

CIC 34

Community Interest Company Report

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**Company Name in
full**

MOONSTRUCK ASTRONAUT C.I.C.

Company Number

11117890

Year Ending

31.12.2022

(The date format is required in full)

Please ensure the company name is consistent with the company name entered on the accounts.

This template illustrates what the Regulator of Community Interest Companies considers to be best practice for completing a simplified community interest company report. All such reports must be delivered in accordance with section 34 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and contain the information required by Part 7 of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005. For further guidance see chapter 8 of the Regulator's guidance notes and the alternate example provided for a more complex company with more detailed notes.

(N.B. A Filing Fee of £15 is payable on this document. Please enclose a cheque or postal order payable to Companies House)

PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT

In the space provided below, please insert a general account of the company's activities in the financial year to which the report relates, including a description of how they have benefited the community.

In 2022, Moonstruck Astronaut C.I.C. developed theatre projects that helped children and young people improve their confidence, skills, imagination, health and wellbeing. We furthered the education of children through specialist, imaginative events. We improved access to volunteering, work experience and employment within the arts. We brought new participants to local venues such as Wrekin Forest School CIC and the Hub Newport. We encouraged partnerships and collaborative working with stakeholders and interested parties. Through our partnership with Wrekin Forest School, we continued to develop projects which provide a space for creativity to thrive and engage with the outdoors, nature and the environment. Through our partnership with the Hub Newport, we developed activities that provided education and enjoyment to the youth of Newport and their families and community.

Indoors educational project: Newport Youth Theatre for 6 – 12 year olds, the Hub Newport, 27th February – 17th July 2022

The mission of the Youth Theatre is to enable the children of Newport to meet and mix whilst growing the valuable life skills that studying drama and working towards a performance offers. The 2022 project explored the theme of the future and resulted in a 25-minute devised performance called 'The Funky Future of Newport'.

Outcomes:

- 18 children aged 6-11 took part in free taster sessions on 27th February
- 13 children aged 6 – 11 participated in the project
- 10 children performed on 10th July
- 4 volunteers aged 15, 21, mid-30s and mid 50s benefitted
- 50 members of the local community watched the free show on the 10th July
- Excellent audience feedback
- Excellent participant feedback
- View our webpage on the project for detailed feedback:

<https://moonstruckastronaut.com/our-first-project-the-funky-future-of-newport/>

The project was made possible by support in kind and a combination of grants of between £250 and £1000 from The Councillors' Pride Fund, Lilleshall Parish Council, Telford and Wrekin CVS, the Arnold Clark Community Fund, the Lady Anne Boughey Charity and Newport Town Council.

Outdoors educational project: 'Summer Drama in the Forest' for 6-12 year olds, Wrekin Forest School, 8th – 12th August 2022

This project provided a summer holiday outdoor cross-arts workshop for twenty 6-12 year olds nurturing a vast array of life skills over 5 days from 8.30am to 4.30pm ending in performances of fairytales.

Outcomes:

- 10 subsidised children aged 6-12 took part
- 10 children from low income families took part for free via the HHAH Scheme
- 6 volunteers aged 13 to mid-70s benefitted
- provided employment for 5 professionals
- brought new users to Wrekin Forest School

- approx. 50 friends and family watched the free end outdoor performance.
- Excellent feedback from all

The 'Summer Drama in the Forest' was made possible with support in kind and an 'Under 18 Better Starts' grant from the ASDA Foundation, a £1000 grant towards venue hire from Telford and Wrekin CVS and a grant from Telford and Wrekin Council's 'Happy, Healthy and Active Holidays' (HAHH) fund.

Both of our educational projects in 2022 provided a space for creativity to thrive, enjoyment, relaxation and fun. They also promoted engagement with the arts and promoted intergenerational and intercultural friendship with the children's' families coming together to watch the final performances. They provided an opportunity for hard-to-reach children to be engaged in the arts, and children from totally different walks of life and schools to mix and get to know each other. The participants were a mix of school educated, home educated, many were neurodiverse with a range of needs.

Overall, 14 people volunteered for the CIC in 2022, and it provided self-employment for 7 people. Three of the participants from the 2021 'Drama in the Forest' workshops attended the Newport Youth Theatre in 2022 with one participant continuing to participate in the 2023 Newport Youth Theatre. He has now set up his own YouTube channel.

(Please see project photos and beneficiary / stakeholder feedback on separate continuation sheet)

(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS – Please indicate who the company’s stakeholders are; how the stakeholders have been consulted and what action, if any, has the company taken in response to feedback from its consultations? If there has been no consultation, this should be made clear.

The company’s stakeholders are the communities of Newport and Telford and Wrekin in Shropshire and neighbouring counties such as Staffordshire.

MA has a strong online presence. We not only have a website, we also have a ‘Moonstruck Astronaut community theatre’ YouTube channel which has 20 films of our work on. The YouTube channel makes our work accessible to all, especially stakeholders such as local parents, volunteers and funders/ sponsors. With 439 followers on Facebook and 51 followers on Instagram, MA is developing a strong social media presence. We regularly update and communicate with stakeholders via both platforms, using Facebook especially to canvas support and awareness of our work in the local community. In fact, Newport Youth Theatre emerged from an online survey completed by 27 adults asking if Newport would benefit from a regular youth drama group circulated in November/December 2021 via Facebook and local school networks.

The children, parents/ guardians and volunteers gave feedback during and after the ‘Funky Future of Newport’ project. All audience members gave handwritten feedback on the ‘Funky Future of Newport’ youth theatre performance – all listed on separate continuation sheet. The parents and guardians of the children who took part in the ‘Drama in the Forest’ outdoor drama workshops were consulted after the end performances. All were asked for verbal and written feedback whilst some children and parents gave filmed feedback. A professional filmmaker from Telford and Wrekin Council created a film on the last day. The project was filmed by volunteers and a highlights medley can be seen on the MA YouTube channel. All volunteers and self-employed staff on the ‘Drama in the Forests’ responded to an online Google survey stating the benefits of working on these outdoor drama workshops which encourages the theatre company to continue to deliver them.

MA then hosted a peer group meeting on the 25th October to discuss developing the Youth Theatre and theatre company with key stakeholders such as parents and children and volunteers. Many of the ideas suggested were taken forward into the 2023 Newport Youth Theatre project.

(Again please see feedback highlights on separate continuation sheet.)

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PART 3 – DIRECTORS’ REMUNERATION – if you have provided full details in your accounts you need not reproduce it here. Please clearly identify the information within the accounts and confirm that, “There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director’s loss of office, which require to be disclosed” (See example with full notes). If no remuneration was received you must state that “no remuneration was received” below.

The aggregate amounts of emoluments paid to or receivable by the director in respect of qualifying services was £5,350.

There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for the director’s loss of office, which require to be disclosed.

PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION – Please insert full details of any transfers of assets other than for full consideration e.g. Donations to outside bodies. If this does not apply you must state that “no transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made” below.

No transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made.

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 5 – SIGNATORY (Please note this must be a live signature)

(DD/MM/YY)

The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company

Signed

Date

27.09.2023

Please note that it is a legal requirement for the date format to be provided in full throughout the CIC34 report.

Applications will be rejected if this information is incorrect.

Office held (delete as appropriate) Director/Secretary

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

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When you have completed and signed the form, please attach it to the accounts and send both forms by post to the Registrar of Companies at:

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DX 33050 Cardiff

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Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BG

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