

**St Michael's Centre, Fulham
(Charity No. 1077598)**



ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

April 2016-March 2017

Objective

The St Michael's Centre is committed to providing opportunities for local young people, children and families to reach their potential and develop new skills in a safe and inclusive environment.

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Date: 9 April 2017

Current trustees (as of March 2017)

Name	Role	Tenure
Nigel Eady	Chair	
William Rogers		
Peter Smith		
Andy Shaw		

Structure and governance

The charity is constituted as a trust, governed by a trust deed. New trustees are nominated and appointed by the current trustees.

Activities and achievements

This year has seen ongoing consolidation, steady growth of our activities and increased partnership with local agencies. The core activities of the Centre continue to be delivered by an enthusiastic and hard-working team of staff and volunteers, led by the Centre Manager, Jessica Davies, and the youth workers, Will Howard and Douglas Joseph. The St Michael's Centre also continues to be hired out for a range of purposes, providing vital income.

The main activities continue to be:

1. A twice-weekly youth club for local young people aged 11-18. Activities at the open-access youth club include: football, table tennis, pool, arts & crafts, archery, music workshops & cookery classes. During the year, we have added occasional sessions with external trainers teaching a range of activities, which have included stunt choreography and design.
2. An after school club, called Michael's Mondays – for local children aged up to 11 years old and their parents. Activities include: cooking, sports, games, arts & crafts, and story-telling.

The trustees express their sincere thanks to the staff and all those who have volunteered at the Centre over the last year (in particular, those from local churches, St Matthew's Fulham and ChristChurch Fulham), as well as the various organisations and individuals who have provided financial support.

Partnership with other organisations continues to be a priority and we have worked with volunteers from HeadStart (a Challenge Network initiative) as well as from local businesses as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) engagement in the community. Particular thanks goes to Habitat for Humanity for organising CSR work parties to redecorate the building.

We work closely with Sands End Adventure Playground (SEAPIA), Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank and local sheltered housing residents. Sainsbury's, Tesco, Starbucks and other local retailers have generously supported St Michael's in the past year. This year, the Church Urban Fund has provided funding for St Michael's to pilot an after-school homework club with Langford Primary School. This is proving popular, especially for children whose parents do not have English as a first language. The average attendance is 18 pupils per session.

Michael's Mondays, our after-school club has 21 families registered, with an average of 6 families and 15-20 children per session. Parents attend and help out, and activities include football, arts and crafts, story telling and cooking followed by a healthy snack.

This year, we have worked closely with SEAPIA to host joint activities for children and families. In July 2016, we organised the Sands End Festival, a street party attended by 700 people from the local community. The Festival was generously supported by local churches and businesses, providing a free, fun day out for local families which included, amongst other opportunities: a range of barbecued food, football, circus acts, arts & crafts and afternoon tea (especially for residents of local sheltered housing). The event was even better supported than expected, receiving enthusiastic praise from local people. The Festival provides an excellent template for future community events.

The youth club at St Michael's continues to be well attended. There are 127 young people registered with us and attendance at a session is 13 on average. This year we had higher attendance in the summer months. Our junior youth club on Friday evening, is attended by up to 15 young people aged 8-11 years old. We have seen an encouraging increase in the numbers of girls regularly attending due to new activities on offer.

Love Sands End, the weekly Wednesday evening event run in the Centre by ChristChurch Fulham, continued through 2016, but stopped in early 2017 due to changes in the availability of volunteers.

The team and volunteers at St Michaels are committed to the wellbeing of young people in the area and one-to-one mentoring is still key to all we do at St Michael's and is reflected in school attendance, attitudes and achievements. We have witnessed a significant number of young people who regularly attend the youth club grow in self-esteem and interact with adult volunteers more confidently. A small number of young people have become junior volunteers, with specific responsibilities and we have successfully supported one junior volunteer into paid employment. The ethnic background of those attending the youth club over the last year is approximately 20% white and 80% Black African, Black African-Caribbean or mixed race.

