

## TOYHOUSE MISSION STATEMENT

*Toyhouse makes a difference.....*  
by supporting the wellbeing of families locally and throughout the community. With over 45years' 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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## Toyhouse Impact Report 2024



**Building Firmer Foundations  
For  
Over 45 years**

## Enabling service delivery

### Message from the Chair - Sue Cox

Like everyone else, Toyhouse has experienced significant challenges over the last few years. We emerged from a global pandemic to an environment of cutbacks and reduced funding streams, while realising the need for Toyhouse services was increasing, with local families facing difficulties of re-engaging with the wider community during a cost-of-living crisis. To manage this situation Toyhouse established a new Strategy for 22-25, with a key focus on 'Listening to the Local Community'. Senior staff have worked tirelessly to identify and apply for funding; with support of dedicated committee members plus input from staff and users, we have reviewed and adapted our services to ensure we meet the needs of local families. The Impact Report highlights the range of wonderful services delivered by Toyhouse over the last year.



Due to hard work, dedication, and resilience of the amazing Toyhouse staff team, our brilliant Sure STEPs Peer Support workers and volunteers; alongside generosity of both old and new funders who contribute to Toyhouse, we are still active; so now we look to the future. In the light of this, we have

employed two new part time Project Workers. These staff enable us to extend and develop our range of services, ensuring we continue to 'make a difference' for local families. this is my last message as Chair as my circumstances have changed and I no longer live in Tower Hamlets. It has been my privilege to be involved with Toyhouse on and off over the last 30 years - as a user with my own children, committee member, and then Chair. It is a fantastic organisation to be involved with and I would recommend it to anyone thinking of joining the committee. I end with a big THANK YOU to everyone involved with Toyhouse - keep up the fantastic work.

### Management Committee

#### Members:

Patron: Cath Armstrong  
Chair: Sue Cox  
Treasurer: Val Whitehead  
Vice Chair: Sian Harris  
Secretary: Joy Hastings  
Kalsoom Khan  
Toby Evans  
Zenith Rahman  
Halon Iqbal  
Renee Lawrence  
Fatimah Jobber

### Senior Staff Members

Pip Pinhorn: Manager  
Julie Morgan: Deputy Manager  
Mohammad Selim: Finance Officer

**Co-ordinator: Supporting Young Families: Service & Strategy**  
Tugela Barnes

#### Play & Family Support Team

Afia Begum, Dilara Begum & Natasha Forbes  
**Project Wokers:**  
Hena Begum & Mumtaz Begum

## Partnerships & Funders



**Save the Children.**

**Save the Children**  
Supporting Toyhouse with events

**the switch**

**BARCLAYS**

Funding from Postcode Society supported our Sure STEPs Programme



**BBC Children in Need** funded us to run after-school sessions for children on healthy lifestyles

**East End**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



**ELBA: Supporting Christmas events**



**LBTH Mayors Community**  
Fund grant for Toy Library Support work & Cook, Community & Culture

**LBTH Children & Family Centres** commissioned Toyhouse to run Physical Play sessions,



Supported by  
**The National Lottery**  
through Awards for All

**Awards 4 All: Funding to pilot our new Early Years Active Play Project**



**A Small Grant from Wakefield & Tetley** to support our core operating cost





# 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  
Morgan Stanley  
Start4Life programme  
British Land

Volunteers & Peer Supporters  
East End Community Foundation  
TH Children & Family Centre Hubs  
LB Tower Hamlets Mayors Community Grant Programme  
BBC Children in Need  
Barclays  
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  
Blue Lizard  
Canary Wharf  
Harca

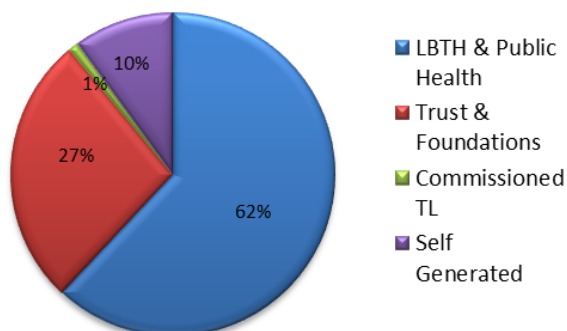
## A complete set of Annual Accounts is available from Toyhouse



