

EAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE

England & Wales · Charity number 1064266

Details

Other names	REFUGEE ADVICE CENTRE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	03370871
Registered	1997-09-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (A) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY OF ASYLUM SEEKERS, REFUGEES, MIGRANTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WITH RESTRICTED INCOME WHO ARE RESIDENT IN GREATER LONDON BY PROVIDING SUCH PERSONS WITH FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE, ASSISTANCE, REPRESENTATION, COUNSELLING, TRANSLATING AND INTERPRETING SERVICES IN MATTERS OF ASYLUM, IMMIGRATION, MONEY, DEBTS, WELFARE BENEFITS, HOUSING, HEALTH, EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT; (B) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION BY THE PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES.

Activities: 1. Provide free advice, information and representation to asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and others in matters of asylum, immigration, housing, debt, welfare benefits, hate crime and domestic violence, education, training and employment. 2. Low rate fee paying service in immigration is available for clients, who are not eligible for public funding.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREATER LONDON
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£41,692	£34,282	-	-
2024-03-31	£34,578	£34,710	-	-
2023-03-31	£29,153	£34,241	-	-
2022-03-31	£32,689	£35,802	-	-
2021-03-31	£63,690	£38,955	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr QADIR BAKHSH MBE	Chair	
Clive Raymond Lucking		2018-11-30
Dr ABDUL QAYYUM SHEIKH		
Robert Frimeong Manso		2014-03-28
SAID AWEYS		2013-01-25

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 MARCH 2025

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AEAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE
Company Information

Trustees

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Dr . A Q Sheikh (Vice Chairman)
Mr. Robert Manso
Mr. Said Aweys
Mr. Clive Lucking

Secretary

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2025 Governing Document

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Review of Activities

East London Community Law Service is still facing some difficult challenges financially in the coming year.

This year again, thanks to funding from the Big Lottery Community Funds, we have seen a slight increase in our generated income.

However, we have been able to show a positive balance in our bank accounts after so many years of financial struggle and this is thanks to the grant and letting some of our facilities to provide the much-needed funds for continuing the work we do for the Refugees and Migrants in several boroughs.

The demand for our services has continued to grow even though we do not have a full contingent of staff but our sterling staff with the help of volunteers has coped reasonably well this year But the organisation is still struggling to find support for our work.

Our Multicultural Advice Service (MASC) is still operating essentially on a voluntary basis and now includes signposting cases to Citizens Advice bureaux and Victim support in cases where specialist skills are required. Our future plan for funding some level of activity continue to include, asking our partners in the consortium to share our office facilities to increase their contribution to our costs while we continue to seek funding.

Financial Review

The financial results this year shows an improvement in state of affairs, the charity recorded a surplus of £7410 compared to £133 deficit in (2023/2024)

The Charity is aware that there is still real financial test ahead in the coming years which we should overcome by reducing our expenditure on salaries, applying for funding and reducing our opening days to reduce our energy consumption.

Achievement and Performance of the Charity

The charity was able to advice over 630 clients covering a wide range of ethnic origins, age, sex, religion and disability either face to face or over the phone, referrals and signposting.

We assisted asylum seekers and migrant either from the EU or other countries from the day they arrive into the UK in applying for support (National Asylum Support Services) and Welfare benefit according to their circumstances and we were able to achieve a lot of success in securing both accommodation and subsistence support for them.

We assisted clients who were granted refugee status and economic migrants who were entitled to the EU Brexit settlement scheme in their difficult transitional period by applying for the right benefits that they are eligible for while waiting to get jobs where they are found fit to work, the total financial amount gained in all the claims we submitted on their behalf was above £ 101,283 according to our daily monitoring database.

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our frontline volunteer advisers, we were successful in securing temporary accommodation for 9 clients threatened either with homelessness or evictions and easing debt problems for others through securing easy payment plan.

