

Toyhouse Impact Report 2023



Listening to the
Community
For over 44 years

Enabling service delivery

Message from the Chair

In 2023 Toyhouse has been focusing on delivering the refreshed TOYHOUSE STRATEGY 2022-2025 which we launched at last year's AGM.

Our strategic goals were established in consultation with service users, staff, volunteers, management committee & 'Listening to the Local Community' as we have developed these services in line with our strategic goals. We are all aware that we are living through a cost-of-living crisis with more families being forced to use Food Banks and finding it increasingly difficult to manage on fixed incomes. In these circumstances it is vital that we are listening to our service users and responding to their needs. So, we continue to develop and deliver our services like the 'Meals and Deals Cook Course' that focus on cooking healthy food and sharing ideas to make the budget go further.



Families tell us not only how helpful courses like this are at this difficult time, but also having a friendly supportive place to go and meet other parents. Responding to the needs of local families is an important feature of Toyhouse services, therefore 'Listening to

the Local Community' is the theme of this year's AGM and will continue to be a key focus for TOYHOUSE in 2024.

This year's Impact Report highlights how the hard working and dedicated team at TOYHOUSE continues to deliver a range of services that 'Make a Difference' for local families. All of which is made possible by the Trusts and Funders who support Toyhouse.

Sue Cox Chair

Management Committee

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Natasha Forbes

The Toyhouse Centre



Message from the Patron

The Toyhouse Centre was opened in January 2007. Prior to that, from its inception in 1979, it had operated from three different locations, none of which allowed for services to be offered directly to families. In addition the buildings were shared with other organisations, which resulted in limitations on **what** could be offered & **when** services could be delivered.

When planning and fundraising for the building it was always referred to as The Toyhouse Centre. When nearing completion and reflecting about the name our architect said 'Why change it - Toyhouse is at the centre of the community' He was right. That is what the Toyhouse team, supported by the Management Committee, strives to do on a daily basis.

The chance to be able to hold play sessions for children and their parents, training sessions for both staff and volunteers and, not least, answer the door to an interested or anxious parent enquiring about sessions or toys, was made possible by working in the centre of the community. Right from the early days Toy libraries were based on the concept of community ownership. Toyhouse has ensured that it is at the centre of the community and for the benefit of those who live there.

Cath Armstrong Patron



Some interesting Stats about Toyhouse & our services:

- 3850 total users across 28 Member Groups
- 396 users declare they have SEND: 43% are boys
- 2279 child users, 58% boys & 42% girls

Community Toy Libraries

Toy Libraries

Toyhouse was founded 44 years ago when the first community Toy Library was established in Shadwell, as a response to the wishes of local residents, who wanted safe & stimulating indoor space to meet with others. They said they wanted their children to have access to good quality toys & play resources - and then the families hit on the idea that, if their children could borrow the toys they could take them home & extend the play across the week, engaging other family and friends in the fun!



The idea of toys being owned by the Toy Library community, rather than by individuals, is a great way to "Reduce; Re-use & Recycle"! Ask any child in the Toy Library & they will tell you they want to choose a toy to take home!

As the economic challenges intensify, this is now a great way to avoid unnecessary expenditure *and* to have fun and playful learning.

Following the successful reopening of 6 Toy Libraries in the North West locality of the Borough via an **Innovation grant from Save the Children Fund** during the post pandemic school year 2021 - 2022, it has been a challenge to maintain their level of operation through the last year as Toyhouse received no funding to support them and the 6 other Toy Libraries across Tower Hamlets. Added to this, our youngest children, together with the parents & carers, have been more hesitant than used to be the norm, to come out and join in communal activities. For many, there has been a noticeable reduction in social skills & quite a few have delay in language acquisition. Harnessing this information, Toyhouse applied to the **Mayor's Community Grants Programme** to support early learning & we understand funding has been agreed **Supporting Toy Libraries: Pip & Julie**

Partnership Working

Following conversations with local families, Toyhouse has been lucky enough to work in partnership with 2 other organisations, offering more varied opportunities for families at the Toyhouse Centre.

HALF MOON THEATRE: Creative workshops for families with pre-school children were a great success. They were able to explore, themed movement, story &

songs. All were given the chance to attend a theatre performance.

ARTBURST: Families were able to try out lots of different art based activities, with even the youngest children able to take part. Again, each session was themed and used songs, movement and art to build a story. Everyone involved found this to be a very positive experience and we hope to be able to repeat it again very soon. **Julie**



Benefits for Early Learning

Stories, Songs & Rhymes

Held at the Toyhouse Centre, families with children, from babies to pre-schoolers, came along to join a fun hour of interactive storytelling, parachute games, songs, music, rhymes and more. Recent research has revealed the detrimental effects that the pandemic and restriction measures have had on young children's speech, language and communication.

The session has been designed to meet needs raised by local parents. Encouraging skills, and provide simple ideas for parents to use at home. Parents have told us they have enjoyed learning new songs to sing at home, and discovered new books and stories from the session. Families of older pre-schoolers said that it was good practice for getting ready for school, and a great opportunity to practise listening, joining in and socialising.