### Message from the Treasurer: Val Whitehead

This year we have increased our income & reduced our deficit & we have had significant successes in recent funding bids so that the prospects for the next year look very positive, however we will still face challenges ahead in continuing this trend in the longer term. Many thanks to all the hard work from our dedicated staff & volunteers for all their work & to our generous funders and donors who make this possible

### Toyhouse Income 2023-24



Over 3000 people have been involved in Toyhouse services during the last year

# The Toyhouse Centre



## WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN!!!

Since its inception 45 years ago, Toyhouse has always held the needs of the youngest children and their parents as central to service provision. Over the years, research evidence has increasingly demonstrated just how important it is to start as well as possible - to build **Firm Foundations**, when building both tower blocks and human beings! The Central Government launch of the "Start for Life" initiative in March 2021 was recognition of the need to prioritise the **First 1001 Days**, but sadly took 2 years to become an emerging reality locally. I distinctly remember being invited to my first meeting in March 2023, since when the pace of day-to-day Toyhouse working life has been relentless. We were thrilled and relieved to be awarded funding in late 2023; and so 2024 has been incredibly busy; rolling out the range of services we are now funded to deliver, and which you can read about in this **Impact Report**. Toyhouse needed to be both agile and tenacious, driven by our commitment to be supported financially, enabled to facilitate appropriate services that address needs preventively - even **before they first emerge**; - rather than later, when problems are deeply embedded and harder to unravel. Now we need to secure funding over a longer time period so we can focus on **service delivery** rather than the need constantly to replenish our coffers. Meeting the needs of the new generation deserves nothing less!



### Some interesting Stats about Toyhouse & our services:

- ♦ 19% are White British
- ♦ 36% are European
- ♦ 27% are Bangladeshi
- ♦ 37% are Asian



# Community Toy Libraries

## TOY LIBRARIES

We were pleased to be awarded funding from the **Mayor's Community Grants Programme**, enabling us to provide support to 12 community Toy Libraries currently delivering play & toy loan services for local families. Toy Library provision closed for 18 months during the pandemic then, via an Innovation Grant from Save the Children Fund, we were able to provide direct support so 6 were enabled to re-launch; the others were gradually able to re-open via significant voluntary effort. For the last year, this Grant has enabled us to provide face2face support plus training to new Librarians; also we provide advice via email or phone. A Newsletter is now a feature and wear & tear replacement of some stock is in the pipeline. Toy Libraries for pre-schoolers facilitate a wonderful setting to support early learning, develop social skills plus encouragement for language acquisition.

**Supporting Toy Libraries: Pip & Julie**



- 'It's so helpful him coming to Toyhouse, when he gets home I can see the confidence. It's good for him to play and meet other children.' (T & S)

We have 12 Member Toy Libraries: 6 are based in schools; 2 in Special Schools; 1 in an Idea Store; 3 in Voluntary & Community settings.



## A new look for the Toyhouse Centre

The Toyhouse Centre has been included in a street art project to brighten up St Paul's Way. A big Thank you to Harca, Global Street Art & Gateway. The feedback from families has been very positive

# Volunteering

## East London Business Alliance

Over many years Toyhouse has been very fortunate to be support by ELBA supporting Toyhouse Via Team Challenges this has always made an amazing difference to many families

## James Noe & Family

*For many years James & his family have generously donated toys for local families. We continue to be very grateful for the generous gifts, chosen by his children, & given to the children we work with.*



## British Land

Two teams of volunteers from British Land joined Toyhouse. On a lovely sunny day in June the first took families on a trip to Greenwich Park and the second team gave the Toyhouse Centre a fresh coat of paint, making it look much brighter. Opportunities like this are really important to Toyhouse and the families we work with, providing new experiences for both children & adults alike.

