip Christians through training and provide them with resources to tell the Big Story of God.

Its objective is to advance the Christian Faith by communicating the Good News through evangelism and the teaching and training of Christian disciples.

Vision

Our Vision is to transform lives by communicating the truth of Christianity.

Mission

To have an impact in every region of the UK, locally and nationally

- by presenting the truth of Christianity in a way that enables people to make an informed decision about Jesus Christ.
- by teaching and training Christians to do the same
- by developing resources to support the above

The Big Story Trust has done this through:

- Proclamation – communicating Christianity using the creative arts
- Training – equipping Christians to communicate Christianity and Disciple others
- Producing resources for evangelism and discipleship



Achievement and Performance

During the year a number of achievements and successes can be recorded.

The majority of the year has been spent setting up the charity to enable it to have a strong foundation in which to work. It has managed to secure funding for one of its projects 'Managing Volunteers' which will come to fruition in the next reporting year.

The Charity has though undertaken a number of engagements in this reporting year including:

- 5 Gospel Magic Shows
- 3 Supporting Children's Clubs in the community
- 7 'All Age Services'
- Supporting 2Evangelistic Events
- Creating a resource for All Age Services using the Creed

In total the Big Story Trust has reached over 600 people in its opening months of operation.

Plans for the future

The charity plans to continue the activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. In particular, it wants to:

- Develop a managing volunteering course
- Develop a university tour using illusions to illustrate the Gospel

- Develop a tour for prisons
- Develop an all age worship service using illusions to engage families and young people
- Develop some training DVD's
- Produce Gospels that can be given away at events

Financial Review

The current funding streams have been:

- Individual Donations
- Awards for All (Big Lottery Fund)

Policy on reserves

Due to the small size of the charity and the fact that it does not own any assets or buildings and has no employed staff, the trustees have concluded that it does not need to hold any reserves however this policy will be continually be reviewed as and when the charity grows.

Deficits

The charity does not have any deficits at the time of reporting.

Assets

The charity does not have any assets at the time of reporting.

Statement of Accounts

INCOME	£	£	
Surplus C/Fwd	0.00		
Donations	80.00		
Other	25.00		
Unrestricted Donations		105.00	
Restricted Grants			
Awards for All	8205.80	8205.80	
Total Income		8310.80	
EXPENDITURE			
Artwork	85.00		
Total Expenditure		85.00	
Surplus			8225.80

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Vallente-Kerr".

Revd Sue Vallente-Kerr 20th September 2017.