Life in the borough continue to be a struggle not only for migrants and refugees but also for residents finding it hard to meet day to day commitments and we think the local authority could do more to alleviate unnecessary suffering

The Board also wish to extend thanks to our volunteers whose work has enabled the organisation to continue its services with a very acceptable level of efficiency.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial Statements:

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 at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

- 1, Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 2, Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- 3, Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business. The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which 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 1985.

The trustees 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.

This report was approved by the trustees on 11th Sep 2025 and signed on their behalf

Signed: Qadir Bakish

Name: QADIR BAKISH

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustee of East London Community Law Services

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East London Community Law Services for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustee considers that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144 (2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

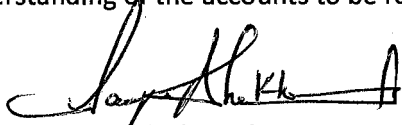
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Waqas Imtiaz Khan (FCCA)
Chartered Certified Accountants

30/9/2025

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**East London Community Law Service
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2025**

	notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Grant Funding	2	-	14,310	14,310	6,500
Activities for generating funds	3	27,382		27,382	27,998
Other Income & refunds					80
Total Incoming Resources		27,382	14,310	41,692	34,578
Expenditure					
Cost of charitable activities		33,196	9,059	33,196	33,624
Governance costs		1,086		1,086	1,086
Total Resources Expended		34,282	9,059	34,282	34,710
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		-6,900	5,251	7,410	-133
Total Funds Brought Forward		397,822		397,822	397,954
Total Funds Carried Forward		390,922	5,251	405,232	397,822

East London Community law Service
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

	notes	2025	2024
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	4	359,160	359,160
Current Assets			
Debtors			
Cash at bank & in hand		28832.51	21422.12
Total Current assets		28,833	21,422
Current Liabilities			
Amounts due within one year	5	856	856
Net Current assets		27,977	20,566
Total Assets less Current liabilities		387,137	379,726
Long Term Liability			
Total Net assets		387,137	379,726
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Accumulated Funds		12,137	4,726
Restricted Accumulated Funds		110,000	110,000
Restricted Fixed asset Revaluation Reserve		265,000	265,000
Total Charity Funds		387,137	379,726

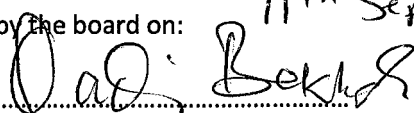
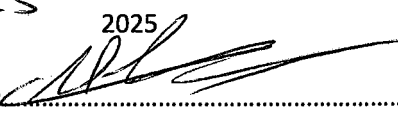
The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and no notice has been deposited under section 476 of the act requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for;

- (a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which complies with the requirements of section 386 of Companies Act 2006.
- (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the 31st March 2024 and of its income and expenditure for that finance year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies act relating to accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to small companies.

Approved by the board on: 11th Sep 2025

Signed:  Signed:  2025

Dr Qadir Bakhsh **Mr Mabrouk Alloune**
Chairman, Board Of Trustees **Secretary**

East London Community Law Service
Notes to the Accounts for the period ending 31st March 2025

1, Accounting Policies

Accounting Basis

(a) The Financial statements are prepared under the historic cost basis in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards For Smaller Entities and in compliance with Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities.)

(b) The organisation's main source of income is from grants and donations. Some income is derived from activities and services provided by the Company.

(c) Grants received for specific purposes are accounted for as Restricted Funds and are applied in accordance with the terms of the grant.

(d) Rental Income is included gross in the income and expenditure accounts on a receivable basis

(e) Income and expenditure relating to the activities of the charity have been taken into account on the accruals basis.