## Barclays Bank

Toyhouse was very grateful to staff at Barclays for their generosity in donating toys for the families we are working with. With budgets tight there is little spare money for those extras. Everyone was really thrilled when boxes were delivered to the Toyhouse Centre. The children and families who received the toys were thrilled & we received so much positive feedback and thank you cards from the children.

## Volunteering @ Toyhouse Project

Toyhouse is very fortunate to have an active group of volunteers supporting many of our projects. This enables Toyhouse to offer a wider range of services to more local families. All our volunteers are parents and live in the local community, providing a more personal link and connections for the families we support.



## Active Peer Support Volunteers

Elisa, Iishita, Kate, Mumtaz, Zoe & Hena

## Volunteering @ Toyhouse

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

## Family Wellbeing-Physical



### ACTIVE PHYSICAL PLAY

Physical Play is essential for a child developing balance, coordination, reaction time, building stronger muscles and improving emotional & mental wellbeing. Active Physical Play runs twice a week throughout the year and provides a safe environment for parents

& their young children to explore a range of equipment & opportunities. Importantly it is somewhere very young children can safely 'take risks pushing & extending existing skills.

Facilitated by experienced staff who can support parents & children both within the session and by offering information to extend their knowledge of Play in the local area.. Held every Mon 10-12 noon & Wed 1-3pm

At St Hilda's Community Centre.

Afia, Dilara, Natasha & Volunteer Shazna

### EARLY YEARS ACTIVE PLAY

Offering all the fun and benefits of our Active Physical Play session, but run at the opposite end of the borough in the Play Pavilion, Mile End Park. Early Years Active Play has the benefit of being located in a large play area enabling families access to an extensive outside play space, in addition to the purpose built Play Pavilion.

This project runs in term time Mon & Wed 10-11.30

Staff: Natasha & Dilara

Volunteers: Nazmin, & Ayeshea



We are please to announce Awards 4 All are now funding this project, enabling local



families ongoing opportunities to support their well-being and meet others from the local community

### 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

## Benefits for Early Learning

### STORIES, SONGS & RHYMES

This fun, energetic session remains popular with families. Each week, a new story is introduced and retold together using sounds and actions. There are parachute games, puppets, nursery rhymes, musical instruments and dancing!

The session has been planned to maximise communication between parents and their babies and toddlers, in a playful and enjoyable way, as a way of boosting children's language skills and parental confidence. Concerns about young children's speech, language and communication delay after the

Covid-19 pandemic have been widely reported for several years. Most recently, there is a reported rise in the number of children missing communication milestones at age 12 months,

causing concern locally and nationally. It was with this in mind that Stories, Songs & Rhymes has

now been tailored to be part of the Bright Beginnings initiative with LBTH's GP Care Group. In addition to the usual hour of lively, interactive

storytelling and music, we now offer an extra, targeted half-hour for referred families whose children have concerns raised about their speech

& language development.

Facilitator: Tugela & Natasha



### INVITED TO STAY & 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

With n NEW funding via Bright Beginnings from September we have introduced a new session for referred families with children 9mths-18mths with a identified developmental delay at the 12 month check.





# Listening to the youngest Children

## BABY SENSORY & RHYME TIME

The ever-popular Baby Sensory & Rhyme Time session runs weekly and welcomes parents & carers with pre-crawling babies. Each session, our community room is transformed into a cosy sensory play space, with a changing variety of high-quality toys and sensory play resources. Each session ends with a lively round of nursery rhymes and songs, accompanied by lots of delighted baby squeals! The session offers a peaceful, welcoming environment for parents & babies to play, relax and make vital social connections in the early days of parenthood. Many families return weekly and form supportive friendships during this session. We offer calming classical music, gentle lighting, as well as home-made cake and hot drinks for parents. As one mum told us: *'it's been a lifeline, especially in those early weeks when you're not sleeping, you've not eaten, you can come here and be taken care of for an hour'*. Feedback from families tells us that they value the small size of the group, which allows them to build meaningful, lasting relationships with Toyhouse staff & other families.

