



**STREATHAM DROP-IN CENTRE FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS AND
REFUGEES**

Registered Charity no. 1156824

Financial Statements
Year ending March 31, 2021

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

Trustees

Abiodun Olushola	Chair appointed 28.12.2021
Zoheb Hafeez	Treasurer
Dumisani Nyathi	
Soria Rehamna	appointed 14.10.2021
Jemeela Quaraishi	appointed 27.10.2021
Nick Maybanks	resigned 28.12.2021
Juliette Sanders	resigned 28.12.2021
Laxmi Dandgey	resigned 14.10.2021
Bhavik Patel	resigned 14.07.2021

Premises

2 Mitcham Lane
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Charity Number

1156284

Independent Examiner

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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 2021.

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

In April 2020 our charity transformed from a bustling drop-in Centre to providing services remotely. We responded quickly to Covid-19 challenges. This was achieved by listening to users, learning new skills and developing new ways of working.

Streatham Drop-in Centre for Asylum Seekers and Refugees strives to respond to need and to provide holistic support. Services include 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.

Advice is provided on welfare and housing rights. People are introduced to a wide range of local services and where appropriate referred to specialist provision including legal and advocacy services.

Our health equality focus is enhanced through partnership agreement with the "Three Boroughs Health Inclusion Team, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust." Their nurse, the refugee specialist caseworker, and a wellbeing specialist provide services so essential for our user group. The creche is often a gateway to Children Centre and primary school. Our homework and family learning initiative provides educational support for primary school children while empowering parents to play a greater role in their families education.

In response to Covid-19 we adapted existing services and developed new initiatives. The people we work with experience disadvantage, poverty, and exclusion. Many live in poor standard, overcrowded, temporary accommodation.

Covid-19 represents a major threat to people, who do not share the mainstream welfare safety net and when access to community and support networks is restricted.

In April 2020 we spoke to users and listened to their concerns. It was important to reassure people that although the Centre would be closed service delivery would continue, albeit remotely.

Responding to expressed needs we:

- strengthened access to basic living needs for people facing food insecurity
- provided updated Covid-19 advice in community languages
- generated ideas for home-creche and play with families
- provided additional support to children impacted by school closure
- increased the level of contact and support for elders and vulnerable households
- provided greater support to children with additional needs

Two COVID-19 initiatives developed:

We launched a Lambeth Crowdfunder to provide toys, books, and games for 150 children who experience exceptional poverty and lacked play opportunities during the "lockdown" period.

Our funding target of £5,250 was exceeded thanks to the generosity and support of local charities and community groups, trade unions, faith communities, and friends.

Most presents were delivered for Christmas 2020. This initiative also provided the opportunity to liaise and support the 66 participating families.

Provision of laptops, tablets, and mobiles to digitally excluded:

Covid-19 highlighted the impact of digital divide on the most disadvantaged. Families, no longer able to attend activities at the charity, asked for help with getting IT needed to support their children.

In collaboration with the then newly formed Lambeth TechAid, (now Community TechAid) we were able to roll out provision of laptops, tablets, and mobile phones. Participants in the homework and family learning group were among the first to receive revamped laptops. This allowed us to successfully adapt the model of service delivery to working remotely. Soon well organised, weekly online sessions were provided using digital platforms (Zoom).

Likewise meeting with parents were conducted online.

This has been achieved by successful upskilling of staff team, children, and parents.

Streatham Drop-in Centre is grateful for grants from BBC Children in Need, Trust for London, London Churches Refugee Fund, The London Community Foundation, Thrale Almhouse and Relief in Need Charity and Barrow Cadbury Trust.

We are immensely grateful for donations from the Lambeth Foodbank Fund and individual donors.

Financial review

The charity began the financial year 2020/21 with reserves of £36,579 of which £10,698 were restricted. There was a surplus for the year on unrestricted funds of £15,646. At 31 March 2021 there were unrestricted funds carried forward of £41,527 and restricted funds totalled £14,042. 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 2021/22 is £84,000. We aim to hold between £21,000 and £42,000 in unrestricted funds.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO 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;
- c) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in existence.

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'.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 29 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by

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Zoheb Hafeez (Treasurer)

[Signature]

Abiodun Olushola (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 2021, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

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.