Facilitator: Tugela



Stories, Songs & Rhymes was piloted in the summer term via Toyhouse reserves. We were delighted when **Wakefield & Tetley Trust** then awarded us a "Fast Track Grant" to run this weekly session for the upcoming year.



Invited 2 Stay and Play

This weekly session, for invited and referred families, provided an opportunity to play and make social connections in a smaller group, bringing parents from across communities together.

Sessions enabled manageable, small-group socialising between parents and children when many remained nervous of larger social gatherings post-Covid. It provided valuable opportunities for babies and young children to interact, developing speech, language and play skills supported by parent and a variety of play resources. Parents received consistent, emotional and psychological support from the facilitators. Crucially, parents were able to support each other, sharing advice and experiences. This session has been particularly valuable for families who have faced additional challenges during the first years of parenthood, who have benefitted from the consistent and sensitive support of Toyhouse workers and trained Peer Support Volunteers.

Tugela & Mumtaz PSV

Listening to the youngest Children

Baby Sensory & Rhyme Time

This remains a popular group for parents and carers in the early stages of parenthood, with many returning weekly for many months. Facilitators provide a variety of toys and sensory experiences for parents and babies to enjoy together, which change each week to respond to and encourage babies' interests. Families tell us that they especially enjoy our songs and rhymes, which are often full of laughter and baby giggles! Our cosy community room provides a welcoming space - for both parents and babies - to begin to socialise and make connections during the vital First 1001 Days. Families say they value the chance to meet other new parents and share



their experiences in our friendly, relaxed environment. Many have now formed firm friendships, and one parent set up a 'Toyhouse Babies' WhatsApp group for families to connect outside of the session. We are delighted to hear that, for many families, this is their favourite baby group in the borough!
Tugela & Mumtaz PSV

More than 50 families enjoyed learning how to massage their babies

"Thank you for all you've done, R absolutely loves it here and is always singing your praises" - Dad at baby group about his partner

Baby Massage

Touch is the first sense to develop and the last to leave us.

Encouraging parents to use "nurturing touch" on their baby strengthens the bond between them; Baby Massage courses show parents the strokes for a full massage, discussion time builds peer support networks and friendships, with many finding this the first time they are able to meet other local parents and build social networks.

Toyhouse has 3 members of staff who hold the International Association of Infant Massage qualification. Funding permitting we aim to run Baby Massage classes 6 times per year.

Julie, Pip & Afia
(Baby Massage Instructors)



"I had a lovely time doing the Baby Massage sessions, having time to bond with my baby, meet lots of new friends and share ideas. I'm so glad I discovered Toyhouse and it's friendly atmosphere"
Mum on Baby Massage course

Sure STEPs Peer Support

SURE STEPS & THE PEER SUPPORT VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

Whilst the majority of Toyhouse services are universally available for local families to access, we have long been aware there are some people who need a more individual response before they are able to engage.

Not everyone finds parenting easy & we have heard many families **only** talk of their struggles **after** their difficulties have

eased. In was to address these obstacles **early** that the SureSTEPS programme was initially developed, in response to articulated need.



The SureSTEPS programme provides Peer Support via trained volunteers (PSVs) to referred vulnerable families during the First 1001 Days of life, but recently there has only been small amounts of funding to support this service. An LBTH Small Grant under the "Loneliness" Theme plus a small grant from Wakefield & Tetley Trust has enabled us to offer a weekly session for invited families, often assisted to come along by the support & encouragement of their previously trained PSV. This has provided a safe environment for a small group of families to come together, build friendships, & feel supported. The team of active PSVs have previously been recruited from across the range of ethnicities resident in the Borough, completing the 8 session training course we deliver. One of the many strengths of the SureSTEPS programme is that we can usually match referred people with a trained PSV who speaks their Mother Tongue language, and has understanding of shared cultural issues.

Toyhouse has been involved in discussions with other local professionals about developing services to support "The Start for Life" initiative and we hope this will result in securing funding to deliver the SureSTART programme more fully to vulnerable local families.

Pip, Julie & Tugela

1001 Days

The **FIRST 1001 DAYS** of a child's life, from conception to age two, is a window of opportunity. It is a time of particularly rapid growth and brain development. Leading child health experts agree that the care given during the first 1001 days has more influence on a child's future than at any other time in their life.

Toyhouse is committed to delivering a range of services that support positive attachment, early learning and development. Toyhouse aims to support parents / caregivers to be the very best they can be and for their children to thrive.

For 44 years—Based in and

Reaching the community

- 2279 child users, 58% boys & 42% girls
- 1491 total adult users with 10% of these being male carers
- 1535 total users are of Asian origin - 40%
- 647 users are White British; 17% total users
- There are 80 Facilitators (many are volunteers)



Mellow Parenting Training

In July, Tugela attended three days of Mellow Parenting training. The course, attended by a variety of professionals working with families with young children, provided a thorough, practical grounding in how to deliver a suite of Mellow Parenting's highly regarded evidence-based, trauma-informed courses (including Mellow Mums, Mellow Dads, Mellow Babies and Mellow Toddlers).

"Toyhouse is so friendly, it always feels like coming home" parent

A local parent volunteer, Shakara, suggested started a **Sewing & Knitting Group**.