	Year 2025	Year 2024
2, Grant Funding(Restricted Funds)		
Job Retention Grant		
Waltham forest discretionary grant		
Big Lottery Community Funds	14310	6,500
3, Income from Activities (Unrestricted Funds)		
	Year 2025	Year 2024
Other income & refunds		80
Rental Income ELCLAS	-	
Income From Private Lettings	27382	27,998
	<u>27,382</u>	<u>28,078</u>
Interest Receivable & other Income & donations		-
Donations Received		-

	Freehold land & Building	Fixture & Fitting & Equipment	Total Fixed Value	
4, Tangible Functional Fixed Assets				
At Cost /Valuation/ Revaluation	375,000		64,236	439,236
Additions	-		-	
At 31st March 2025	<u>375,000</u>		<u>64,236</u>	<u>439,236</u>
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment value				
Opening balance B/Forward	15,840		64,236	80,076
Charge for the year 2025				
Total Cumulative depreciation	<u>15,840</u>		<u>64,236</u>	<u>80,076</u>
Net Book Value @31st March 2025	359,160			359,160

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Notes to the Accounts continue

	Year 2025	Year 2024
5, Current Liabilities		
Other Creditors	856	856

6, Long Term Liability	Year	Year
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The Company has a debt with Pension Trust which occurred when it withdrew from the pension scheme in 2005

2025

2024

-

7, Staff Costs

Year

Year

2025

2024

Gross Salaries

21312

18,240

Average Nos of staff equivalent full time

1

1

8, Fund Structure Policy

The Charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted Funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and it is the policy of the board to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with restrictions placed on them

The Freehold Land & Building are treated by the requirements of the funder as restricted and are held on trust for the activities of the charity The trustees are not in a position to dispose of the property the detailed operations of this fund is described under the accounting policy " Capital Grants "

9, As a registered charity , the company is exempt from income & corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities

10, No Trustee or management committee member received any remuneration during the year nor were any amounts reimbured to them in the current year or in the previous year

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For year ended 31st March 2025

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Activities for generating Funds	3	27,382		27,382	27,998
Other Income& refunds					80
Total Income		27,382	14,310	41,692	34,578
Property Licence		-	-	-	
TV Licence			-		80
Staff Salaries		21,312		21312	18,240
Light & Heat			5404	5404	6,193
Cleaning					
Insurance		1,134		1134	1,043
Software Support					
Telephone& Internet		1,175		1175	981
Stationery			-		
Professional Fees			-		
Accountancy Fee		145	-	145	120
Independent Examiners Fee			600	600	500
Bank Charges			-		
Council Tax & Business rates			3,055	3055.0	2,957
Water Rates		1,111		1111	1,128
Repairs & Maintenance		184	-	184	320
Sundry Expenses		150	-	150	150
Companies House		13	-	13	
Boiler Replacement Expenses			-	0	3,000
Total Resources Expended		25,223	9,059	34,282	34,711
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		2,159	5,251	7,410	-133
Total Funds Brought Forward		397,821		397,821	397,954
Total Funds Carried Forward		399,980	0.00	405,231	397,821

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This report was approved by the trustees on 15th August 24 and signed on their behalf

Signed: Qad Bakhet

Name: QADIR BAKHET

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustee of East London Community Law Services
For the year ended 31st March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East London Community Law Services for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustee you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustee considers that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144 (2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

	notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Grant Funding	2	-	6,500	6,500	
Activities for generating funds	3	27,998		27,998	27,193
Other Income & refunds		80		80	1,960
Total Incoming Resources		28,078		34,578	29,153
Expenditure					
Cost of charitable activities		33,624		33,624	33,155
Governance costs		1,086		1,086	1,086
Total Resources Expended		34,710		34,710	34,241
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		-6,633		-133	-5,088
Total Funds Brought Forward		397,954		397,954	403,042
Total Funds Carried Forward		391,322		397,822	397,954

**East London Community law Service
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024**

	notes	2024	2023
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	4	359,160	359,160
Current Assets			
Debtors			
Cash at bank & in hand		21,422.12	21,555
Total Current assets		<u>21,422</u>	<u>21,555</u>
Current Liabilities			
Amounts due within one year	5	856	856
Net Current assets		<u>20,566</u>	<u>20,699</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities			
		<u>379,726</u>	<u>379,859</u>
Long Term Liability			
Total Net assets		<u>379,726</u>	<u>379,859</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Accumulated Funds			
		4,726	4,859
Restricted Accumulated Funds			
		110,000	110,000
Restricted Fixed asset Revaluation Reserve			
		265,000	265,000
Total Charity Funds		<u>379,726</u>	<u>379,859</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and no notice has been deposited under section 476 of the act requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for;

