THE OFFICE OF THE SCOTTISH CHARITY REGULATOR

Inquiry Report made under Section 33 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005

Star-Light Theatre Group, SC041704

Introduction

As a result of an inquiry under section 28 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (from this point referred to as ‘the 2005 Act’) it appears to OSCR that Star-Light Theatre Group no longer meets the charity test. We will therefore remove Star-Light Theatre Group from the Scottish Charity Register after 21 days from the date of this report, under section 30(1)(b) of the 2005 Act.

Background

Star-Light Theatre Group is an Unincorporated Association that was granted charitable status with effect from 13 August 2010.

The charity’s purposes are:

To promote, maintain, improve and advance education solely for the benefit of the community, particularly by the production of educational plays and the encouragement of the Arts.

Inquiry summary

- The charity was granted status on 16 August 2010 and has failed to submit accounts to OSCR since 2012. The charity completed the Annual Return for 2011 which stated the gross income was £40.00 and the total expenditure was £102.00 which would appear to show the charity has no remaining assets.
- We have made several attempts to contact the charity trustees by Recorded Delivery mail which have been signed for but not responded to. We have also made attempts to contact the charity trustees, however, we were unsuccessful.
- The charity’s website is no longer active and there is no trace of a social media site which would suggest that the charity is no longer active and or carrying out activities.
If a charity is inactive over a sustained period and there is no evidence that this inactivity is a consequence of the charity exercising its functions it is unlikely that it is fulfilling its charitable purposes or providing public benefit.¹

As a result of this inquiry it appears to OSCR that Star-Light Theatre Group is inactive and is not fulfilling its charitable purposes or providing public benefit.

Decision

Section 7(1) of the 2005 Act requires that to pass the charity test, a body must have only charitable purposes and provide public benefit.

Under section 30 of the 2005 Act OSCR must, where it appears that a charity no longer meets the charity test, direct the charity to take such steps as OSCR considers necessary for the purposes of meeting the charity test or remove the charity from the Register.

Star-Light Theatre Group has failed to provide any evidence of current or planned activity and it appears to OSCR that this charity is no longer providing public benefit and does not meet the charity test.

OSCR has, therefore, given the charity notice under section 30(1)(b) of the 2005 Act that it will be removed from the Register after 21 days from the date of this decision.

Review

The charity has the right to request OSCR to review the decision. To do so the charity must contact the Review Officer within 21 days of the date of the decision 27 October 2016.

¹ There are some exceptions to this that are outlined in OSCR’s ‘Apparently Inactive Charities’ guidance issued in October 2009 that is published on the OSCR website.