We support her to run this every week in the Toyhouse Centre. The group made us the most amazing Banner

'Thank you very, very much for the handouts. I have found myself referring back to them more than once and have found them to be extremely useful. Forever grateful for meeting you!'

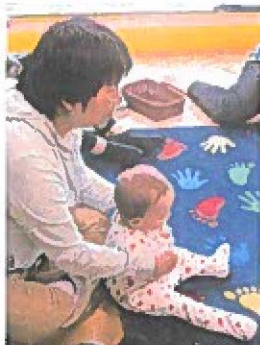
Mellow Bumps participant, after the birth of her baby



'The Invite Only Stay & Play sessions have been lovely for us. They are well-organised and welcoming, we always feel welcome to come back each week. The smaller session works well for us and we really enjoy it. It's part of our routine every week, it's in Mummy's diary! The twins look forward to it, they know everyone really well and they can't wait to see them. They get so excited when they know we are going to Toyhouse! We need to get out of our small flat and go somewhere we know, somewhere with different toys, otherwise it's too much. I have no one to talk to. Coming here feels like seeing friends for me. The children are happy, I'm happy.

Thank you so much!' Parent M

Listening to the Community



"The Monday 10am sessions have been a godsend for me. A sanctuary and safe space for new mums and their babies. I have loved the sessions and the camaraderie here, an engaging sensory space for the babies." - from a mum

The Toyhouse Centre is based in a busy area of the community, alongside shops, schools & a Health Centre

Resulting in many callers & conversations at the door and interest in our services.



"Thank you so much! We need to come & see you - I don't forget about you and all the amazing work you guys did for me and K

Former service user, supported via SureSTEPS



120 children benefited and over 45 healthy dishes were prepared & cooked by children

the in Creative Cook After School Club



"It's nice to know I can knock on the door of the Toyhouse Centre & just have a chat. And they remember our names." Local parent.



"I first used Toyhouse with my son who is now at college. I still come with my 3yr old daughter" A Dad

"The Mellow Parenting course is perfect! It teaches positive parenting and includes the children in the learning"
Mellow Parenting course participant

I've been a volunteer at the Bow Toy Library for about six years. It's been a really nice stint opening the toy library for about an hour every Tuesday at the Bow Idea Store. The highlight for me is seeing the excitement and joy when little children go to pick toys to play with. The expressions on their little faces is priceless! " **Reene, Bow TL**



Family Wellbeing-Physical

Active Physical Play

The opportunity to access a free indoor physical play session in the borough is very important for the youngest in our community. Active Physical Play offers under 5's and their parent/carers the chance to enjoy this session held in a very large hall at St Hilda's Community Centre in Bethnal Green. We have heard from local families, many living in restricted accommodation, without gardens, how this session offers them opportunities & their children a chance to 'let off steam'. They also learn new skills & enjoy the challenges the equipment offers throughout the year, whatever the weather.

Workers: Afia, Natasha & Dilara

Volunteers: Shazna & Sume

Funded via LBTH Children & Family Centres



Early Years Active Play

Based in Mile End Play Pavilion This session offers all the benefits of Active Physical Play, but with the added bonus of the large children's playground the pavilion is set in. Always busy, drawing families from the diverse communities living in Tower Hamlets and offering a friendly, fun environment for parent/carers and their children to mix and make new friends. The informal feel to the session provides a relaxed opportunity for staff to chat with families, hearing their views, concerns and feedback; enabling them to signpost or refer to other services when needed.



Workers: Natasha & Dilara

Volunteers: Nazmin Ayesha & Nurjahan

Funded via LBTH Children & Family Centres

Connecting with the local community

Both Active Play sessions offer Toyhouse the opportunity to reach the wider community. Being based at opposite ends of the borough enables us to listen to more families, hearing their views and ideas on what they would like to see for their young children

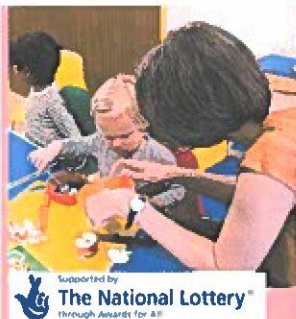
& Nutritional

Creative Cook Club & Summer Workshops

Funded by BBC Children in Need, Creative Cook Club offer children 3 to 10 years the opportunity to prepare, cook and eat, healthy, quick and easy recipes. Each week the children are able to explore healthy alternatives to high sugar/fat foods. The children always decide what will be prepared each week, including ways to adapt these to healthier ingredients, cooking methods. During the school holidays the project is adapted to workshops, enabling more children to access and making use of local open spaces for play and games. Cook Club has supported Toyhouse to hear the views and ideas of primary age children from the local community, helping us shape services to meet local needs and interests. This project is incredibly popular and we always have a waiting list for the courses and workshops.



Project Facilitators: Afia & Julie



Meals & Deals

In these times of rising living costs, **Meals & Deals** offer families and their young children the chance to explore creative ways to make leftovers into tasty new meals, discover and share tips on how to save money on everyday food shopping and take part in preparing and cooking a simple, quick dish.

