

STREATHAM DROP-IN CENTRE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES

Registered Charity no. 1156824

Financial Statements Year ending March 31, 2020 Streatham Drop-in Centre for Asylum Seekers and Refugees was founded in 2002 and is based in Streatham, London Borough of Lambeth. We assist asylum seekers and refugees by providing a welcoming environment where they can access a number of relevant services and community activities. Our vision is a community in which all asylum seekers and refugees are welcomed, valued and able to participate fully in society.

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Current Charity Details

Trustees

Nick Maybanks Zoheb Hafeez Melvyna Mumunie Maria Ezeli Syed Afzal Shah Linda Heiden Juliette Sanders Dumisani Nyathi Laxmi Dandgey Bhavik Patel Chair appointed 12.08.2020 Treasurer appointed 24.06.2020 resigned 12.08.2020 resigned 24.06.2020 resigned 22.04.2020 resigned 22.01.2021

appointed 07.08.2020 appointed 07.08.2020 appointed 07.08.2020

Premises

2 Mitcham Lane Streatham London SW16 6NN

Charity Number

1156284

Independent Examiner

Angela Ktistakis ACA, FCCA GMAK Services Ltd Flat 1 26 Lansdowne Road London W11 3LL

Bankers

Co-operative Bank PLC PO Box 101 101 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

Report of the Management Committee

The Management Committee, whose members are the trustees of Streatham Drop-in Centre, presents its report and independently examined financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2020.

Status

The charity's constitution is its governing document. The charity was registered on 8th June 2004 and on 1st April 2005 took over all assets, liabilities and operations from the unincorporated association of the same name.

Charity's objectives

The charity's main objective is to support people who are refugees, asylum seekers and/or those who are similarly disadvantaged.

Annual Review

Streatham Drop-in Centre has had another successful year and assisted over 500 users. The Centre programmes designed to provide holistic support to asylum seekers and refugees in Streatham and the surrounding area.

Our drop-in services in 2019/20 included advice and information, health advice and advocacy, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), creche and play, a woman's wellbeing activities and welfare support for users experiencing abject poverty.

Streatham Drop-in Centre remains a vital support service for some of those people most in need within our community. We are often the first port of call for people who are unable to access assistance - some are unaware of support available, others because they do not have the language and others yet because they have No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF).

Our charity is open to people 3 days a week. On Thursdays and Fridays we provided general advice and information to asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants. Advice is provided by qualified staff and trained volunteers with relevant experience in welfare rights, homelessness and housing. People are introduced to a wide range of local services and where appropriate referred to specialist provision including legal and advocacy services. In some cases, we work with users just once providing the advice or referral they require, others we support over a longer period. This is necessary as many people need to access a range of services, including legal advice, to address complex issues.

Our health equality focus is enhanced through partnership agreement with Health partnership agreement with the Three Boroughs Health Inclusion Team, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. The knowledge and skills of a nurse, a refugee specialist caseworker and a wellbeing practitioner offer highly valuable support to our users.

In addition our women's wellbeing project delivered a range of activities through which participants gain confidence while acquiring new skills. A highlight was a recipe sharing initiative which provided a weekly lunch at the Centre.

Our weekly volunteer led ESOL encourages and enables students to participate more fully in the community through take up of training, education, volunteering and employment opportunities.

Our crèche provided stimulating learning activities in a welcoming and safe, environment. Our activities actively encourage, language and communication development, friendship, and confidence building. Through this service children often move on Children Centre or primary school.

Our Saturday Homework and Family Learning Project provided a place for up to 40 children to complete homework and catch up with schoolwork. It supports primary school children who may not have a quiet place at home to work and provides these children with help with this educational work that they may not otherwise receive. In particular we support children's literacy and numeracy skills. We provide family learning workshops for parents to better understand the education system that their children and how best to support their children with this.

A programme of educational, community and fun activities is also developed for children and families. Children participated in local events such as Streatham Festival and Streatham Common Kite Day. Our charity hosted three films screened by Streatham Free Film Festival. Children participated in activity days at Streatham Community Gardens. All children are members of Streatham Library and attend events throughout the year. Partner charity, Music for Children, provided creative play days during school holidays.

Over 132 children took part in a busy Christmas 2019 programme of events. We are grateful to Love Streatham, Streatham Seniors, Norwood and Brixton Foodbank and Streatham Bid for marvellous events and gifts for children and families.

Addressing abject poverty has become an increasingly significant area of work. It has been necessary to provide essential living needs as food and clothing for the destitute and families experiencing food insecurity.

In 2019/20 - 160 adults and 166 children attending were experiencing food insecurity. On average 48 families per month required provision to avoid risk of hunger. This is achieved by working closely with a range of complementary charities and local faith communities, foodbanks in particular.

Streatham Drop-in Centre is grateful for grants from BBC Children in Need, The Walcot Foundation, Trust for London, Help for Refugees, Thrale Almhouse and Relief in Need Charity.

We are grateful to local faith communities, English Martyrs Church, St Peter's Church and Faith Together in Lambeth for their donations and support. We also thank Downing LLP and individual donors for their generosity.

Financial review

The charity started the financial year 2019/20 with reserves of £46,367 of which £22,156 were restricted. There was a surplus for the year on unrestricted funds of £1,670. At year end, there were unrestricted fund carried forward of £25,881 and restricted funds totalled £10,698. Our reserves policy is to hold three to six months running costs in free reserves as recommended by the Charity Commission. Our budgeted expenditure for 2020/21 is £84,000. We aim to hold between £21,000 and £42,000 in unrestricted funds.