**Tugela & Sume**

Dad - 'We've really loved it here at **Story, Songs & Rhymes**, it's her favourite session. You've been incredible.'



'Toyhouse has been amazing. In my darkest hour, I could come and sit here, and know A would be cared for, and be surrounded by love. It has been a real life line' (R & A)

## BABY MASSAGE



Toyhouse has 3 members of staff who hold the International Association of Infant Massage qualification. Our courses have proved very popular with many new parents being recommended by those who have previously completed the course. Our partnership work with St Pauls' Way MC enables us to reach new families pre- & post birth we aim to run Baby Massage classes 6 times per year.

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.

**Julie, Pip & Afia (Certified Infant Massage Instructors)**

# Wellbeing



## Creative Cook Club & Summer Workshops

A fun healthier lifestyle project, running afterschool for primary aged children together with their parents/ carers and interests. Each week they are able to explore healthy alternatives to high sugar/fat foods, from across the world. With the children deciding what to cook, including ways to adapt these to healthier ingredients, cooking methods.

In the summer holidays the project is adapted to workshops, enabling more children to access, making use of local open spaces for play & games. Cook Club has supported Toyhouse to hear the views and ideas of local primary age children, 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.



**Facilitators: Afia & Julie**

*"Sorry Meabh and I missed the Cook, Community group party, it was such a special lovely group with great people. Natasha & Lyn made it all come together in such an inclusive, caring atmosphere where it felt so nice and safe to share our stories. One of the best things I've done since Motherhood". Love & Thanks Meabh & Lou*

## Cook, Community & Culture Course

Funded by LBTH Mayors Community Fund, this project will aim to bring a wide range of parents with pre-school children plus people aged over 50yrs in a 5-week course during which they will explore a variety of ways in which we might appear to be different. We will bring people together through the medium of food across cultures, both day to day and celebratory

events, with the aim of building wider understand and stronger links within the local community.

Participants will take their experiences and learning back to their own family and community building wider understand, social connections & friendships

**Facilitator:**

**Natasha.**

**Volunteers: Lyn & Shakara**



## Partnerships

Toyhouse has had a longstanding link with **St Paul's Way Medical Centre**. We have been working in partnership with them, providing

**Play & Information** session in the waiting area during the ante-natal clinic and the baby 6-8 week check sessions. These sessions have been very successful in reaching families at the earliest points

*"I have never worked with the Toyhouse, but have heard great things from my team"*

**Practice Manager, St Andrews Health Centre!**



**Save the Children** invited Toyhouse families to the launch of Lego Christmas event. Traveling by mini bus to the Lego flagship store in Leicester Square, great fun was had by all.

### 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)

Over 3000 people have been involved in Toyhouse services during the last year



For a second year Toyhouse have been very fortunate to work in partnership with the **Half Moon Theatre** offering more varied opportunities for families at the Toyhouse Centre, their Creative workshops for families with pre-school children were a great success. They were able to explore, themed

movement, story & songs & the families really enjoyed the sessions. All were given the chance to attend a theatre performance.

### Video Interaction Guidance (VIG)

This year, Tugela has been training to deliver Video Interaction Guidance (VIG), a strengths-based intervention designed to promote quality, attuned interactions between parents and very young children. Research shows that attunement between caregiver and child in the first 1001 days is vital to laying firm foundations for children's learning, development and emotional wellbeing.

## Sure STEPs Peer Support

### SURE STEPS & THE PEER SUPPORT VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME



Our trained Peer Support Volunteers (PSVs) have continued to support local families. We have made several successful new matches this year. Participating families face a variety of challenges, most notably high levels of anxiety, which we continue to see in unprecedented levels since the Covid-19 pandemic. Families are often also socially isolated, especially those who are single parents or have children with additional needs. Therefore, the flexible, informal support offered by our PSVs can make a real difference. Support is offered either over the phone - via text message or calls - or in person, encouraging isolated families to get out and about in the local area, or accompanying them to sessions at Toyhouse.

### PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

Toyhouse held 2 training courses for those wanting to become Peer Support Volunteers (PSV). The first course was in November-December and the second during April-May and resulted in 12 people completing the training and some now actively involved in supporting local families. The course runs for 8 sessions, exploring areas mums-to-be and new families may be struggling with, reasons for these difficulties and how they can offer support. Our next course is due to start in October.

**Pip, Julie & Tugela**

*"If I could do this course at Toyhouse over and over again, I wouldn't think twice!  
It's a safe, inclusive, fun, sad, happy - and pretty much all!"*  
**Mellow parent**



*"Thank you so much for all the support, knowledge, kindness, gifts and cake you have given us in the over the past year - in **Baby Group, Massage, Story & Rhyme time**. Coming to Toyhouse has helped me connect to the community & feel more confident as a new parent"*



# EARLY SUPPORT



## BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

'In the spring, Toyhouse was approached and asked whether we could offer sessions for families who had been identified as likely to benefit from a group work input, in particular focusing on opportunities to develop social communication, speech & skills. Following

discussion within the team, we presented 4 possible options! Some linked to universal services, whilst others are wholly targeted. The first launched in The Toyhouse Centre in August, outlined elsewhere in this report as it is a variation on "Stories, Songs and Rhymes" - an instantly successful session!

The second session, again in The Toyhouse Centre, launched in the early autumn, is a play session for referred families, during which we show short film clips and provide other information to support parents increased understanding of the importance of communication and interaction with their young child.

We plan to start session 3 & 4 later in the autumn, basing them elsewhere in the Borough, but linked to universal services Toyhouse delivers.

We are pleased to be working with the **Bright Beginnings** team on this Pilot programme and hope to contribute to positive outcomes; both for the families and for the research!

## Special Early Family Support

This is a new development, funded via the Central Government "**Start for Life**" Programme, but linked to work Toyhouse previously undertook for 15 years via the Home Visiting Mobile Toy Library service, for the families of pre school aged children with special needs. This new service can receive referrals for those

identified at the 20 week scan, or later, who either have a named, or as yet unnamed, cause of developmental delay. The service provides emotional support to the parents in their home, plus relevant toys & resources to encourage their interactive play & engagement with the child. The project aims to reduce isolation, promoting the well-being of parents, despite the challenges of caring for a baby with additional needs.

Pip, Mumtaz & Hena



## Baby Sensory & Rhyme Time

'There's nothing else like it in Tower Hamlets  
Everyone is so welcoming and friendly.' - mum



# START 4 LIFE

## MELLOW PARENTING

When funding became available via the **Start for Life** programme, Toyhouse was delighted to be able to continue our annual facilitation of the in-depth, for the 14x weekly, whole day session, Mellow course for parents, together with their pre school aged child; but with a specific focus on babies & toddlers aged 6-24 months. Toyhouse has 3 staff qualified to facilitate Mellow and the 2024 course, run by Tugela & Pip, began recruiting at the turn of the year, running from March-July, beginning with 9 families. The end of course evaluation yielded both very positive comments & statistics, but also the 7 participants who finished all recorded significant positive improvement in their parenting strategies leading to increased confidence & satisfaction in their parenting role!

The next Mellow Parents course launches in November 2024 & we already have nearly a full cohort!

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



## MELLOW BUMPS & BUMPS +

Toyhouse has been funded to continue offering Mellow Bumps this year, with one 6-week course delivered successfully, another started in September. This highly regarded course is evidence-based, which focuses on antenatal bonding with baby, emotional aspects of becoming a mother, and new-born development. The course is especially useful for vulnerable pregnant women, working closely with referring professionals such as Perinatal Mental Health services, Gateway Midwives & Children's Social Care throughout the course. We also welcome self-referrals. This year, extending support to participants by offering Mellow Bumps Plus, a sensory stay & play session for MB families after babies have arrived. Facilitated by the same staff who delivered the course, this small, welcoming session filled with familiar faces has become a lifeline for more vulnerable families. Some of our Mellow Bumps Plus families have faced homelessness, relationship breakdown or ongoing health conditions, but continue to attend as regularly as possible. We look forward to welcoming a new cohort of Mellow Bumps Plus families. **Facilitators: Tugela & Natasha**

## Advice from a parent on the Mellow Parenting course:

"You should definitely go on this (Mellow Parenting) course; it will be a rollercoaster journey of enlightenment, laughter, tears, joy and fun. You will meet other parents that may, or may not, be going through the same as you; - but you will definitely learn, whether it's about You, your child, or your family."



COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 02912688  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1036738

**Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets  
Company Limited by Guarantee  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
31 March 2024**

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# **Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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# **Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

#### **Reference and administrative details**

<b>Registered charity name</b>	Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets
<b>Charity registration number</b>	1036738
<b>Company registration number</b>	02912688
<b>Principal office and registered office</b>	The Toyhouse Centre 92 St Pauls Way Bow London E3 4AL

#### **The trustees**

Tugela Barnes	(Resigned 17 October 2023)
Sue Cox	
Toby Evans	
Valerie Whitehead	
Joy Hastings	
Halon Iqbal	
Zenith Rahman	
Kalsoom Khan	
Sian Harris	
H Khatun	(Resigned 17 October 2023)
Fatimah Jobber	(Appointed 17 October 2023)
Renne Lawrence	(Appointed 17 October 2023)
Wenkana LU	(Appointed 17 October 2023)

<b>Independent examiner</b>	Jones & Graham Accountants Ltd 45 Vale Street DENBIGH Denbighshire LL16 3AH
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#### **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.

# **Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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#### **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.

#### **Strategic report**

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

#### **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.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 17th Sep 24 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Valerie Whitehead  
Trustee



# **Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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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 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (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 accounts of the company 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 accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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:

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 accounts to be reached.



Independent Examiner  
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# Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Note				
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	5	11,144	–	11,144	9,564
Charitable activities	6	5,404	141,213	146,617	128,040
Investment income	7	5,265	–	5,265	2,407
Other income	8	225	–	225	–
<b>Total income</b>		<u>22,038</u>	<u>141,213</u>	<u>163,251</u>	<u>140,011</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	<u>21,420</u>	<u>167,905</u>	<u>189,325</u>	<u>176,268</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>21,420</u>	<u>167,905</u>	<u>189,325</u>	<u>176,268</u>
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds</b>					
		<u>618</u>	<u>(26,692)</u>	<u>(26,074)</u>	<u>(36,257)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>142,423</u>	<u>75,898</u>	<u>218,321</u>	<u>254,578</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>143,041</u>	<u>49,206</u>	<u>192,247</u>	<u>218,321</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.  
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 14 form part of these financial statements.



# Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	16	2,852	3,095
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	17	28,637	19,707
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>361,364</u>	<u>215,706</u>
		390,001	235,413
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	18	200,606	20,187
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>189,395</u>	<u>215,226</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>192,247</u>	<u>218,321</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>192,247</u>	<u>218,321</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>			
Restricted funds		49,206	75,898
Unrestricted funds		<u>143,041</u>	<u>142,423</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	22	<u>192,247</u>	<u>218,321</u>

For the year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 17th Sept 24 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Valerie Whitehead  
Trustee



Sian Harris  
Trustee



The notes on pages 6 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

# **Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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#### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is The Toyhouse Centre, 92 St Pauls Way, Bow, London, E3 4AL.

#### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **3. Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

##### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

# **Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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#### **3. Accounting policies** *(continued)*

##### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

##### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

##### **Tangible assets**

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.



# **Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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#### **3. Accounting policies *(continued)***

##### **Tangible assets *(continued)***

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

##### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Leasehold property	- Over length of lease (15 years)
Plant and machinery	- 25% reducing balance
Equipment	- 33% reducing balance

##### **Impairment of fixed assets**

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

##### **Government grants**

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are not recognised until there is reasonable assurance that the charity will comply with the conditions attaching to them and the grants will be received.

Where the grant does not impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income when the grant proceeds are received or receivable. Where the grant does impose specified future performance-related conditions on the recipient, it is recognised in income only when the performance-related conditions have been met. Where grants received are prior to satisfying the revenue recognition criteria, they are recognised as a liability.

# Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2024

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#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### 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.

##### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

#### 4. Limited by guarantee

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.

#### 5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations</b>				
Donations and gifts	<u>11,144</u>	<u>11,144</u>	<u>9,564</u>	<u>9,564</u>

#### 6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Performance-related grants	5,404	141,213	146,617
Sales within Charitable activity	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>5,404</u>	<u>141,213</u>	<u>146,617</u>

# Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

#### 6. Charitable activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Performance-related grants	–	124,341	124,341
Sales within Charitable activity	3,699	–	3,699
	<u>3,699</u>	<u>124,341</u>	<u>128,040</u>

#### 7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	<u>5,265</u>	<u>5,265</u>	<u>2,407</u>	<u>2,407</u>

#### 8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other income	<u>225</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

#### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Family Health and Wellbeing	2,573	62,436	65,009
Early Years and Family Activities	(2,896)	46,574	43,678
Support costs	21,743	58,895	80,638
	<u>21,420</u>	<u>167,905</u>	<u>189,325</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Family Health and Wellbeing	4,477	31,174	35,650
Early Years and Family Activities	10,656	69,245	79,899
Support costs	36,792	23,924	60,719
	<u>51,925</u>	<u>124,343</u>	<u>176,268</u>



# Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2024

#### 10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2024	Total fund 2023
	£	£	£	£
Family Health and Wellbeing	65,009	43,459	108,468	53,887
Early Years and Family Activities	43,678	35,558	79,236	120,678
Governance costs	—	1,621	1,621	1,703
	<u>108,687</u>	<u>80,638</u>	<u>189,325</u>	<u>176,268</u>

#### 11. Analysis of support costs

	Family Health and Wellbeing	Early Years and Family Activities	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	22,971	18,794	41,765	21,788
Governance costs	891	729	1,620	1,700
Depreciation	530	433	963	1,649
Premises and insurance	12,894	10,550	23,444	27,837
Administrative expenses	7,065	5,781	12,846	7,743
	<u>44,351</u>	<u>36,287</u>	<u>80,638</u>	<u>60,717</u>

#### 12. Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>963</u>	<u>1,649</u>

#### 13. Independent examination fees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,440</u>

#### 14. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	138,233	119,258
Social security costs	4,864	7,707
Employer contributions to pension plans	1,439	2,210
	<u>144,536</u>	<u>129,175</u>

# Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2024

#### 14. Staff costs *(continued)*

The average head count of employees during the year was 7 (2023: 7).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

#### 15. Trustee remuneration and expenses

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.

#### 16. Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 Apr 2023	196,962	18,631	4,582	220,175
Additions	—	—	720	720
<b>At 31 Mar 2024</b>	<b>196,962</b>	<b>18,631</b>	<b>5,302</b>	<b>220,895</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 Apr 2023	196,961	16,628	3,491	217,080
Charge for the year	—	498	465	963
<b>At 31 Mar 2024</b>	<b>196,961</b>	<b>17,126</b>	<b>3,956</b>	<b>218,043</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
<b>At 31 Mar 2024</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>2,852</b>
At 31 Mar 2023	1	2,003	1,091	3,095

#### 17. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	25,000	15,450
Prepayments and accrued income	2,031	2,111
Other debtors	1,606	2,146
	<b>28,637</b>	<b>19,707</b>

#### 18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<b>200,606</b>	<b>20,187</b>

# Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 March 2024

#### 19. Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 April 2023	17,396	17,396
Amount deferred in year	180,685	519
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>198,081</b>	<b>17,915</b>

#### 20. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,439 (2023: £2,210).

#### 21. Government grants

The amounts recognised in the financial statements for government grants are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Recognised in creditors:		
Deferred government grants due within one year	198,081	17,915

#### 22. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2024 £
General funds	83,789	22,038	(21,420)	–	84,407
Premises replacement fund	10,000	–	–	–	10,000
Staff redundancy fund	38,634	–	–	–	38,634
Office equipment replacement fund	10,000	–	–	–	10,000
	<u>142,423</u>	<u>22,038</u>	<u>(21,420)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>143,041</u>