This short course funded by The National Lottery Awards for All, offers opportunities for discussion and has enabled Toyhouse to hear first hand the

difficulties families are facing in these challenging times.

Course Leader: Natasha, Parent Volunteer: Leonilyn

New Funding

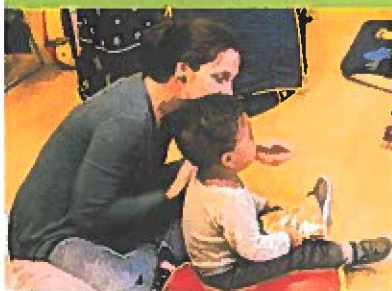
Just as we are finalising our Impact Report we received confirmation that Toyhouse has been awarded funding for 2 projects via **LBTH Mayor's Community Grants Programme.**

One is to empower diverse communities via courses to bring families together, sharing their cultures through food & experiences.

The second to offer learning experiences for young children via support to the network of Community Toy Libraries in the borough.

Mellow Parenting

MELLOW PARENTING & MELLOW BUMPS

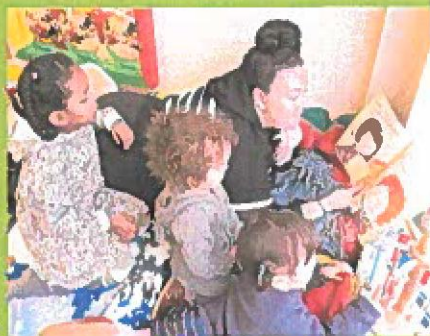


As a result of listening to local families across the years, Toyhouse recognised the need to offer a more in depth, evidence based parenting course, supporting those who were finding parenting a significant challenge; whose own childhood experiences hadn't prepared them to nurture their own child. In 2012 two senior Toyhouse staff trained in the Mellow Parenting suite of programmes & have since delivered a full Mellow Parenting course annually.

Recently Toyhouse has been funded by Tower Hamlets Local Community Mitigation funding to deliver Mellow & our 10th annual course ran across 5x winter months. Funding has been tight, leaving Toyhouse to draw on reserves, in order to deliver the necessary ongoing support to each referred family, plus reporting & contributing to many Child in Need/Child Protection meetings.

Toyhouse anxiously awaits decisions on allocation of new Dept. of Education funding to support the "Start for Life" programme & is encouraged to know the benefits of Mellow are recognised.

This year, Toyhouse facilitated 2x Mellow Bumps 6 session courses. This is an evidence-based ante-natal course designed to decrease stress levels & encourage bonding between mums-to-be & their babies. Discussion revealed unprecedented levels of anxiety, that appear to be an ongoing ripple effect of stress & isolation caused by pandemic & lockdown. Participants said they appreciated the small, welcoming group as a safe & non-judgemental space to ask



questions & share experiences, both positive & challenging. Participants enjoyed learning about the amazing skills new babies have at birth, & found information about baby development interesting & useful. Further support was offered after babies arrived, with mums + babies encouraged to join the Toyhouse Baby Sensory sessions & Baby Massage.



Course Facilitators: Pip, Julie & Tugela
Children's Group: Afia & Natasha
Parent Volunteer: Sume

Volunteering

Volunteering @ Toyhouse Project

Toyhouse is very fortunate to have an active group of volunteers who support many of our projects, enabling Toyhouse to offer services to more local families.

All our volunteers are parents and live in the local community, providing more personal links and connections for the families we support.



A BIG THANK YOU TO:

Nazmin, Shazna, Shakara, Leonilyn, Sume, Ayesha & Nurjahan

Barclays Bank

Support from Barclays staff at Christmas helps Toyhouse make this a special fun time for more children.

Thank you all for your generosity

James Noe & Family

We continue to be very grateful to James & his family for the generous gifts, chosen by his children, & given to the children we work with.



Toyhouse current trained Peer Support Volunteers

Claire, Elisa, Halon, Iishita, Kate, Mumtaz, Zoe

East London Business Alliance

Over many years Toyhouse has been very fortunate to be allocated some toys each Christmas to distribute to

local families via the **ELB** Christmas Appeal this has always made an amazing difference to many families

Gateway Homes

A very big THANK YOU for helping Toyhouse reduce our carbon footprint by arranging and fitting new LED lighting throughout the Toyhouse Centre.

And secondly to **Travis Perkins** who donated all the light fittings, enabling us to spend less on Electric and more on supporting families

Toyhouse makes a difference

Our Thanks to those who have helped Toyhouse this year:

Individual Donors / Gift Aid pledges

ELBA

Gateway Housing

Travis Perkins

James Noe

Ken Morgan

Family & Friends of Staff &

Management Committee members

Voluntary Sector Children's Forum

Wakefield & Tetley Trust

Cath & Bob Armstrong

Postcode Society Trust

Mile End Play Pavilion

Volunteers & Peer Supporters

East End Community Foundation

TH Children & Family Centre Hubs

LB Tower Hamlets

BBC Children in Need

Virginia Primary School

National Lottery Awards for All

Save the Children

St Hilda's Community Centre

St Paul's Way Medical Centre

Donators of used toys

CAF/Give As You Earn/Just Giving

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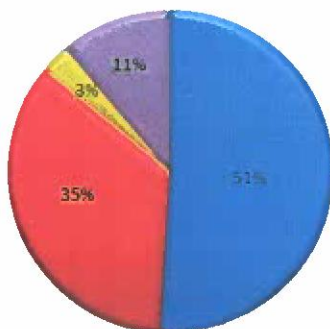
Canary Wharf

A complete set of Annual Accounts is available from Toyhouse

Message from the Treasurer: Val Whitehead

The harsh financial headwinds have continued for all charities, but we have managed to maintain our income whilst reducing our deficit and continuing to offer a full timetable of services for children and their carers. Thanks to all the hard work from our employees and volunteers which enable this to happen and to all our funders and donors who continue their generous support.

