

Baraka Community Association

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2017

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017.

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Hassan Nur	Secretary
Mohamed Hassan	Member
Hassan Mohamud	Member
Hawa Adan	Member

This report was approved by the Board on 19th October 2017 and signed on its behalf by

Ali Mohamed
Chairperson

**Baraka Community Association
Independent Examiner's report to the Management Committee of Baraka
Community Association**

We report on the accounts of Baraka Community Association
For the year ended 31 March 2017 which is set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity's Management Committee you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43 of the Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 Management Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of our examination, no matters have come to our attention:

- 1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect the management committee has not met the requirement of the requirements to ensure that:
 - a) Proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - b) Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- 2) To which in my opinion; attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Hamilton Young & Co
Accountant and Business Advisers
Talbot House
204 – 226 Imperial Drive
Harrow, Middlesex
HA2 7HH
Date: 19th October 2017

Baraka Community Association
Statement Of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2017.

		2017		2016
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Total
Notes		£	£	£
Grants and Donations	5	131,997	8,897	140,894
Resources expended				
Teaching Material		3,020		3,020
Rent & Hall Hire		16,496		16,496
Teacher's Fees		5,740		5,740
Youth Worker		5,990		5,990
Training Cost		6,610		6,610
Trips Activities Cost		25,201		25,201
Refreshment and Catering		12,076		12,076
Volunteer's Expenses		4,253		4,253
MBS Community		9,287		9,287
Sudanese Information Centre		16,630		16,630
Help Hands Community Parenting				3,150
Child Care Costs		5,155		5,155
African Development Association		5,404		5,404
Algerian Community Parenting		6,320		6,320
Dalgrano Trust		1,260		1,260
Moroco Community Parenting				8,176
Abbey Community Parenting		2,486		2,486
ASSA Supplementary Parenting				1,400
Travel Expenses		2,131		2,131
Telephone & Internet		1,153		1,153
Stationery, Postage & Stamps		526		526
Equipment Hire				600
Insurance		189		189
Membership Fees		125		125
Bank Charges				
Legal & Professional Fees		750		750
Depreciation Charges		2,170		2,170
		(132,972)		(132,972)
				(85,764)
Surplus/ (deficit)		(975)	8,897	7,921
Balance brought Forward		22,867	3,474	26,341
Balance Carried Forward		23,842	12,371	34,263
				26,341

**Baraka Community
Association
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2017**

		2017 £	2016 £
Fixed Assets			
Equipment	2	4,466	5,516
Current assets			
Debtors	3		
Cash at bank and in hand		74,158	25,165
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
			29,916
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	4	<u>(43,362)</u>	<u>(4,340)</u>
		<u>29,796</u>	<u>20,825</u>
Net Assets		<u>34,262</u>	
Capital and Reserves			
Surplus/(deficit) B/Fwd		26,341	18,958
Surplus/(Deficit) for this year		7,921	7,383
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Surplus' funds		<u>34,262</u>	<u>26,341</u>

The financial Statements were approved by the board on 19th October 2017 and signed on its Behalf by

Ali Mohamed Ulusow
Chair Person



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Mohamed
Treasurer



Baraka Community Association
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2017

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies which are adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts for the year ended 31st march 2017 have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 42(3) of the charities Act 1993 and applicable accounting standards.

(b) Fund

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those funds which arise from grants and donations which have been given for a particular purpose.

(c) Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their estimated residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

Plant and Machinery 20% Straight Line

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Equipments etc £
Cost	
At 1 April 2016	9,730
Additions	1,120
At 31 March 2017	<u>10,850</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2016	4,214
Charge for the period	2,170
At 31 March 2017	<u>4,466</u>

Net book value

At 1 April 2016

5,516

At 31 March 2017

4,466**3 Debtors****2017**
£**2016**
£**4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year****2017**
£**2016**
£**Grants in advance**Hammersmith & Fulham
Westminster council
accruals
Total

19,609

12,98011,773**44,362**4,340**4,340****Baraka Community Association****Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2017**

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5 Grants and Donations

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
L B of Hammersmith & Fulham	34,340		34,340	44,338
RB Kensington & Chelsea				
(Westway Trust)	23,426		23,426	13,033
Award for All				9,980
BBC Children Needs	10,000		10,000	2,000
Westminster Council	59,231		59,231	4,809
John Lyons Charity	5,000		5,000	7,500
Football Journey				1,235
K & C Foundation		1,000	1,000	3,408
London Youth				3,410
Ernest Cook Trust				2,500
Other Donations		7,897	7,897	934
	<u>131,997</u>	<u>8,897</u>	<u>140,894</u>	<u>93,147</u>

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2017

Registered Charity Number: 1087721

BARAKA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Chairman's Introduction to the Annual Report & Accounts 2017

It gives me pleasure to introduce an Annual Report & Accounts in which the Association has managed to run services with very limited resources, despite a deteriorating funding

environment, increased levels of expenditure and increased usage of our services by local Children , young people and their families.