- (a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which complies with the requirements of section 386 of Companies Act 2006.
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The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to small companies

Approved by the Board on: 15th August 2024

Signed: *Qadir Bakhsh*

Dr Qadir Bakhsh
Chairman, Board Of Trustees

Signed: *Mabrouk Alloune*

Mr Mabrouk Alloune
Secretary

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(d) Rental Income is included gross in the income and expenditure accounts on a receivable basis

(e) Income and expenditure relating to the activities of the charity have been taken into account on the accruals basis.

	Year 2024	Year 2023
2, Grant Funding(Restricted Funds)		
Job Retention Grant		
Waltham forest discretionary grant		
Big Lottery Community Funds	6,500	
3, Income from Activities (Unrestricted Funds)		
	Year 2024	Year 2023
Other income & refunds	80	1,960
Rental Income ELCLAS	-	288
Income From Private Lettings	27,998	26,905
	<u>28,078</u>	<u>29,153</u>
Interest Receivable & other Income & donations		-
Donations Received		-

	Freehold land & Building	Fixture & Fitting & Equipment	Total Fixed Value
4, Tangible Functional Fixed Assets			
At Cost /Valuation/ Revaluation	375,000		439,236
Additions			
At 31st March 2024	<u>375,000</u>		<u>439,236</u>
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment value			
Opening balance B/Forward	15,840		80,076
Charge for the year 2024			
Total Cumulative depreciation	<u>15,840</u>		<u>80,076</u>
Net Book Value @31st March 2024	359,160		359,160

East London Community Law Service
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	Year 2024	Year 2023
5, Current Liabilities		
Other Creditors	856	856
6, Long Term Liability	Year	Year

The Company has a debt with Pension Trust which occurred when it withdrew from the pension scheme in 2005

2024

2023

-

7, Staff Costs

Year

Year

2024

2023

Gross Salaries

18,240

22,936

Average Nos of staff equivalent full time

1

1

8, Fund Structure Policy

The Charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted Funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and it is the policy of the board to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with restrictions placed on them

The Freehold Land & Building are treated by the requirements of the funder as restricted and are held on trust for the activities of the charity. The trustees are not in a position to dispose of the property. The detailed operations of this fund is described under the accounting policy "Capital Grants"

9, As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income & corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities

10, No Trustee or management committee member received any remuneration during the year nor were any amounts reimbursed to them in the current year or in the previous year

East London Community Law Service
Statement of Financial Activities
For year ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Grant Funding	2		6,500	6,500	-
Activities for generating Funds	3	27,998		27,998	27,193
Other Income& refunds		80	-	80	1,960
Total Income		28,078	6,500	34,578	29,153
Property Licence		-	-	-	450
TV Licence		80	-	80	160
Staff Salaries		18,240		18,240	22,936
Light & Heat		2,693	3,500	6,193	4,437
Cleaning				0	
Insurance		1,043		1,043	1,044
Software Support				0	
Telephone& Internet		981		981	964
Stationery			-		
Professional Fees			-		
Accountancy Fee		120	-	120	120
Independent Examiners Fee		500	-	500	500
Bank Charges			-	0	
Council Tax & Business rates		2,957	-	2,957	2,624
Water Rates		1,128		1,128	745
Repairs & Maintenance		320	-	320	
Sundry Expenses		150	-	150	249
Companies House			-	0	13
Boiler Replacement Expenses			3,000	3,000	
			-	0	
Total Resources Expended		28,211	6,500	34,711	34,241
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		-133	0	-133	-5,088
Total Funds Brought Forward		397,954		397,954	403,042
Total Funds Carried Forward		397,821	0.00	397,821	397,954

EAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE

England & Wales - Charity number 1064266

Accounts

Registered Charity Number
1064266

Registered Company Number
3370871

EAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 MARCH 2023

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AEAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE
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Company Number

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East London Community Law Service (a company limited by guarantee but without a share capital)

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2023 Governing Document

Name, registered office and constitution of the charity

The full name of the charity is	East London Community Law Service (ELCLAS)
Date of Incorporation	08/09/1997
Company registration Number	3370871
Registered Office	Dahir Community House, 702 High Road Leyton, London E10, 6JP
Charity Registration Number	1064266

Objectives and Activities

- We provide free advice; information and representation to asylum seekers, migrants and others on matters of housing, debt, and welfare benefits hate crime domestic violence, education, training and employment.
- We work to help provide relief of poverty of asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and other members of the community with restricted income who are resident in the borough by providing free and confidential advice, assistance, counselling, translation and interpretation service in matters of money, debt, welfare benefits , housing health, training and employment.

Review of Activities

East London Community Law Service is facing some difficult challenges financially in the coming year. This year, with the loss of the Jubilee Centre and a lack of funding, we have seen a significant decrease in our generated income.

However, we have been able to show a positive balance in our bank accounts after so many years of financial struggle and this is thanks to the Job retention scheme and letting some of our facilities to provide the much-needed funds for continuing the work we do for the Refugees and Migrants in the borough.

The highlight of this tax year is that the long term outstanding debt with pension trust has finally been settled which will give the organisation a clean slate.

The demand for our services has continued to grow even though we do not have a full contingent of staff but our sterling staff with the help of volunteers has coped reasonably well this year But the organisation is still struggling to find support for our work.

Our Multicultural Advice Service (MASC) is still operating essentially on a voluntary basis and now includes signposting cases to Citizens Advice bureaux and Victim support in cases where specialist skills are required. Our future plan for funding some level of activity continue to include, asking our partners in the consortium to share our office facilities to increase their contribution to our costs while we continue to seek funding.

charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The trustees 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.

This report was approved by the trustees on 22th July 23 and signed on their behalf

Signed: Qad Baksh

Name: QADIR BAKSH

Financial Review

The financial results this year shows a decline in state of affairs, the charity recorded a deficit of £5088 compared to £3113 deficit in (2021/2022)

The Charity is aware that there is a real financial test ahead in the coming years which we should overcome by reducing our expenditure on salaries, applying for funding and reducing our opening days to reduce our energy consumption.

Achievement and Performance of the Charity

The charity was able to advice over 430 clients covering a wide range of ethnic origins, age, sex, religion and disability either face to face or over the phone and signposting.

We assisted asylum seekers and migrant either from the EU or other countries from the day they arrive into the UK in applying for support (National Asylum Support Services) and Welfare benefit according to their circumstances and we were able to achieve a lot of success in securing both accommodation and subsistence support for them.

We assisted clients who were granted refugee status and economic migrants who were entitled to the EU brexit settlement scheme in their difficult transitional period by applying for the right benefits that they are eligible for while waiting to get jobs where they are found fit to work, the total financial amount gained in all the claims we submitted on their behalf was above £86,906 according to our database.

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our frontline volunteer advisers, we were successful in securing temporary accommodation for 5 clients threatened either with homelessness or evictions and easing debt problems for others through securing easy payment plan.