Toyhouse Income 2022-23

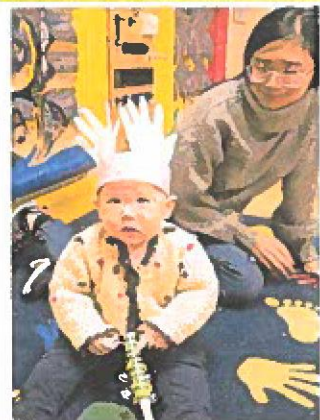


■ LBTH

■ Trust & Foundations

■ Commissioned TL

■ Self Generated



Partnerships & Funders



Save the Children
Supporting Toyhouse with
events & toy donations



Funding from Postcode Society
& Canary Wharf support our
Sure STEP's Programme



BBC Children in Need funded us to run af-
ter-school sessions for children on healthy



Virginia School
Commissioning
Toyhouse to run
their Toy Library



**Local Community
Fund.
Mitigations
Funding**

ELBA: Supporting Christmas events



LBTH commissioned
Toyhouse to run
Physical Play sessions,
Mellow Parenting & a
small grant to tackle
loneliness

**Awards 4 All: Funding to pilot
our new Meals & Deals course**



A small "Fast Track" Grant from
Wakefield & Tetley enabled us to set
up a weekly Story, Songs & Rhymes
session, facilitated by PSVs



TOYHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT

Toyhouse makes a difference.....

by supporting the wellbeing of families locally and throughout the community. With over 40 years' experience of working with families through the medium of play, Toyhouse fosters attachment between parents and children, enabling them to interact together and share experiences. Toyhouse empowers individuals, families, volunteers and employees to develop the skills and resilience to achieve their aspirations.

.....early support for a better future



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Charity registration number 1036738

Company registration number 02912688 (England and Wales)

**TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Tugela Barnes Sue Cox Toby Evans Sian Harris Joy Hastings Halon Iqbal Zenith Rahman Kalsoom Khan Valerie Whitehead H Khatun	(Appointed 18 October 2022)
Charity number	1036738	
Company number	02912688	
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Registered office	The Toyhouse Centre 92 St Pauls Way Bow London E3 4AL	
Independent examiner	Richard F Hopper 4 Rhodfa Clawdd Offa Denbigh Denbighshire LL16 4RJ	
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank plc 9 Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB	

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

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TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to provide and assist in the provision of facilities for children, and adults with special educational needs, primarily in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for their recreation, especially through the provision of therapeutic and educational toys with the object of improving their conditions of life. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to support individual member groups in Tower Hamlets and there has been no change in these during the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Details of the activities, achievements and performance of the charity are set out in the separate Annual Report.

Financial review

The financial transactions of the charity during the year and the financial position at the end of the year are set out in the attached accounts and are reviewed in the separate Annual Report. The trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. They intend to keep this matter under regular review.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee formed on 25 March 1994. At that time it took over the activities, assets and liabilities of the previous unincorporated association of the same name, which had been set up in March 1979.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Somya Anupam (Resigned 18 October 2022)

Tugela Barnes

Sue Cox

Toby Evans

Sian Harris

Joy Hastings

Halon Iqbal

Zenith Rahman

Sandra Kendal (Resigned 18 October 2022)

Kalsoom Khan

Sabha Khan (Resigned 18 October 2022)

Muna Omar (Resigned 18 October 2022)

Valerie Whitehead

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

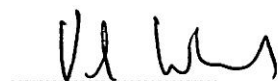
H Khatun

(Appointed 18 October 2022)

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The charity is controlled by a Management Committee (whose members are also the trustees) elected each year by the members and which meets regularly during the year. Between meetings most matters are dealt with by the project's manager and staff.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Valerie Whitehead

Trustee

Dated: 30th Sep 23

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors of Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

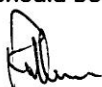
Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



Richard F Hopper

Chartered Accountant

4 Rhodfa Clawdd Offa

Denbigh

Denbighshire

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Dated: 11 October 2023

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	9,564	-	9,564	7,747	20,886	28,633
Charitable activities	4	3,699	124,341	128,040	-	112,539	112,539
Investments	5	2,407	-	2,407	1,015	-	1,015
Total income		15,670	124,341	140,011	8,762	133,425	142,187
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	51,925	124,343	176,268	66,753	133,428	200,181
Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		(36,255)	(2)	(36,257)	(57,991)	(3)	(57,994)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		178,678	75,900	254,578	236,669	75,903	312,572
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		142,423	75,898	218,321	178,678	75,900	254,578

