Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 May 2016

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Ray Cashell

Sharon Kelly (Resigned 13 May 2016)

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31 May 2016

The directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report under the Companies Act 2006 and the Trustees' Report under the Charities SORP in accordance with FRSSE (effective January 2015) and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2016 also prepared in accordance with the aforementioned Statement of Recommended Practice.

The directors, who are also the trustees of the charity, at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes are set out on page 3 and are listed below.

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The most imminent need for PS² is to find new studios and a project space to be able to continue our work. Ideally this will be again in the city centre and in a location which has a shop like ground floor for projects and studios above. We want the arts programme to continue and develop to address our objectives: to find fresh and new ways of art production, display and dissemination; to offer a platform and framework for cultural workers for innovative, experimental, risk taking projects and to aim for high artistic quality combined with creative social engagement and impact.

To realise this we need to secure the necessary funds on a broader basis and possibly on longer terms. With the forced move to a new location, this might also be a chance to review our curatorial position, the organisation of the project space and the structure of our Board. A shift to either a new and bigger team of artist/curators running the arts programme on a volunteer bases or with a paid position could be a possibility.

Directors

The directors who served during the year are as follows:

Simon Bridge Ray Cashell Sharon Kelly Bronagh Lawson Paddy McCann (Chair) Peter Mutschler Bill Saunders

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31 May 2016

Objectives and Activities

The key objective of Paragon Studios is 'to advance the education of the public in the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the visual arts.'

This is achieved in two ways:

- 1. to provide good, affordable and longer-term studio spaces for artists
- 2. to invite artists and cultural practitioners to produce and show individual or collaborative new work either inside our project space or at outside locations with the inclusion of neighbourhoods.

With a strong belief in the relevance of art and its function in society, we aim to find profound and surprising ways to make art as open and accessible as we can imagine. This constant process of connecting art and people is tried out in different ways: through long term projects with communities; relevant subjects, participation; openness and inclusion.

We see our voluntary-run arts organisation as artist-led, self-organised and restlessly committed to art and its function to delight, question, provoke and transform. We support artists, whose work is exciting, original and makes art relevant for many.

We see our position as a colourful building step for artists between the start of and midway through their working career. We provide an unrestricted and uncommercial playground for creative people and an experimental field for socially engaged art with communities. It is the artistic freedom and the drive to push for new forms and displays of art which often adds great value to artists and their progression into galleries and exhibitions with more capacity and reach. The same energy allows neighbourhoods to take part in art and creative actions which change their environment and understanding.

The key activities in addressing these objectives are:

- Programming and curating of art projects in Paragon Studios project space and at outside locations with visual artists and creatives from many other disciplines: sound, craft, architecture, dance, coding, activism and more.
- Working towards an open and experimental platform for contemporary, risk taking and site specific art practice, ranging from installations to projects with and in communities, workshops, talks, curatorial residencies and research.
- Providing adequate, affordable and long-term studio space for member artists and temporary, project based work-and research space for artists and cultural workers.
- Collaborating with local and trans-local arts and cultural organisations.
- Enabling and widening access to visual arts for a broad audience through participatory projects and workshops, often at off- site locations in a community context.

Achievements and Performance

With a fast turnover and very few empty days in between projects, the arts programme contained 33 projects. Our funding by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland remained the same, a fortunate situation considering the still ongoing general cuts of the arts sector.

The main theme of *community as artist* was realised in 7 projects which had its focus on longer term engagements by artists with various communities and interest groups (Upper Springfield Trust, New Lodge Arts, Outburst Festival, Queer Space, Prison Arts Foundation, Replay Theatre, Ballykinler Community Association). This ranged from a collective documentary film by young people volunteering on an urban farm; a pop video by gay men; an immersive fountain project for babies and their parents/guardians; workshops with homeless people and a film with and about a transgender couple. All projects developed at different speeds and with the assistance of artists, who each worked with various formats of participation. In all a very fruitful exploration of the relationship and co-production between communities and artists.

Within the overall high standard of creative quality, other projects exemplify our aim of an edgy, fresh and risk taking programme:

- -Because these reds by Ciaran Woods dealt with ritualistic behaviour of Liverpool football fans through a sound collage of a sports commentator in a phone-in session plus additional objects, narrowing the separated fields of sports- and 'creative' culture convincingly (August 2015)
- -Tomohiro Nagahata, a resident of Flax, showed in *It's ok* an installation and film of a cycle tour up the Cave Hill with a dragon like sculpture mounted on a Belfast bike scheme bicycle, mixing and transforming local tourism with Japanese culture (October 2015)
- -In close encounters, which started in 2014, the two outcomes by Christopher Whiteside & Madeline Graham and Phil Hession, both using film to document or enact possible encounters in the close neighbourhood of PS², were presented, deepening the understanding into the area, its people, users and passers-by (December 2015, January 2016)

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ended 31 May 2016

-Eli by Meadhbh Farren, who produced an animation film made up of colourful drawings around the subject of 'growing up'; a psychedelic trip of encounters, within an installation of objects (March 2016).

