Music Generation Designated Activity Company

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st December 2020

Company Information

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Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2020

Audited Financial Statements

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the company is to advance education by devising, launching and maintaining a programme of grant and other supports to be provided to local Music Education Partnerships, as a means of creating or assisting to create opportunities for children and young people in Ireland to, receive instrumental and vocal education and tuition throughout Ireland.

Review of Business and Future Developments

Phase 1 of the programme is now sustainably co-funded by the Irish Government through the Department of Education and Skills, which is matched by Local Music Education Partnerships. Additional philanthropic funding committed in 2015 enabled the expansion of the programme in 9 new Local Music Education Partnership areas of the country (Phase 2, 2017-2022). In December 2017, this Irish Government announced its commitment to support the national expansion of Music Generation by 2022, 5 new Local Music Education Partnerships commenced in 2019 with 1 new area commencing in 2020.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the company is exposed to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic which has had a negative effect on its activities since the year end and has resulted in a lower than expected level of activity since the year end. In planning its future activities, the Directors will seek to develop the company's activities whilst managing the effects of the difficult financial period caused by this outbreak.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The directors are responsible for the company's system of internal controls and for reviewing its effectiveness. The internal control system is designed to manage, rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve the company's business objectives and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatements or loss.

Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2020

In the first half of 2020, the outbreak of Covid-19 spread throughout Asia, Europe and Worldwide. The initial impact of this has been severe and has resulted in a significant worldwide slowdown in economic activity. In Ireland, the economic impact of this pandemic has been characterised by the temporary closure of many businesses in "non-essential" areas to ensure that people's movements are restricted in order to slow down the spread of the virus. The effect of Covid-19 presents many risks for the company, the effects of which cannot be fully quantified at the time of approving the financial statements. As a result, Directors consider the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic to be a significant uncertainty at the time of approving the financial statements.

Although the effects cannot be fully determined, Directors believe that the main risks associated with Covid-19 are as follows;

- an initial slow down in activity
- a prolonged period of government recommendations and restrictions on the movement of people to contain the virus.

Results

The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 8.

Directors and their Interests

The directors who served throughout the year, except as noted, were as follows:

Leo Blennerhassett
Pat Burke
Anna Marie Delaney
Martin Drury
John Kelly
David Leahy
Deirdre McCrea
Mel Mercier
James Morris
Chantal O'Sullivan

The following served as company secretary during the year:-Pat Burke

Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 2020

Post Balance Sheet Events

In the first half of 2020, the Covid-19 virus spread worldwide. In common with many other countries, the Irish government issued guidance and restrictions on the movement of people designed to slow the spread of this virus. In early March 2020, many businesses closed voluntarily and throughout the month more restrictions were placed on people and businesses. On 28th March, all non-essential businesses were ordered to close temporarily. There have been periods of re-opening and further closures in 2020 and into 2021.

The Company reacted to these conditions by enabling staff to work from home. This has resulted in the company remaining operational during the period.

Accounting Records

To ensure that proper books and accounting records are kept in accordance with Sections 281 and 285 of the Companies Act, 2014, the directors have employed appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate accounting systems. The books of account of the company are maintained at National Concert Hall Building, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

Independent Auditors

The auditors, Walsh O'Brien Harnett, (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

On behalf of the Board

Director

Director

Date: /4/6/2021

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently:
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy and enable them to ensure that the financial statements and directors' report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditor in connection with preparing the auditor's report) of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

On Behalf of the Board

Director

Director

Date: 14-16/2021

Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Music Generation Designated Activity Company

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Music Generation Designated Activity Company for the year ended 31st December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" effective 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31st December 2020 and of its net movement in funds for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA). We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Music Generation Designated Activity Company

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

In our opinion, based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the Directors' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. In our opinion the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Annual Report. The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not complied with by the company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to the going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operation, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8fa98202dc9c3a/Description of auditor's responsibilities for audit.pdf.> The description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Music Generation Designated Activity Company

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the company's shareholders, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's shareholders, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Andrew Kevitt FCA

For and on behalf of Walsh O'Brien Harnett, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm, 104 Lower Baggot Street, Dublin 2.