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		3,095		4,744
Current assets					
Debtors	12	19,707		2,701	
Cash at bank and in hand		215,706		266,841	
		235,413		269,542	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(20,187)		(19,708)	
Net current assets			215,226		249,834
Total assets less current liabilities			218,321		254,578
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		75,898		75,900
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	15	58,634		85,984	
General unrestricted funds		83,789		92,694	
			142,423		178,678
			218,321		254,578

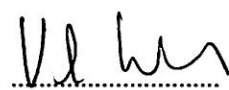
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12th Sept 23


Valerie Whitehead
Trustee


Sue Cox
Trustee

Company Registration No. 02912688

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Toyhouse Centre, 92 St Pauls Way, Bow, London, E3 4AL.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

Costs are recorded as expenditure at the time when a liability to make payment is incurred.

Support costs are allocated to activities in accordance with the respective amounts of direct costs, except where they can be directly related to a particular activity.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold property	over length of lease (15 years)
Plant and machinery	25% p.a. on net book value
Computers	33.33% p.a. on net book value

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	9,564	7,747	-	7,747
Government Coronavirus grant	-	-	20,886	20,886
	<u>9,564</u>	<u>7,747</u>	<u>20,886</u>	<u>28,633</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Charitable activities

	Grant income	Sale and hire of resources	Total	Grant income
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	-	3,699	3,699	-
Performance related grants	124,341	-	124,341	112,539
	<u>124,341</u>	<u>3,699</u>	<u>128,040</u>	<u>112,539</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	-	3,699	3,699	-
Restricted funds	124,341	-	124,341	112,539
	<u>124,341</u>	<u>3,699</u>	<u>128,040</u>	<u>112,539</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2022				
Restricted funds	<u>112,539</u>	<u>-</u>		

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	<u>2,407</u>	<u>1,015</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6 Charitable activities

	Family Health and Wellbeing	Early Years and Family Activities	Total 2023	Total 2022
	2023 £	2023 £	£	£
Staff costs	31,364	76,026	107,390	125,809
Direct project expenses	4,286	3,875	8,161	4,787
	<u>35,650</u>	<u>79,901</u>	<u>115,551</u>	<u>130,596</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	19,611	39,406	59,017	65,297
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	525	1,175	1,700	4,288
	<u>55,786</u>	<u>120,482</u>	<u>176,268</u>	<u>200,181</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	17,218	34,707	51,925	66,753
Restricted funds	38,568	85,775	124,343	133,428
	<u>55,786</u>	<u>120,482</u>	<u>176,268</u>	<u>200,181</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2022				
Unrestricted funds	29,717	37,036		66,753
Restricted funds	52,409	81,019		133,428
	<u>82,126</u>	<u>118,055</u>		<u>200,181</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	23,776	-	23,776	30,523	-	30,523
Depreciation	1,649	-	1,649	2,310	-	2,310
Premises and insurance costs	25,849	-	25,849	22,588	-	22,588
Administrative expenses	7,743	-	7,743	9,876	-	9,876
Accountancy	-	1,440	1,440	-	1,356	1,356
Legal and professional	-	215	215	-	2,690	2,690
Management Committee and secretarial costs	-	45	45	-	242	242
	<u>59,017</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>60,717</u>	<u>65,297</u>	<u>4,288</u>	<u>69,585</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>59,017</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>60,717</u>	<u>65,297</u>	<u>4,288</u>	<u>69,585</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £1,440 (2022- £1,356) for independent examination and accountancy fees.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year, apart from the reimbursement of childcare and travel costs in connection with attendance at committee meetings.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Direct charitable activities	6	6
Administration	1	2
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	119,826	145,954
Social security costs	8,707	8,203
Other pension costs	2,633	2,175
	<u>131,166</u>	<u>156,332</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	196,962	18,631	5,870	221,463
Disposals	-	-	(1,288)	(1,288)
	<u>196,962</u>	<u>18,631</u>	<u>4,582</u>	<u>220,175</u>
At 31 March 2023	196,962	18,631	4,582	220,175
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2022	196,961	15,963	3,795	216,719
Depreciation charged in the year	-	665	984	1,649
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(1,288)	(1,288)
	<u>196,961</u>	<u>16,628</u>	<u>3,491</u>	<u>217,080</u>
At 31 March 2023	196,961	16,628	3,491	217,080
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	<u>1</u>	<u>2,003</u>	<u>1,091</u>	<u>3,095</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1</u>	<u>2,668</u>	<u>2,075</u>	<u>4,744</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

12 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	15,450	-
Other debtors	2,146	1,362
Prepayments and accrued income	2,111	1,339
	<u>19,707</u>	<u>2,701</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Deferred income		17,915	17,396
Accrued expenses		2,272	2,312
		<u>20,187</u>	<u>19,708</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Community Fund **	13	-	(3)	10	-	(2)	8
Childrens Centres	-	12,500	(12,500)	-	45,058	(45,058)	-
Running costs	66,407	-	(7)	66,400	76,283	(76,293)	66,390
Other restricted funds	9,483	120,925	(120,918)	9,490	3,000	(2,990)	9,500
	<u>75,903</u>	<u>133,425</u>	<u>(133,428)</u>	<u>75,900</u>	<u>124,341</u>	<u>(124,343)</u>	<u>75,898</u>