PS² continued to contribute to PeasPark, a community garden/ adventure playground/open air art space in North Belfast and worked in community activities in Ballykinler, Co.Down. The *bugle candle*, an outcome of the of 2 yearlong project with 'Army wives' from the Army camp in Ballykinlar in collaboration with the International Village Shop, was shown in the Contemporary Art Museum Leipzig, Germany (March-June 2016). This included documentation of the collaborative work process, performances by artists and an Irish film night.

Individual projects and the curatorial work of PS² were frequently mentioned in BBC's arts extra, *The Visual Artist's News Sheet*, blogs, PHD research, articles, book contributions and conferences.

In December 2015 we were notified that our premises- and with it many others in the Cathedral Quarter- were sold to a new, London based owner. In January 2016 a major water leak made 2 studios impossible to use. No repairs were carried out and we were informed in March by the acting management company, Colliers International that the building should be closed down. Thereafter we engaged in lengthy negotiations with Colliers about possible replacement premises and currently 2 options are on offer.

Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet on pages 8 and 10 detail the Charity's financial performance for the year.

Structure, Governance and Management

Paragon Studios (PS²) is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee.

A voluntary Board of Directors oversees the company's work and establishes policy and strategy.

Trustees

Sharon Kelly stepped down as Board member on 13.05.2016 and we would like to thank her for her commitment, being a founding member of the studio group. We started to look for a new Board member and possibly more, reflecting a possible expansion in terms of studio spaces at a new location. The structure and selection of the Board are under review and various models in terms of numbers and proportion of studio members to external members of the Board examined.

All administration and the delivery of projects and activities are carried out by studio members on a voluntary basis. To support and guide them, the company has a range of policies relating to safeguarding, equality, voluntary contracts and health and safety which are reviewed regularly.

Throughout the year, the work of PS² was greatly supported by the Board and the commitment and dedication of the invited artists and external volunteers.

In March 2016, we finally adopted our Strategic Plan 2016-20, very much helped by Wendy Robinson from Arts and Business as part of the Strengthening the Sector programme, funded by Belfast City Council.

We would like to thank the Arts Council of Northern Ireland for their continuous support of our core costs and studio provision and our extensive arts programme.

Special provisions relating to small companies

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Bill Saunders Secretary

Date: 12 September 2016

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the year ended 31 May 2016

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the Charities SORP (updated January 2015) has been followed;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with , and all Regulations to be construed as one with that Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

On behalf of the Board	
Paddy McCann	
Director	

Date: 12 September 2016

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PARAGON STUDIOS LTD

I have examined the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 May 2016, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Accounting Policies and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein. The financial statements were not required to be audited in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the company directors, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the company's Board of Directors that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Board of Directors, as a body, for our work, or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of directors and examiner

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the directors, who are also the trustees of the company, are responsible for the preparation of the Directors' Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Accounting Standards (UK and Ireland). The company directors consider an audit is not required for this year under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 but that an independent examination is required under that Act.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Regulations thereunder:
- follow the procedures laid down by the regulatory authorities; and
- state the facts if it has come to my attention in the course of my examination work that any:
 - (i) material expenditure or action appears not to be in accordance with the company's trusts;
 - (ii) information or explanation I am entitled to under the Regulations has not been afforded to me;
 - (iii) information contained in the financial statements is materially inconsistent with the Directors' Annual report for the year.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination work was undertaken in accordance with the general directions given by the regulatory authorities. Such an examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from yourselves as the company directors 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 financial statements.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination work, no matter has come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep proper accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and are in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP and which comply with the requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than the requirement to give a true and fair view have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Mr Robert Barr MULDOON & CO

16 Mount Charles Belfast BT7 1NZ Northern Ireland

Date: 12 September 2016

Paragon Studios Ltd (A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 31 May 2016

Tot the year ended 31 May 2010	U	nrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
	Notes	2016 £	2016 £	2016 £	2015 £ as restated
Incoming Resources Generated funds: Investment Income	2	_	_	_	9
Charitable activities: Income from Charitable Activities Other incoming resources		100 961	24,331	24,431 961	17,734 61
Total incoming resources	•	1,061	24,331	25,392	17,804
Resources Expended Resources Expended on Charitable Activities Cost of Charitable Activities		21	23,236	23,257	25,734
Total Resources Expended	3	21	23,236	23,257	25,734
Net movement in funds for the year		1,040	1,095	2,135	(7,930)
Reconciliation of funds Balances brought forward at 1 June 2015 as originally stated.		115	5,776	5,891	12,463
Prior year adjustment		-	(1,358)	(1,358)	-
Balances at 1 June 2015 as restated		115	4,118	4,533	12,463
Balances carried forward at 31 May 2016		1,155	5,513	6,668	4,533

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 May 2016

	Statement of Financial Activities		2016 £	2015 £ as restated
Gross income	Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	1,061 24,331		
	-		25,392	17,804
Total income Total expenditure			25,392 (23,257)	17,804 (25,733)
Net income/(expenditure)			2,135	(7,929)