22nd June 2021

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st December 2020

		Unrestricted Funds 2020	Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	Notes	€	€	€	€
Income Charitable Activities					
- Grants from Government and other co-funder	's 4	5,947,964	-	5,947,964	5,175,317
Other income		7,662		7,662	3,984
Total Income		5,955,626	-	5,955,626	5,179,301
Expenditure Charitable activities	5	5,955,626	_	5,955,626	5,179,301
Total Expenditure		5,955,626	-	5,955,626	5,179,301
Net movement in funds for the year		H	7		·~
Reconcilitation of funds Balances brought forward at 1st January 2020		(246)	(246)	(246)
Balances carried forward at 31st December	r 2020	(246) -	(246)	(246)

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and signed on its behalf by

Director

Director

Date: /4/6/2021

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2020

			2020		2019	
	Notes	€	€	€	€	
Current Assets						
Debtors	10	7,095		6,718		
Cash at bank and in hand	1,8	31,443		803,991		
	1,8	38,538		810,709		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11 (1,8	38,782)		(810,953)		
Net Current (Liabilities)	***************************************	The second of th	(244)		(244)
Total Assets Less Current Lia	bilities		(244)		(244)
Capital and Reserves						
Called up share capital	12		2		2	
Accumulated Funds			(246)		(246)
Shareholders Funds	13		(244)		(244)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by

Director

Director

Date: 14/6/2021

Cash Flow Statement

		2020	2019
	Notes	€	€
Cash flows from Operating Activities			
Surplus for the year		,10	-
(Increase) in debtors		(377)	(2,059)
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors		1,027,829	(208,835)
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from Operating Activities	s	1,027,452	(210,894)
Cash flow from Investing Activities		191	
Net cash inflow from Investing Activities			
Increase / (Decrease) in cash in the year		1,027,452	(210,894)
Balance at 1st January 2020		803,991	1,014,885
Balance at 31st December 2020		1,831,443	803,991

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf-by

Director

Director

Date: 14/6/2424

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland and voluntarily with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to the accounts.

1.2 Fund accounting

The following are the categorises of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are accounted for in accordance with the particular terms of trust arising from the express or implied wishes of donors in so far as these are intended to be binding, they are taken into account and recognised in appropriately designated funds.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds represent amounts which are expendable at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the objectives of the company and which have not been distinguished for other purposes. Such funds may be held in order to finance working capital or capital expenditure.

1.3 Income

Incoming resources represent funding received from the Ireland Funds, The Department of Education and Skills and the Arts Council to carry out the activities of Music Generation Designated Activity Company. Voluntary income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.4 Expenditure

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services, grants and support costs.

1.5 Taxation

There is no charge for taxation as the company has been granted charitable status by the Revenue Commissioners.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

1.6 Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the the company from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors

1.7 Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

2. Provisions Available for Small Entities

In common with many other charitable companies of our size and nature, we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

3. Going Concern

Music Generation Designated Activity Company operates on a breakeven basis each year and has deferred income of €564,511 at 31st December 2020 to part fund 2021.

During the first quarter of 2020, The Covid-19 pandemic has spread initially from Asia to Europe and subsequently worldwide. The initial economic effect of this has been a worldwide slowdown in economic activity and the loss of jobs across many businesses. In Ireland there are restrictions placed on non-essential businesses which has resulted in many businesses temporarily closing in measures designed to restrict the movement of people and to slow down the spread of the virus.

Music Generation has continued to operate during this period but the pandemic has had a significant effect on its activities together with the activities of the Local Music Education Partnerships. The directors have prepared budgets for the upcoming 12 months which show that the company will continue as a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

4. Grants from Funders

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 €	Funds 2020	Total 2020 €	Total 2019 €
Ireland Funds Department of Education & Skills Arts Council	1,562,964 4,385,000 5,947,964		1,562,964 4,385,000 - 5,947,964	3,485,000 111,492

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

5. Expenditure - Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted F Funds 2020 €	Restricted Funds 2020 €	Support Costs 2020 €	Total 2020 €	Total 2019 €
Local Music Education Partnership Payments-Ireland Funds Local Music Education Partnership Payments-	1,551,185	-	-	1,551,185	1,413,035
Department of Education & Skills	3,079,355	-	-	3,079,355	
Local Music Education Partnership Supports	676,920	-	-	676,920	384,050
Total LMEP Funding	5,307,460	-	-	5,307,460	4,483,730
Arts Council Partnership Payments	-	-	-	-	103,992
Payroll costs	-	-	517,291	,	459,840
Other Overhead Expenditure	114,451		16,424	130,875	131,739
	5,421,911	-	533,715	5,955,626	5,179,301
Support Costs	c	haritable G	overnance		
		Activities	Costs	Total	Total
		2020	2020	2020	2019
		€	€	€	€
Payroll Costs		-	517,291	517,291	459,840
Legal & Professional Costs		-	7,612	7,612	4,425
Auditor's Remuneration		-	7,585	7,585	7,677
Bank Interest & Charges	_	1,227		1,227	832
	=	1,227	532,488	533,715	472,774