** The closing balance on Community Fund represents the net book value of equipment funded from this source and included in these accounts as fixed assets.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Premises replacement fund	98,750	(83,750)	15,000	(5,000)	10,000
Staff redundancy fund	55,984	-	55,984	(17,350)	38,634
Office equipment replacement fund	12,404	2,596	15,000	(5,000)	10,000
	<u>167,138</u>	<u>(81,154)</u>	<u>85,984</u>	<u>(27,350)</u>	<u>58,634</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	3,087	8	3,095	4,734	10	4,744
Current assets/(liabilities)	137,348	77,878	215,226	173,945	75,889	249,834
	<u>140,435</u>	<u>77,886</u>	<u>218,321</u>	<u>178,679</u>	<u>75,899</u>	<u>254,578</u>

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

Charity registration number 1036738

Company registration number 02912688 (England and Wales)

**TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Tugela Barnes Sue Cox Toby Evans Sian Harris Joy Hastings Halon Iqbal Zenith Rahman Kalsoom Khan Valerie Whitehead H Khatun	(Appointed 18 October 2022)
Charity number	1036738	
Company number	02912688	
Principal address	The Toyhouse Centre 92 St Pauls Way Bow London E3 4AL	
Registered office	The Toyhouse Centre 92 St Pauls Way Bow London E3 4AL	
Independent examiner	Richard F Hopper 4 Rhodfa Clawdd Offa Denbigh Denbighshire LL16 4RJ	
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank plc 9 Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB	

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

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TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to provide and assist in the provision of facilities for children, and adults with special educational needs, primarily in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for their recreation, especially through the provision of therapeutic and educational toys with the object of improving their conditions of life. The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects are to support individual member groups in Tower Hamlets and there has been no change in these during the year.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Details of the activities, achievements and performance of the charity are set out in the separate Annual Report.

Financial review

The financial transactions of the charity during the year and the financial position at the end of the year are set out in the attached accounts and are reviewed in the separate Annual Report. The trustees consider the financial position to be satisfactory.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. They intend to keep this matter under regular review.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee formed on 25 March 1994. At that time it took over the activities, assets and liabilities of the previous unincorporated association of the same name, which had been set up in March 1979.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Somya Anupam (Resigned 18 October 2022)

Tugela Barnes

Sue Cox

Toby Evans

Sian Harris

Joy Hastings

Halon Iqbal

Zenith Rahman

Sandra Kendal (Resigned 18 October 2022)

Kalsoom Khan

Sabha Khan (Resigned 18 October 2022)

Muna Omar (Resigned 18 October 2022)

Valerie Whitehead

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

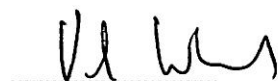
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(Appointed 18 October 2022)

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The charity is controlled by a Management Committee (whose members are also the trustees) elected each year by the members and which meets regularly during the year. Between meetings most matters are dealt with by the project's manager and staff.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Valerie Whitehead

Trustee

Dated: 30th Sep 23

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors of Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

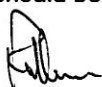
Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



Richard F Hopper

Chartered Accountant

4 Rhodfa Clawdd Offa
Denbigh
Denbighshire
LL16 4RJ

Dated: 11 October 2023

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	9,564	-	9,564	7,747	20,886	28,633
Charitable activities	4	3,699	124,341	128,040	-	112,539	112,539
Investments	5	2,407	-	2,407	1,015	-	1,015
Total income		15,670	124,341	140,011	8,762	133,425	142,187
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	51,925	124,343	176,268	66,753	133,428	200,181
Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds		(36,255)	(2)	(36,257)	(57,991)	(3)	(57,994)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		178,678	75,900	254,578	236,669	75,903	312,572
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		142,423	75,898	218,321	178,678	75,900	254,578

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		3,095		4,744
Current assets					
Debtors	12	19,707		2,701	
Cash at bank and in hand		215,706		266,841	
		235,413		269,542	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(20,187)		(19,708)	
Net current assets			215,226		249,834
Total assets less current liabilities			218,321		254,578
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		75,898		75,900
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	15	58,634		85,984	
General unrestricted funds		83,789		92,694	
			142,423		178,678
			218,321		254,578

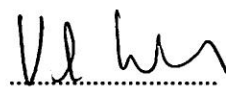
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 12th Sept 23


Valerie Whitehead
Trustee


Sue Cox
Trustee

Company Registration No. 02912688

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Toyhouse Centre, 92 St Pauls Way, Bow, London, E3 4AL.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

Costs are recorded as expenditure at the time when a liability to make payment is incurred.