I would like to thank all funders/supporters for their financial support and volunteers who give their valuable time over the last year to support children and young people to improve their educational attainment, accessing sport activities and also helping local parents to get better understanding of the British education system in general and how parent can play an important role to support their children's education.

Ali Mohamed

Chairman of Trustees, Baraka Community Association

BARAKA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Co-ordinator's Introduction to the Annual Report & Accounts 2017.

I am pleased that, despite the current financial situation, we have been able to maintain the overwhelming majority of our core services to the community as follows:-

- Supplementary Education & Mainstream Education Support Project: 397 users during the year;
- The Youth Project: Sports, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Environmental/ Gardening & Residential Trips: 734 users during the year;
- Advice, Guidance & Drop-In Project: 439 users during the year;

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Abdullahi Ali
Co-ordinator, Baraka Community Association

The Trustees' Report:

The trustees submit their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2013. The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, applicable law and the requirements of the statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS

Trustees who have served from July 2016 to the date of approval of accounts (and as members of the Management Committee) are:

Ali Mohamed Ulusow (Chair)	Reappointed	July 2017
Liban Tahlil (Vice Chair)	Reappointed	July 2017
Adam Mohamed (Treasurer)	Reappointed	July 2017
Dr. Hassan Nur (Secretary)	Reappointed	July 2017
Mohamed Hassan	Reappointed	July 2017
Hassan Mohamud	Reappointed	July 2017
Hawa Aden	Reappointed	July 2017

Staff:

Abdullahi Ali	Co-ordinator
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Farah Nur	Teacher
Yusuf Ibrahim	Volunteer Youth Worker
M Magaize	Teacher

Volunteers:

Ruth Fleming	Volunteer
Annanda Bhopal	Volunteer
Basher Muuse	Volunteer
Ahmed Ali	Peer Mentor

Fatima Mohamed	Peer Mentor
Mohamed Abukar	Peer Mentor
Ilyas Mohamed	Peer Mentor

Bankers

Barclays Bank 137 Ladbroke Grove,
Notting Hill
London, W11 1

2. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustees are recruited through a process of selection and election as outlined in our constitution.

The process involves nomination of potential trustees from the membership base. Nominees are then elected at the Annual General Meeting; up to ten trustees can be elected to the Board in a year. From time to time the Board of Trustees (The Board) invites new people to join as co-optees. Up to five individuals a year can be co-opted onto the Board.

All new trustees receive an induction pack which provides information about the roles and responsibilities of Trustees. They are also invited to meet with the Director and senior staff to understand more about the operation of the Association. Trustees are invited to participate in a range of training events organised by various umbrella bodies.

The Board is responsible for overall governance. It is also responsible for keeping financial records which disclose the financial position of the charity.

The Board considers recommendations from one sub-committee, the Finance Sub Committee, which are then adopted or rejected.

The Finance Sub Committee oversees income and expenditure across all project areas. It looks at issues around financial controls and fundraising. The Treasurer, one other Trustee and the Co-ordinator sit on this Committee and receive reports from the Director and the Finance Officer.

The day-to-day running of the Organisation and financial management is delegated to the Co-ordinator. The Co-ordinator provides reports to the finance sub-committee and the Board of Trustees.

2.1 Statement on Risk

The Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks and confirm that systems have been established so that the necessary steps can be taken to control these risks.

3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objective of the Baraka Community Association (BCA), as defined in its governing document, is to promote the benefit of the Ethnic Minorities in Kensington and Chelsea and Neighbouring Borough's. The Association works with the local authority, statutory providers and other voluntary sector organisations in the area to relieve poverty, advance education, and provide facilities for recreation and leisure in the interests of social welfare, with the aim of improving the conditions for residents of North Kensington and the relief of poverty of the inhabitants.

The BYA also provides sport activities and other facilities to help and educate children and young people under the age of 25 who are resident or attend schools in North Kensington to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and as members of society.