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January 31, 2022

Statement of Financial Activities

March 31, 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Grants	3		71,445	71,445	69,848
Donations	4	16,646	-	16,646	7,424
Interest		-	-	-	-
Other		-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		16,646	71,445	88,091	77,272
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities	5	-	68,101	68,101	86,085
Governance	6	1,000	-	1,000	975
Total Resources Expended		1,000	68,101	69,101	87,060
Movement in funds		15,646	3,344	18,990	(9,788)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Total funds brought forward		25,881	10,698	36,579	46,367
Total funds carried forward		41,527	14,042	55,569	36,579

Balance Sheet

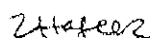
At March 31, 2021

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>£</u>
Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments	7	15,491	25,600
Cash at bank		41,331	15,675
Cash in hand		111	111
		<u>56,933</u>	<u>41,386</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accruals	8	<u>(1,364)</u>	<u>(4,807)</u>
Net Assets		<u>55,569</u>	<u>36,579</u>
Funds			
Unrestricted		41,527	25,881
Restricted	9	<u>14,042</u>	<u>10,698</u>
Total Funds		<u>55,569</u>	<u>36,579</u>

Approved by the Executive Committee/ Trustees on **29** January 2022



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.

Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the CIO has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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

Trust for London one year grant of £29,861 started on April 1, 2021.

The Walcot Foundation granted three 3-year funding totalling £75,000. This grant started on August 1, 2021.

3. Incoming Resources: Grants

	2021 £	2020 £
BBC Children in Need Appeal	28,503	26,848
The Walcott Foundation	-	25,000
Trust for London	10,000	10,000
The London Churches Refugees Fund	850	-
Help for Refugees	-	5,000
Thrale Charity RIN	2,000	3,000
The Barrow Cadbury Trust	21,100	-
The London Community Foundation	<u>8,992</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>71,445</u>	<u>69,848</u>

4. Incoming Resources: Donations

	2021 £	2020 £
Lambeth Crowdfunder	7,015	-
English Martyrs Church	-	889
St Peter's Church	-	700
Lambeth Foodbank Fund	-	-
Downing LLP	7,600	-
Faith Together in Lambeth	-	500
Personal Donations	-	300
	<u>2,031</u>	<u>5,035</u>
Total	<u>16,646</u>	<u>7,424</u>

5. Charitable Activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries (Employees: 5 (2019/20: 5)	53,779	60,449
Employer NI	-	-
Pension	3,160	2,758
Agency staff	-	64
Events and activities	4,500	2,094
Volunteer expenses	-	417
Centre lunches and healthy snacks	-	911
User grants	(42)	2,794
Equipment	1,681	-
Family support programme	2,987	4,358
Rent	-	7,769
Stationary, printing and postage	-	1,468
Publications and subscriptions	525	-
Insurance	1,051	1,539
Phone	350	310
Payroll admin	564	564
Miscellaneous	-	(226)
Training	140	776
DBS checks	-	40
Total	<u>68,695</u>	<u>86,085</u>

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

6. Governance

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination and accounts preparation	1,000	925
Management Committee expenses	-	50
Total	<u>1,000</u>	<u>975</u>

7. Debtors and Prepayments

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments (Insurance)	1,177	600
The Walcot Foundation	-	25,000
BBC Children in Need	<u>14,314</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>15,491</u>	<u>25,600</u>

8. Creditors and Accrued Expenditure

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and sundry creditors	<u>1,364</u>	<u>6132</u>
Total	<u>1,364</u>	<u>6,132</u>

9. Restricted Reserves

	Balance 01 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance 31 March 2021 £
BBC Children in Need 2018/21	2,364	28,503	(28,503)	2,364
Walcott Foundation	8,334	-	(8,334)	-
Trust for London	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
The London Churches Refugee Fund	-	850	(30)	820
The Barrow Cadbury Trust	-	21,100	(10,242)	10,858
Thrale Charity RIN	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
London Community Foundation		8,992	(8,992)	-
Total	<u>10,698</u>	<u>71,445</u>	<u>(68,101)</u>	<u>14,042</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. (2020: nil)