Life in the borough continue to be a struggle not only for migrants and refugees but also for residents finding it hard to meet day to day commitments and we think the local authority could do more to alleviate unnecessary suffering

The Board also wish to extend thanks to our volunteers whose work has enabled the organisation to continue its services with a very acceptable level of efficiency.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial Statements:

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 at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

- 1, Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 2, Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- 3, Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business. The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustee of East London Community Law Services

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East London Community Law Services for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustee considers that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144 (2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

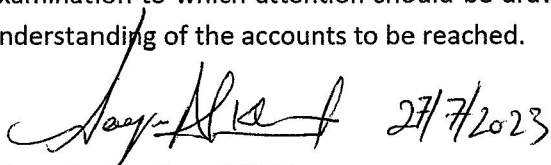
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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**East London Community Law Service
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2023**

	notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Grant Funding	2	-			8,531
Activities for generating funds	3	27,193		27,193	24,073
Other Income & refunds		1,960		1,960	85
Total Incoming Resources		29,153		29,153	32,689
Expenditure					
Cost of charitable activities		33,155		33,155	34,716
Governance costs		1,086		1,086	1,086
Total Resources Expended		34,241		34,241	35,802
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		-5,088		-5,088	-3,113
Total Funds Brought Forward		403,042		403,042	406,155
Total Funds Carried Forward		397,954		397,954	403,042

**East London Community law Service
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023**

	notes	2023	2022
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	4	359,160	359,160
Current Assets			
Debtors			
Cash at bank & in hand		21,555	26,644
Total Current assets		<u>21,555</u>	<u>26,644</u>
Current Liabilities			
Amounts due within one year	5	856	856
Net Current assets		<u>20,699</u>	<u>25,788</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities		<u>379,859</u>	<u>384,948</u>
Long Term Liability	6		
Total Net assets		<u>379,859</u>	<u>384,948</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Accumulated Funds		4,859	9,948
Restricted Accumulated Funds		110,000	110,000
Restricted Fixed asset Revaluation Reserve		265,000	265,000
Total Charity Funds		<u>379,859</u>	<u>384,948</u>


The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and no notice has been deposited under section 476 of the act requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ended 31st March 2023

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for;

- ensuring the company keeps accounting records which complies with the requirements of section 386 of Companies Act 2006.
- preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the 31st March 2023 and of its income and expenditure for that finance year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies act relating to accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to small companies.

Approved by the board on: 27th JULY 2023

Signed: 
Dr Qadir Bakhsh
Chairman, Board Of Trustees

Signed: 
Mr Mabrouk Alloune
Secretary

East London Community Law Service

Notes to the Accounts for the period ending 31st March 2023

1, Accounting Policies

Accounting Basis

(a) The Financial statements are prepared under the historic cost basis in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards For Smaller Entities and in compliance with Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities.)

(b) The organisation's main source of income is from grants and donations. Some income is derived from activities and services provided by the Company.

(c) Grants received for specific purposes are accounted for as Restricted Funds and are applied in accordance with the terms of the grant.

(d) Rental Income is included gross in the income and expenditure accounts on a receivable basis

(e) Income and expenditure relating to the activities of the charity have been taken into account on the accruals basis.

	Year	Year
	2023	2022
2, Grant Funding(Restricted Funds)		
Job Retention Grant		8,531
Waltham forest discretionary grant		
Big Lottery Community Funds		
		<u>8,531</u>

	Year	Year
	2023	2022
3, Income from Activities (Unrestricted Funds)		
Other income & refunds	1,960	
Rental Income ELCLAS	288	
Income From Private Lettings	26,905	24,073
	<u>29,153</u>	<u>24,073</u>
Interest Receivable & other Income & donations		-
Donations Received		-

	Freehold land & Building	Fitting & Equipment	Total Fixed Value
4, Tangible Functional Fixed Assets			
At Cost /Valuation/ Revaluation	375,000	64,236	439,236
Additions	-	-	
At 31st March 2023	<u>375,000</u>	<u>64,236</u>	<u>439,236</u>
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment value			
Opening balance B/Forward	15,840	64,236	80,076
Charge for the year 2023			

Total Cumulative depreciation	15,840	64,236	80,076
Net Book Value @31st March 2023	359,160		359,160

East London Community Law Service
Notes to the Accounts continue

5, Current Liabilities

	Year 2023	Year 2022
Other Creditors	856	856

6, Long Term Liability

The Company has a debt with Pension Trust which occurred when it withdrew from the pension scheme in 2005