To achieve its objectives the organisation does the following:-

- supports initiatives through self help and mutual aid through ongoing support and the provision of a wide range of services and information for individuals, groups and communities
- Provides mentoring programme, educational classes aimed at improving the educational attainment of children and young people.
- Provides wider opportunities for children and young people i.e Duke of Edinburgh Award, Peer mentoring, sports leaders Award, football coaching, residential away days and gardening.
- organises a newsletter and opportunities for consultation with our members and local residents
- provides an open access to sport to enable young people to participate in a full programme of activities

To achieve all it sets out to do, the BCA will continue to work in partnership with statutory, voluntary and community organisations to develop innovative services which allow people to come together in education, leisure and recreation programmes.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular the Trustees consider how planned activities contribute to the fulfilment of the charity's objectives.

3.1 Mission Statement

The mission of the organisation is to provide an improved quality of life in which local people, irrespective of age, sex, ability, political, religious or other opinion, are encouraged to come together to access a wide range of opportunities and support, to resolve needs, and to develop aspirations.

4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

4.1 Introduction

During the first part of the year ending 31st March 2017, Baraka Community Association was able to continue to expand, and we are delighted to report that, despite the challenging financial situation, we were able to achieve both a significant expansion in the scope of our charitable activities. Thanks to continuing support from the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and other charitable foundations, we were able to greatly increase the number and variety of activities for local Residents.

The main areas of charitable activity continue to be around the provision of Educational and wider learning opportunities, community events, and providing opportunities for children to play and experience new activities such as Residential trips, volunteering and mentoring.

We have continued to play a leading role in catering for social, recreational and learning needs for the local community. Our overall work has two main components, namely provision for children and families and opportunities for adult learning. We aim to provide activities which meet local need and we believe that the interaction of local people in taking part in the BCA activities helps to provide for a stronger local community.

The achievements of the BCA can be grouped under four main headings:

- Increasing Educational Attainment
- Advice and Information
- Training/Seminars on Health, general wellbeing and Crime
- Sport activities, Video production and Environmental
- Family learning and parenting courses

4.2 Increasing Educational Attainment

Baraka Supplementary, Study Support and mentoring projects improved the educational attainment of children and young people from Ethnic Minorities background through after schools support and mentoring scheme. Children & young people, Parents /carers said that the services provided by BCA made real difference to their life's through their comments and feedback.

The national Curriculum support including English, Maths and Science has been kindly funded by BBC children in need and Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea through Partnership of Supplementary School led by West Way Development Trust.

4.3 Advice and Information

The Association maintained drop in advice sessions twice a week, most of the cases received were welfare benefits, employment/training related, education and crime.

Due to lack of paid advice workers, we continue to work in partnership with local advice agencies including North Kensington Law Centre and Citizen's Advice. Our volunteers also accessed high quality training on different legal issues provided by Advice Now.

4.4 Community Resource

- Award evening in the presence of the Mayor of RBKC
- Health and wellbeing event in partnership with local groups
- Crime/community engagement seminar with local police
- Children's Science project & Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award
- Environmental project / food growing
- Partnership work with mainstream Youth Service

4.5 Child-Centred Activities

The educational support, sport, residential and healthy eating remains the mainstay of the BCA's child-centred provision. This year the study support project and mentoring successfully achieved its contract target for the provision of 43 weeks of an After School provision with an average of 87 children and young people using the service four times a week. During the school holidays we also ran 6 weeks of holiday provision including residential weekend to an outdoor activity centre and number of onsite and day trips with an average of 64 children per day using the service.

5. Unpaid Voluntary Help Received During the Year

In 2016/2017, Baraka Community Association maintained the involvement of volunteers and will continue to recruit local people to help in all aspects of the Association's work. In addition the Management Committee and its honorary officers act in an unpaid voluntary capacity. We have been lucky to link up with Star Imperial College volunteers, which provide 6- 12 volunteers to support children and young people with their national Curriculum subjects including English, Maths and Science; they also act as mentors to young people providing practical advice on further education and higher education.

6. FUTURE PLANS

The Baraka Youth Association wants to extend its work with adults, with particular emphasis on healthy living and eating, learning new skills, and exploring the arts and drama. We also want to help young people aged 16 to 25 years old (the age beyond which they are no longer eligible to use the educational support available to school age children and young people) and need to move on into youth provision in the area. To facilitate both these objectives, we continue to fundraise in the short- to medium-term to employ an Adult & Youth Services worker. In the study support and mentoring, we want to expand our work with children and young people who have special needs to enable them to integrate to other children and young people outside mainstream education. We are also aiming to run short courses and seminars on health, fitness, employment, training, parenting, English classes and British knowledge for those applying to become British citizens. Young people requested the planning / implementation of British Swedish youth exchange, which young will lead with the support of staff, volunteers and trustees.

Giving adults and children more opportunities to express themselves creatively. Baraka Community Association is exploring more partnership approaches with other local and/or like-minded organisations for the benefit of its beneficiaries and wider society in general.

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