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

6. Funding Expended

Local Music Education Partnership	Lead Statutory Partner	Funding Provided to LMEP 2020 €
Carlow	KCETB	200,000
Cavan/Monaghan	CMETB	132,597
Clare	LCETB	200,000
Cork City	CETB	200,000
Dublin City	DCETB	34,000
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown	DLR County Council	267,000
Galway City	GRETB	233,064
Galway County	GRETB	300,000
Kildare	KWETB	100,000
Kilkenny	KCETB	118,306
Laois	LOETB	200,000
Leitrim	MSLETB	117,552
Limerick City	LCETB	200,000
Longford	LWETB	53,355
Louth	LMTEB	200,000
Mayo	MSLETB	200,000
Meath	LMETB	100,000
Offaly/ Westmeath	Offaly County Council	200,000
Roscommon	GRETB	186,818
Sligo	MSLETB	200,000
South Dublin	South Dublin County Council	200,000
Tipperary	TETB	100,000
Waterford	WWETB	290,367
Wexford	WWETB	130,481
Wicklow	KWETB	200,000
Total funding provided to and matched by	LMEPs	4,363,540
Direct Supports to Local Music Education	Partnerships - Impact of Covid-19	267,000
Direct Supports to Local Music Education	Partnerships - Strategic supports	676,920
Total direct supports to Local Music Educ	cation Partnerships	5,307,460

Funding is provided by Music Generation DAC to Local Music Education Partnerships (LMEPs) once the LMEPs have raised the equivalent amount through locally generated matched funding. Of the €5,079,157 raised by LMEPS as documented in their financial reports to the company to 31st December 2020, €1,022,901 was provided as Support-in-Kind by the Local Music Education Partnerships which recognises their significant contribution to the office accommodation, overheads and administration staff required to support their LMEP areas.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

7. Employees

Number of employees The average numbers of employees during the year were:	2020 Number	2019 Number
CEO	1	1
Staff	7	6
	8	7
Employment costs	2020	2019
	€	€
Gross Salaries	428,173	380,316
Social welfare costs	46,967	41,581
Pension costs	36,167	32,064
Permanent Health Insurance	5,984	5,879
	517,291	459,840

Salary Range

Two individuals received a salary in excess of €60,000 per annum in 2020 as follows (2019:1):-

	2020	2019
€60,001 to €70,000	1	-
€70,001 to €80,000	-	-
€80,001 to €90,000	II-I	_
€90,001 to €100,000	1	1

8. Pension costs

	2020	2019
	€	€
Contributions to pension scheme	36,167	32,064

The company operates a defined contribution scheme that covers all staff directly employed by the company. The assets of the scheme are vested in independent trustees for the sole benefit of those employees.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

9. Taxation

As the company has been granted charitable status by the Revenue Commissioners it is not liable to pay Corporation Tax. However like all employers Music Generation collects and pays all relevant payroll taxes to the Revenue Commissioners and incurs Value Added Tax that it cannot reclaim. Amounts outstanding at the year end are shown in note 11.

10. Debtors

10.	Deptors		
		2020	2019
		€	€
			•
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	850	-
	Prepayments	6,245	6,718
		7,095	6,718
11.	Creditors: amounts falling due	2020	2019
	within one year	€	€
	Trade creditors	209,904	66,465
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	1,045
	PAYE/PRSI Due	18,368	12,016
	Deferred Income:-		
	Philanthropic Funding	500,897	602,369
	Arts Council Funding	63,614	25,106
	Accruals and other creditors	1,045,999	103,952
		1,838,782	810,953

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

11.1 Deferred Income

Grant		Grants Received €		Closing Deferred Income €
The Arts Council	63,614		-	63,614

Arts Council Funds

Name of Grant: Music Generation/Arts Council Partnership

2017-2021

Purpose of Grant: To respond to Music Education Partnerships

developmental needs

The company has adequate financial controls in place to manage granted funds.

12.	Share capital	2020 €	2019 €
	Authorised Equity: 100,000 Ordinary Shares of €1 each	100,000	100,000
	Allotted, Called up and fully paid: 2 Ordinary Shares of €1 each	2	2
13.	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2020 €	2019 €
	Opening shareholders' funds Deficit for the year	(244)	(244)
	Closing shareholders' funds	(244)	(244)

14. Ultimate Parent Undertaking

The company is 100% owned by Music Network Company Limited by Guarantee.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2020

15. Designated Funds

All funds received by the company are used to advance education by devising, launching and maintaining a programme of grant and other supports to be provided to Local Music Education Partnerships, as a means of creating or assisting to create opportunities for children and young people in Ireland to, receive instrumental and vocal education and tuition throughout Ireland.

Post Balance Sheet events

In the first half of 2020, the Covid-19 virus spread worldwide. In common with many other countries, the Irish government issued guidance and restrictions on the movement of people designed to slow the spread of this virus. In early March 2020, many businesses closed voluntarily and throughout the month more restrictions were placed on people and businesses. On 28th March, all non-essential businesses were ordered to close temporarily. There have been periods of re-opening and further closures in 2020 and into 2021.

At the time of approving the financial statements, there is uncertainty regarding how the balance sheet may be impacted based on events since the year end and as a result an estimate of its financial effect cannot be made.

17. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 14th June 2021.