Year 2023	Year 2022
-	-

7, Staff Costs

	Year 2023	Year 2022
Gross Salaries	22,936	24,998
Average Nos of staff equivalent full time	1	1

8, Fund Structure Policy

The Charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted Funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and it is the policy of the board to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with restrictions placed on them

The Freehold Land & Building are treated by the requirements of the funder as restricted and are held on trust for the activities of the charity. The trustees are not in a position to dispose of the property the detailed operations of this fund is described under the accounting policy " Capital Grants "

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East London Community Law Service
Statement of Financial Activities
For year ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Grant Funding	2				8,531
Activities for generating Funds	3	27,193		27,193	27,193
Other Income(Refunds)		1,960	-	1,960	85
Total Income		29,153	0	29,153	35,809
Water rates		745		745	947
TV Licence		160	-	159.6	159.00
Staff Cost		22,936		22,936.04	24,998
Light & Heat		4,437		4,436.94	2,028
Cleaning					
Insurance		1,044		1,044	1,168
Software Support					
Telephone & internet		964		963.83	1,062
Stationery			-		
Gratuity payment			-		
Accountancy Fee		620	-	620	600
Bank Charges			-		60
Jubilee Centre Rent			-		
Council Tax & Business rates		2,624		2,624.39	3,233
Business Rates					
Landlord's Licence		450		450	250
Repairs & Maintenance			-		1,233
Sundry Expenses		249	-	249	50
Waste collection expenses					
Volunteer Expenses					
Companies house fees		13		13	13
Cleaning product					
Depreciation			-		
Residential property expenses					
Total Resources Expended		34,241		34,241	35,802
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		-5088		-5088	-3,113
Total Funds Brought Forward		403,042		403,042	406,155
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EAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE

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EAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE

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Financial Review

The financial results this year shows a decline in state of affairs, the charity recorded a deficit of £3,113 compared to a surplus of £24,735 in (2020/2021) this was mainly due to settling the long term debt with Pension Trust.

So there is a real financial test ahead

The Management Committee is now beginning to look more optimistic about the future of the organisation with the lifting of Covid restriction.

Achievement and Performance of the Charity

Due to the government restriction during some period of this tax year, The charity was able to advice over 550 clients covering a wide range of ethnic origins, age, sex, religion and disability either face to face or over the phone and signposting.

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The trustees 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.

This report was approved by the trustees on 20th septal 22 and signed on their behalf

Signed: Qadir Baksh

Name: QADIR BAKSH

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustee of East London Community Law Services

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East London Community Law Services for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The trustee considers that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144 (2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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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**East London Community Law Service
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2022**

	notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Grant Funding	2	-	8,531	8,531	33,627
Activities for generating funds	3	24,073		24,073	29,898
Other Income		85		85	165
Total Incoming Resources		24,158	8,531	32,689	63,690
Expenditure					
Cost of charitable activities		26,185	8,531	34,716	37,869
Governance costs		1,086		1,086	1,086
Total Resources Expended		27,271	8,531	35,802	38,955
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		-3,113	0	-3,113	24,735
Total Funds Brought Forward		406,155		406,155	381,420
Total Funds Carried Forward		403,042	0	403,042	406,155

**East London Community law Service
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022**

	notes	2022	2021
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	4	359,160	359,160
Current Assets			
Debtors			
Cash at bank & in hand		26,644	47,851
Total Current assets		<u>26,644</u>	<u>47,851</u>
Current Liabilities			
Amounts due within one year	5	856	856
Net Current assets		<u>25,788</u>	<u>46,995</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities		<u>384,948</u>	<u>406,155</u>
Long Term Liability			
	6		
Total Net assets		<u>384,948</u>	<u>406,155</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Accumulated Funds		9,948	31,155
Restricted Accumulated Funds		110,000	110,000
Restricted Fixed asset Revaluation Reserve		265,000	265,000
Total Charity Funds		<u>384,948</u>	<u>406,155</u>


The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and no notice has been deposited under section 475 of the act requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ended 31st March 2022


The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for;

- ensuring the company keeps accounting records which complies with the requirements of section 386 of Companies Act 2006.
- preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the 31st March 2022 and of its income and expenditure for that finance year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies act relating to accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to small companies.