	At 1 Apr 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 Mar 2023 £
General funds	92,694	15,670	(51,925)	27,350	83,789
Premises replacement fund	15,000	–	–	(5,000)	10,000
Staff redundancy fund	55,984	–	–	(17,350)	38,634
Office equipment replacement fund	15,000	–	–	(5,000)	10,000
	<u>178,678</u>	<u>15,670</u>	<u>(51,925)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>142,423</u>



# Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

#### 22. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

##### Restricted funds

	At 1 Apr 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Community Fund **	8	—	—	—	8
Childrens Centres	—	—	—	—	—
Running costs	66,390	—	(26,692)	—	39,698
Cooking	—	21,864	(21,864)	—	—
Parenting	—	41,908	(41,908)	—	—
Stay & Play	—	57,815	(57,815)	—	—
Toy Library Service	—	6,241	(6,241)	—	—
Volunteers Programme	—	13,385	(13,385)	—	—
Other restricted funds	9,500	—	—	—	9,500
	<u>75,898</u>	<u>141,213</u>	<u>(167,905)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>49,206</u>

	At 1 Apr 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Mar 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Community Fund **	10	—	(2)	—	8
Childrens Centres	—	45,058	(45,058)	—	—
Running costs	66,400	76,283	(76,293)	—	66,390
Cooking	—	—	—	—	—
Parenting	—	—	—	—	—
Stay & Play	—	—	—	—	—
Toy Library Service	—	—	—	—	—
Volunteers Programme	—	—	—	—	—
Other restricted funds	9,490	3,000	(2,990)	—	9,500
	<u>75,900</u>	<u>124,341</u>	<u>(124,343)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>75,898</u>

**Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Management Information**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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**The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.**

# Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations and gifts	11,144	9,564
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Performance-related grants	146,617	124,341
Sales within Charitable activity	—	3,699
	<u>146,617</u>	<u>128,040</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Interest receivable	5,265	2,407
<b>Other income</b>		
Other income	225	—
<b>Total income</b>	<u>163,251</u>	<u>140,011</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Wages and salaries	138,233	119,258
Employer's NIC	4,864	7,707
Pension costs	1,439	2,210
Other establishment	23,444	27,838
Legal and professional fees	1,621	1,658
Other office costs	17,650	7,742
Depreciation	962	1,649
Direct charitable expenditure	1,112	8,206
	<u>189,325</u>	<u>176,268</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>189,325</u>	<u>176,268</u>
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<u>(26,074)</u>	<u>(36,257)</u>



# Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
<b>Family Health and Wellbeing</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Wages and salaries	55,464	25,727
Social security costs	3,661	4,399
Staff pension costs	832	1,237
Administrative expenses	4,058	–
Direct charitable expenditure	994	4,287
	<u>65,009</u>	<u>35,650</u>
<b><i>Support costs</i></b>		
Wages and salaries	22,971	6,732
Premises and insurance costs	12,894	8,602
Administrative expenses	7,065	2,392
Depreciation	529	511
	<u>43,459</u>	<u>18,237</u>
<b>Early Years and Family Activities</b>		
<b><i>Activities undertaken directly</i></b>		
Wages and salaries	41,004	71,744
Social security costs	1,203	3,308
Staff pension costs	607	973
Administrative expenses	746	–
Direct charitable expenditure	118	3,874
	<u>43,678</u>	<u>79,899</u>
<b><i>Support costs</i></b>		
Wages and salaries	18,794	15,055
Premises and insurance costs	10,550	19,236
Administrative expenses	5,781	5,350
Depreciation	433	1,138
	<u>35,558</u>	<u>40,779</u>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy fees	1,621	1,440
Legal and other professional fees	–	218
Governance costs	–	45
	<u>1,621</u>	<u>1,703</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<u>189,325</u>	<u>176,268</u>

# **Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Toy House Libraries Association of Tower Hamlets**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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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 2024.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the company (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 accounts of the company 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 accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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:

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 accounts to be reached.



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