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 May 2016

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £
	Notes	L	as restated
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	7	-	122
Current Assets			
Debtors	8	1,019	2,037
Cash and cash equivalents		10,094	6,819
		11,113	8,856
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,445)	(4,445)
Net Current Assets		6,668	4,411
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		6,668	4,533
Funds			
Restricted trust funds		5,513	4,418
General fund (unrestricted)		1,155	115
	4.4		4.500
Total funds	11	6,668	4,533

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the financial year ended 31 May 2016 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under Section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the board and authorised for issue on 12 September 2016 and signed on its behalf by

Paddy McCann	
Director	

Paragon Studios Ltd CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31 May 2016

	Notes	2016 £	2015 £ as restated
Cash flows from operating activities Net movement in funds		776	(7,939)
Adjustments for: Depreciation Prior year adjustment		122 1,358	121
Management in condition and the la		2,256	(7,818)
Movements in working capital: Movement in debtors Movement in creditors		1,018 -	(2,037) 3,395
Cash generated from operations		3,274	(6,460)
Cash flows from investing activities Interest received		1	9
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at 1 June 2015		3,275 6,819	(6,451) 13,270
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 May 2016		10,094	6,819

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

for the year ended 31 May 2016

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and Part 8 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. They also comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice SORP (FRS102) and with the financial reporting standards. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital 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. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the company has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. 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.

Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of generating funds similarly include fundraising activities. Non-staff costs not attributed to one category of activity are allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant service. Finance, HR, IT and administrative staff costs are directly attributable to individual activities by objective. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment

15% Straight line

Taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future. Timing differences are temporary differences between the company's taxable income and its results as stated in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are anticipated to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Transition to FRS102

The charity transitioned to FRS102 during the year. There was one prior year adjustment required upon transition (note 6). The transition date was 1 June 2014.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 May 2016

1.	NET INCOMING RESOURCES		2016 £	2015 £
	Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(creditin Depreciation of tangible assets	g): :	122	121
2.	INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME		2016 £	2015 £
	Bank interest		1	9
3.	ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED	Cost of Charitable	Total	Total
	Other costs	Activities 2016 £	2016 £	2015 £
	Depreciation Cost of raising funds	122 16,703	122 16,703	121 18,822
		16,825	16,825	18,943
	Support costs: Governance Costs:	5,382 1,050	5,282 1,050	5,741 1,050
	Totals	23,257	23,257	25,734
4.	ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED AND RELATED IN	COME FOR CHAR	ITABLE ACTIV	VITIES
		Cost of Charitable Activities	Total	Total
	Charitable activities:	2016 £	2016 £	2015 £
	Direct and other costs Costs	(23,257)	(23,257)	(25,734)
5.	ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT AND GOVERNANCE COSTS			
		Support 2016 £	Basis of Apportion	ment
	General office	5,382	Directly A	ttributable
		Governance 2016 £		
	Accountancy services	1,050	Governan	ce

6. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

Total

The prior year adjustment relates to treatment of accrued and deferred income under transition to the new Charities SORP (FRS102).

1,050

6,432

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 May 2016

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7.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		-	 .
			Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
	Cost		L	£
	At 31 May 2016		485	485
	Depreciation At 1 June 2015 Charge for the year		363 122	363 122
	At 31 May 2016		485	485
	Net book value At 31 May 2016			
	At 31 May 2015		122	122
8.	DEBTORS		2016 £	2015 £
	Prepayments and accrued income		1,019	2,037
9.	CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year		2016 £	2015 £
	Accruals and deferred income		4,445	4,445
10.	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND	Current	Current	Total
		assets	liabilities	
	Restricted income	£	£	£
	Arts Council NI Belfast City Council	9,547 411	(4,445)	5,102 411
		9,958	(4,445)	5,513
	Unrestricted income UnRestricted	1,155		1,155
		11,113	(4,445)	6,668

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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11. ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 June 2015	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Prior year adjustment	Balance 31 May 2016
	£ As originally stated	£	£	£	£
Restricted income					
Arts Council NI Belfast City Council	5,776	20,370 3,961	(19,686) (3,550)	(1,358)	5,102 411
	5,776	24,331	(23,236)	(1,358)	5,513
Unrestricted income					
UnRestricted	115	1,061	(21)	-	1,155
Total funds	5,891	25,392	23,257	(1,358)	6,668

12. STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding $\mathfrak L$ 1.

13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year-end.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2016

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **OPERATING STATEMENT** for the year ended 31 May 2016

	Schedule	2016 £	2015 £
Income - Studio Fees - Arts Council - Belfast City Council - Visual Arts Ireland		960 20,370 3,961 100 25,391	13,494 4,240 61 17,795
Charitable activities and other expenses Artist Fee's Catering Freelance General Fees Materials Rent payable Insurance Light and heat Repairs and maintenance Printing, postage and stationery Advertising Telephone Travelling and subsistence Accountancy Bank charges General expenses Depreciation		(9,745) (167) (3,250) (3,236) (1,585) (756) (1,329) (119) (99) (698) (513) (306) (1,050) (21) (261) (122)	(12,248)
Miscellaneous Income Bank Interest		(23,257)	(25,734)
Net surplus/(deficit)		2,135	(7,930)