When planning our activities for the year, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Treasurer's report (1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017)

This last year has seen a growth in income. Our hire income has increased by 25% and we continue to bring in a steady stream of grant income, for which much thanks to our fundraiser, Perry-May Britton. There was a small deficit on income and expenditure for the year. The trustees are very grateful to the staff team for maintaining good control on expenditure.

The trustees recognise that, in the long term, it is not sustainable for the activities of the Centre to rely primarily on grant funding. Therefore, in the last year, we have started to explore ideas for producing long term sustainable income. Working with Habitat for Humanity Homes, we applied to the Greater London Authority's Community Right to Build scheme. We secured £54k of seed funding to enable us to develop a planning application, which would potentially result in the complete redevelopment of the Centre. Through more efficient use of the available space, we hope, not only to produce a brand new St Michael's Centre, but also to create a small number of flats which would yield ongoing income to cover a significant proportion of the Centre's annual running costs. We have already drawn down about £40k of the grant, which has been used to cover the wide range of professional fees needed to produce a full planning application. These fees have covered the costs of, for example: architects, project management, community engagement and quantity surveying.

Also in this year, St Michael's has been granted funds from the Joseph Rank Trust, AS Charitable Trust, Dr Edwards and Bishop King's Charitable Trust, the Big Lottery Fund Grant, WH Smith Carrier Bag Fund, Marsh Christian Trust, Mercer's Charitable Trust, Woodward Trust, London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, Church Urban Fund and the Daisy Trust. We are very grateful to all these funders for their support, as well as to all the individual donors who have supported our projects.

Funds are already secured through 2017-2018. Our restricted funds are allocated to the planning application, youth club, the Sands End Festival and some staff salaries.

The St Michael's Centre aims to hold reserves of the equivalent of one month's operating costs at any given time.

Nigel Eady, Treasurer
April 2017

ST MICHAEL'S CENTRE

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 2017

	Year to 31st March 2017			2016
	General Fund	Restricted Fund	TOTAL	
INCOME				
Charitable Donations & Fundraising	9,579	76,002	85,581	57,110
Hire Income	14,085	-	14,085	11,183
Interest	1	-	1	17
TOTAL INCOME	23,666	76,002	99,668	68,310
EXPENDITURE				
Staff	-	13,489	13,489	12,352
Social security costs	-	2,430	2,430	3,479
Freelancers	8,290	15,580	23,870	25,876
Professional fees	-	36,096	36,096	-
Equipment	361	2,873	3,234	3,036
Food and drink	-	808	808	614
Cleaning and refuse collection	3,870	-	3,870	1,650
Heat and light	7,094	-	7,094	4,979
Business and water rates	4,174	-	4,174	4,120
Depreciation	600	879	1,479	1,772
Insurance	2,652	-	2,652	2,553
Security	2,344	-	2,344	1,032
Telephone	1,470	-	1,470	1,201
Other expenses	471	-	471	376
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	31,326	72,155	103,480	63,039
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-£7,660	£3,847	-£3,813	£5,272

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2017

	2017	2016
FIXED ASSETS		
Building costs	3,000	3,600
Equipment costs	426	1,305
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	3,426	4,905
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank	23,910	26,244
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	23,910	26,244
NET ASSETS	£27,336	£31,149
Represented by:		
Funds at 1st April 2016	28,516	2,633
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-7,660	3,847
Funds at 31st March 2017	20,856	6,480
TOTAL FUNDS	£20,856	£6,480
	£27,336	£31,149

No remuneration was received by either trustees or related parties.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

No matter has come to my attention, in connection with the examination, which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- i. accounting records have not been kept as required by law
- ii. the accounts do not agree with those accounting records
- iii. the accounts do not meet accounting requirements of the 2008 Regulations
(or in the case of a charitable company with company law and prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the SORP)

Signed: Sian Gates ACA
Date: 30 January 2018