Support costs are allocated to activities in accordance with the respective amounts of direct costs, except where they can be directly related to a particular activity.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold property	over length of lease (15 years)
Plant and machinery	25% p.a. on net book value
Computers	33.33% p.a. on net book value

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	9,564	7,747	-	7,747
Government Coronavirus grant	-	-	20,886	20,886
	<u>9,564</u>	<u>7,747</u>	<u>20,886</u>	<u>28,633</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Charitable activities

	Grant income	Sale and hire of resources	Total	Grant income
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Sales within charitable activities	-	3,699	3,699	-
Performance related grants	124,341	-	124,341	112,539
	<u>124,341</u>	<u>3,699</u>	<u>128,040</u>	<u>112,539</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	-	3,699	3,699	-
Restricted funds	124,341	-	124,341	112,539
	<u>124,341</u>	<u>3,699</u>	<u>128,040</u>	<u>112,539</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2022				
Restricted funds	<u>112,539</u>	<u>-</u>		

5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable	<u>2,407</u>	<u>1,015</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6 Charitable activities

	Family Health and Wellbeing	Early Years and Family Activities	Total 2023	Total 2022
	2023 £	2023 £	£	£
Staff costs	31,364	76,026	107,390	125,809
Direct project expenses	4,286	3,875	8,161	4,787
	<u>35,650</u>	<u>79,901</u>	<u>115,551</u>	<u>130,596</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	19,611	39,406	59,017	65,297
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	525	1,175	1,700	4,288
	<u>55,786</u>	<u>120,482</u>	<u>176,268</u>	<u>200,181</u>
Analysis by fund				
Unrestricted funds	17,218	34,707	51,925	66,753
Restricted funds	38,568	85,775	124,343	133,428
	<u>55,786</u>	<u>120,482</u>	<u>176,268</u>	<u>200,181</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2022				
Unrestricted funds	29,717	37,036		66,753
Restricted funds	52,409	81,019		133,428
	<u>82,126</u>	<u>118,055</u>		<u>200,181</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	Support costs	Governance costs	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	23,776	-	23,776	30,523	-	30,523
Depreciation	1,649	-	1,649	2,310	-	2,310
Premises and insurance costs	25,849	-	25,849	22,588	-	22,588
Administrative expenses	7,743	-	7,743	9,876	-	9,876
Accountancy	-	1,440	1,440	-	1,356	1,356
Legal and professional	-	215	215	-	2,690	2,690
Management Committee and secretarial costs	-	45	45	-	242	242
	<u>59,017</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>60,717</u>	<u>65,297</u>	<u>4,288</u>	<u>69,585</u>
Analysed between						
Charitable activities	<u>59,017</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>60,717</u>	<u>65,297</u>	<u>4,288</u>	<u>69,585</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £1,440 (2022- £1,356) for independent examination and accountancy fees.

8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year, apart from the reimbursement of childcare and travel costs in connection with attendance at committee meetings.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

9 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Direct charitable activities	6	6
Administration	1	2
	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	119,826	145,954
Social security costs	8,707	8,203
Other pension costs	2,633	2,175
	<u>131,166</u>	<u>156,332</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Computers £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 April 2022	196,962	18,631	5,870	221,463
Disposals	-	-	(1,288)	(1,288)
	<u>196,962</u>	<u>18,631</u>	<u>4,582</u>	<u>220,175</u>
At 31 March 2023	196,962	18,631	4,582	220,175
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2022	196,961	15,963	3,795	216,719
Depreciation charged in the year	-	665	984	1,649
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(1,288)	(1,288)
	<u>196,961</u>	<u>16,628</u>	<u>3,491</u>	<u>217,080</u>
At 31 March 2023	196,961	16,628	3,491	217,080
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2023	<u>1</u>	<u>2,003</u>	<u>1,091</u>	<u>3,095</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>1</u>	<u>2,668</u>	<u>2,075</u>	<u>4,744</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

12 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	15,450	-
Other debtors	2,146	1,362
Prepayments and accrued income	2,111	1,339
	<u>19,707</u>	<u>2,701</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
Deferred income		17,915	17,396
Accrued expenses		2,272	2,312
		<u>20,187</u>	<u>19,708</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Community Fund **	13	-	(3)	10	-	(2)	8
Childrens Centres	-	12,500	(12,500)	-	45,058	(45,058)	-
Running costs	66,407	-	(7)	66,400	76,283	(76,293)	66,390
Other restricted funds	9,483	120,925	(120,918)	9,490	3,000	(2,990)	9,500
	<u>75,903</u>	<u>133,425</u>	<u>(133,428)</u>	<u>75,900</u>	<u>124,341</u>	<u>(124,343)</u>	<u>75,898</u>

** The closing balance on Community Fund represents the net book value of equipment funded from this source and included in these accounts as fixed assets.

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Premises replacement fund	98,750	(83,750)	15,000	(5,000)	10,000
Staff redundancy fund	55,984	-	55,984	(17,350)	38,634
Office equipment replacement fund	12,404	2,596	15,000	(5,000)	10,000
	<u>167,138</u>	<u>(81,154)</u>	<u>85,984</u>	<u>(27,350)</u>	<u>58,634</u>

TOY HOUSE LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION OF TOWER HAMLETS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	3,087	8	3,095	4,734	10	4,744
Current assets/(liabilities)	137,348	77,878	215,226	173,945	75,889	249,834
	<u>140,435</u>	<u>77,886</u>	<u>218,321</u>	<u>178,679</u>	<u>75,899</u>	<u>254,578</u>

17 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).