The Trustees responsibilities

The trustees are required under the constitution of the charity to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its results for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- c) prepare the financial statement on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission 's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Independent Examiner

Angela Ktistakis of GMAK Services Limited was appointed to carry out an independent examination.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 25th January 2021 and signed on their behalf by

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Zoheb Hafeez (Treasurer)

Nick Maybanks (Chair)

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the Streatham Drop-in Centre

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended March 31 2020, which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A. Ktutakis

Angela Ktistakis ACÁ FCCA GMAK Services Ltd Flat 1, 26 Lansdowne Road London W11 3LL January **26**, 2021

Statement of Financial Activities

March 31, 2020

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	<u>Notes</u>	£	£	<u>£</u>	£
Incoming Resources					
Grants	3	5,000	64,848	69,848	81,046
Donations	4	7,424	-	7,424	3,786
Interest		-	-	-	
Other		-	-	-	
Total Incoming Resources		12,424	64,848	77,272	84,832
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities	5	9,779	76,306	86,085	73,534
Governance	6	975	-	975	875
Total Resources Expended		10,754	76,306	87,060	74,409
Movement in funds		1,670	(11,458)	(9,788)	10,243
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	
Total funds brought forward		24,211	22,156	46,367	35,944
Total funds carrled forward	-	25,881	10,698	36,579	46,367

Balance Sheet

At March 31, 2020

	<u>Notes</u>	2020 <u>£</u>	2019 <u>£</u>
Current Assets Debtors and prepayments	7	25,600	10,853
Cash at bank		15,675	39,231
Cash in hand		111	460
		41,386	50,544
Current Liabilities Creditors and accruals	8	(4,807)	(4,177)
Net Assets		36,579	46,367
Funds			
Unrestricted		25,881	24,211
Restricted	9	10,698	22,156
Total Funds		36,579	46,367

Approved by the Executive Committee/ Trustees on 25th January 2021

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Management Committee Member/ Trustee Management Committee Member/ Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting: These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Tangible fixed assets: Capitalisation threshold of £250 applies and any capitalised items are depreciated at the rate of 25% per annum on cost.

Fund accounting: Funds held by the charity are either:

- unrestricted general funds: these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Executive Committee;
- restricted funds: these are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity, restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes

Investment policy is to account for interest as and when received.

Incoming resources: voluntary income received in the form of grants and donations is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on specific performance, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Resources expended: Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity, and include the independent examiners fee and costs associated with the management of the charity

Taxation: The charity is provisionally exempt from tax on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

2. Principal Funders

The Walcott Foundation granted 3-year funding totalling £75,000. This grant started on August 1 2017. BBC Children in Need Appeal granted 3-year funding totalling £85,136. This grant started on

October 1 2018.

The Trust for London gave 2-year funding totalling £40,000 which started on 31 October 2017.

3. Incoming Resources: Grants

	2020 £	2019 £
BBC Children in Need Appeal The Walcott Foundation Trust for London The London Churches Refugees Fund Help for Refugees Thrale Charity RIN BWB Foundation The Church Urban Fund	26,848 25,000 10,000 - 5,000 3,000 -	20,622 25,000 20,000 750 5,000 5,000 4,674
Total	<u>69,848</u>	<u>81,046</u>

4. Incoming Resources: Donations

	2019 £	2019 £
English Martyrs Church St Peter's Church Streatham Food Festival Downing LLP Faith Together in Lambeth Personal Donations	889 700 500 300 <u>5,035</u>	494 320 955 500 1,000 <u>517</u>
Total	<u>7,424</u>	<u>3,786</u>

5. Charitable Activities

	2020 £	2019 £
Salaries (Employees: 5 (2018/19: 4)	60,449	50,117
Employer NI Pension	0.750	-
	2,758 64	1,103
Agency staff Events and activities	2,094	104 2,070
Volunteer expenses	2,094 417	2,070
Centre lunches and healthy snacks	911	1,003
User grants	511	500
User travel support	2,794	3,056
Family support programme	4,358	2,752
Rent	7,769	7,582
Stationary, printing and postage	1,468	1,600
Publications and subscriptions	-	65
Insurance	1,539	1,226
Phone	310	420
Payroll admin	564	564
Miscellaneous	(226)	770
Training	`776 [´]	-
DBS checks	40	203
Total	<u>86,085</u>	<u>69,620</u>

No employee earned over £60,000 during the year.

6. Governance

	2020 £	2019 £
Independent examination and accounts preparation Management Committee expenses	925 	875
Total	<u>975</u>	<u>875</u>

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7. Debtors and Prepayments

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments (Insurance)	600	853
The Walcot Foundation	25,000	
Trust for London	<u> </u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total	<u>25,600</u>	<u>10,853</u>

8. Creditors and Accrued Expenditure

	2020 £	2019 £
Accruals and sundry creditors	<u>6,132</u>	<u>4,177</u>
Total	<u>6,132</u>	<u>2,658</u>

9. Restricted Reserves

	Balance 01 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balancə 31 March 2020 £
BBC Children in Need 2018/21	2,334	26,848	(26,818)	2,364
Walcott Foundation	8,334	25,000	(25,000)	8,334
Trust for London	6,291	10,000	(16,291)	
London Churches Refugee Fund	100	-	(100)	
London Catalyst Samaritan Grant	250	-	(250)	
Thrale Charity RIN	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
BWB Foundation	2,500	-	(2,500)	-
The Church Urban Fund	<u>2,347</u>	-	(2,347)	
Total	<u>22,156</u>	<u>64,848</u>	<u>(76,306)</u>	<u> 10,698</u>

10. Related Parties

There are no related parties other than the trustees. No payments were made to the trustees during the year nor were they reimbursed any expenses. (2019: nil)