

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1	Sept	2016	To	31	Aug	2017

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	East London Community Band
Other names charity is known by	ELCB
Registered charity number (if any)	1142255
Charity's principal address	8 Maria Terrace
	London
Postcode	E1 4NE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Robert Whittle	Secretary		
2	Richard Peat	Treasurer		
3	Chris Shurety	Chairman		
4	Jonathan Ticher			
5	Suzanne Gorman			
6	Samantha Holcombe			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Association
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Elected by members/appointed by trustees

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education of children and adults in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and surrounding boroughs by the provision of tuition and courses in music and performances.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During the reporting year, the Band continued to fulfil its objectives by providing:

- tuition to children and adults in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and other London boroughs;
- rehearsal and performance opportunities for its members; and
- performances for the benefit of the local community.

The Band rents space in a former school on Friday evenings during school term times. It engages, and pays for the services of, tutors and a director of music, who together provide individual and group lessons and direct group rehearsals and performances.

The Band and the groups and individuals within it perform their rehearsed pieces at end of term concerts and the Band performs at local events, including local charity events.

Membership of the Band and access to lessons is open to anyone.

The trustees have had regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the reporting year, the Band achieved the following:

Becoming more ambitious

- Taking part in the **National Concert Band Festival**, achieving Silver Awards and receiving compliments and supportive comments from the adjudicators.

Working in partnership

- Establishing partnerships with local charities nominated by Band members to raise money for those charities at a designated annual fund-raising concert; the first to benefit being the City and East London Bereavement Service.
- Through the partnership we have developed with the THAMES music project, the Band took part in a concert at the Barbican Centre celebrating THAMES's 10th anniversary, performing with the THAMES orchestra on the main stage to a capacity audience.

Taking on contemporary music

- Being a successful applicant to **Making Music's "Adopt a Composer"** scheme. This involved working with a young composer to create a specially composed piece entitled "Barricades". Extracts from our performance of this work, and interviews with our Director of Music and Band members, featured on BBC Radio 3's "Making Music" programme in 2017
- Taking part in a joint concert with Grand Union Orchestra and CoMA Contemporary Music for All to commemorate the **80th Anniversary of the Battle of Cable Street**, performing our piece "Barricades", together with a piece composed for us by our Jazz Band director.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Band's general policy is to seek to retain sufficient reserves to cover one term's expenses and foreseeable future shortfalls in membership subscriptions.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	R C PEAT	
Full name(s)	Richard Colin Peat	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	30 June 2018	