

APPENDIX 1



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	10	03	2021	To	31	03	2022

Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	Adventure Circus SCIO
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	Adventure Circus
<b>Registered charity number</b>	<b>SC050825</b>
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Unit 7 Kilda Place Perth  Postcode PH1 3RL

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jane Moncrieff		Appointed March 2021	
2	Margaret-Anne Lawrie		Appointed March 2021	
3	Gemma Simpson		Appointed March 2021	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

<b>Type of governing document</b>	The charity is a Scottish Charitable Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 10 March 2021.
<b>Trustee recruitment and appointment</b>	Trustees are recruited and appointed from within the members of Adventure Circus

## Objectives and activities

<b>Charitable purposes</b>	<p>Adventure Circus is Perth’s Circus, founded in 2015, gaining SCIO status in 2021. The charitable objectives of Adventure Circus are as follows</p> <p>4.1 The advancement of education</p> <p>4.2 the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science</p> <p>4.3 the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended</p>
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<b>Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects</b>	<p><b>Education and training</b></p> <p>The biggest programme we offer is weekly tuition in aerial arts, with regular taught classes in silks, trapeze, hoop, rope, sling and cloud. We also teach ground based skills such as hula hoop, juggling, poi spinning and acrobalance. Classes are for ages 6 to 14 years, and 14+(adults). We also compliment circus skills training with flexibility, fitness and yoga classes. We charge participation fees for aerial classes, and strive to secure funding/fundraise so that students can take part at no additional cost in our fitness and flexibility classes, and have a sliding pay scale for participation in acro and manipulation classes.</p> <p>We also work with partner groups such as schools, charities or local organisations to provide ‘have a go sessions’ either at our facility, or out in the community to encourage participation in circus arts. We also host our own ‘family fun day’ to raise awareness of circus in our local community.</p> <p>Our instructors are supported to attend training courses, workshops and other continued professional development opportunities throughout the year.</p> <p><b>Performance</b></p> <p>Students and instructors are encouraged to perform their skills throughout the year. We do with via three showcase opportunities - a spring show, a summer show and a Christmas show. It is our normal practise to organise an annual theatre show at Perth College UHI (currently in abeyance due to Covid-19). We have a touring show that visits local care homes and we seek opportunities to create indoor and outdoor theatre shows. In addition to this, we take bookings from private companies wanting to hire performers for their events. Income generated from all of these activities support our charitable aims.</p>
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	<p><b>Facilities</b></p> <p>We co-lease a warehouse unit facility where all of our aerial classes take place. We also hire space from Riverside Church, Perth where we host our spring and Christmas showcase events, our family fun day and our floor based classes (acro / manipulation / flexibility). We also hire space from North Muirton Community Centre for yoga classes.</p> <p>Our facilities are fit for purpose except they lack adequate heating infrastructure. We generate income from our unit by renting out a room for personal training services.</p> <p><b>Circus network</b></p> <p>We are involved in raising awareness of circus arts nationally and are well connected to aerial dance and circus schools across Scotland and the UK. Where possible we attend sector gatherings and contribute to discussions about the future direction of circus.</p>
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## Achievements and performance

<p><b>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period</b></p>	<p><b>Achievements 2021-2022</b></p> <p>Since achieving charitable status in March 2021, Adventure Circus has gone from strength to strength, which is a notable achievement emerging from the devastation of the pandemic.</p> <p>Online fitness classes took place at the beginning of 2021 and in person classes re-started after the lockdown period at the end of April 2021. Without further lockdowns, we ran our full education programme through to the end of our financial year, March 2022.</p> <p>Following a class restructure in 2020 in response to the pandemic, our education programme grew from 11 classes to 27 classes a week. This growth meant that we had to seek additional space to host our floor based classes and so we partnered with Riverside Church, also based in North Muirton. One new experienced instructor joined our teaching team and three new junior instructors also joined to support our youth circus classes.</p> <p>We created a new event called ‘Carnival’ which was a three day camping experience at the home of one of our students. The event was for age 16+, held outdoors in lovely gardens and comprised camping, BBQs and circus workshops, as well as a student show in a farm barn, complete with cows heckling (moo-ing), and an instructor show, thankfully without cows! The event had guest instructors join us for workshops and thankfully the weather was very kind. We expect to host the event as an annual celebration of circus.</p>
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Funding to support our work and support financial stability following the impact of Covid-19 was a huge focus throughout the year. We were successful in a number of ways:

- Corra Funding to enable a second year of our Care Home show 'Bring Me Sunshine'
- Leap Sports Funding to enable a LGBTIQ+ circus session to take place
- Live Active Sport funding to offer 10 free summer holiday club places
- Clubs in Crisis funding for new equipment and to support free October holiday club places
- Corra funding secured to tour 'Bring Me Sunshine' for a third year to P&K Care homes (2022)
- Magic Little Grant funding secured to deliver sessions for women with autism
- Clubs in Crisis funding secured to purchase more equipment and deliver circus sessions with ASN Fairview school
- Sport for Change funding secured to offer yoga sessions to aid mental wellbeing
- Creative Lives funding to offer juggling and hula hoop practise time for free
- Visit Scotland funding to develop 'DragonFyre: The Legend of Kinnoull Hill Dragon' participatory event planned for November 2022.

Due to the pandemic, opportunities to perform were limited, but our 'Bring Me Sunshine' Care home tour continued and we also were commissioned by Perth & Kinross Council in November 2021 to perform at the new St Paul's square. A team of instructors and students created a trapeze, dance and acrobalance show called 'The Polar Express'.

We ended 2021 with a Christmas show at Riverside Church and started 2022 with plans for youth shows in March and May which took place to the delight of the families who came to watch.

Despite all the challenges that the pandemic threw up from March 2020 onwards, the Adventure Circus core team worked tirelessly to ensure that students were engaged and when able to be back, excited for the return of their classes. The Trustees would like to extend thanks to all instructors, volunteers and our loyal students who make Adventure Circus such a vibrant circus and one we are honoured to be part of.

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Trustees have reviewed the need for reserves and aim to achieve a minimum level of free reserves of £10,000 which represents three months overheads and winding up costs.

In 2021-2022 Trustees have designated £29,597 as follows

- £20,340 restricted grant funding for projects

This leaves us with £9,257 which is close to our target figure as defined in our reserves policy.

### Details of any deficit

None

### Donated facilities and services (if any)

## Other optional information

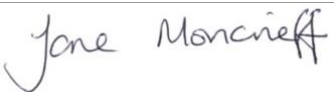
### Future Plans

Adventure Circus will build upon the strength of the new education structure it has in place, will continue to support the development of instructors and will continue to seek and develop opportunities to perform for local audiences. Funding and fundraising to support those goals will be ongoing.

## Declaration

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

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Jane Moncrieff	
<b>Position (e.g. Chair)</b>	Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	11.12.2022	