Approved by the board on: 20th September 2022

Signed: 
Dr Qadir Bakhsh
Chairman, Board Of Trustees

Signed: 
Mr Mabrouk Alloune
Secretary

East London Community Law Service

Notes to the Accounts for the period ending 31st March 2022

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Accounting Basis

- (a) The Financial statements are prepared under the historic cost basis in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards For Smaller Entities and in compliance with Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities.)
- (b) The organisation's main source of income is from grants and donations. Some income is derived from activities and services provided by the Company.
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- (d) Rental Income is included gross in the Income and expenditure accounts on a receivable basis
- (e) Income and expenditure relating to the activities of the charity have been taken into account on the accruals basis.

	Year	
	2022	2021
2, Grant Funding(Restricted Funds)		
Job Retention Grant	£ 8,531	£ 18,627
Waltham forest discretionary grant		£ 5,000
Big Lottery Community Funds		10,000
	8,531	£ 33,627

3, Income from Activities (Unrestricted Funds)

	Year	
	2022	2021
Rental Income Jubilee Centre		6,375
Rental Income ELCLAS		
Income From Private Lettings	24,073	23,523
	24,073	29,898
Interest Receivable & other Income & donations		-
Donations Received		-

4, Tangible Functional Fixed Assets

	Freehold land & Building	Fitting & Equipment	Total Fixed Value
At Cost /Valuation/ Revaluation	375,000	64,236	439,236
Additions	-	-	
At 31st March 2022	375,000	64,236	439,236
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment value			
Opening balance B/Forward	15,840	64,236	80,076
Charge for the year 2022			

Total Cumulative depreciation	15,840	64,236	80,076
Net Book Value @31st March 2022	359,160		359,160

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East London Community Law Service
Notes to the Accounts continue

5, Current Liabilities	Year	Year
	2022	2021
Other Creditors	856	856

6, Long Term Liability	Year	Year
The Company has a debt with Pension Trust which occurred when it withdrew from the pension scheme in 2005	2022	2021
	-	18,094

7, Staff Costs	Year	Year
	2022	2021
Gross Salaries	24,998	24,998
Average Nos of staff equivalent full time	1	1

8, Fund Structure Policy

The Charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted Funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and it is the policy of the board to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with restrictions placed on them. The Freehold Land & Building are treated by the requirements of the funder as restricted and are held on trust for the activities of the charity. The trustees are not in a position to dispose of the property. The detailed operations of this fund is described under the accounting policy "Capital Grants"

9, As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income & corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities

10, No Trustee or management committee member received any remuneration during the year nor were any amounts reimbursed to them in the current year or in the previous year

East London Community Law Service
Statement of Financial Activities
For year ended 31st March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Grant Funding	2		8,531	8,531	33,627
Activities for generating Funds	3	24,073		24,073	29,898
Other Income(Refunds)		85	-	85	165
Total Income		24,158	8,531	32,689	63,690
Water rates		947		947	366
TV Licence		159	-	159	157.00
Staff Cost		24,998	8,531	24998	24,998
Light & Heat		2,028		2,028	4,878
Cleaning					1,380
Insurance		1,168		1,168	1,168
Software Support					
Telephone & Internet		1,062		1,062	1,586
Stationery			-		
Gratuity payment			-		
Accountancy Fee		600	-	600	600
Bank Charges		60	-	60	60
Jubilee Centre Rent			-		
Council Tax & Business rates		3,233		3,233	1,565
Business Rates					1,329
Landlord's Licence		250		250	
Repairs & Maintenance		1,233	-	1233	
Sundry Expenses		50	-	50	104
Waste collection expenses					641
Volunteer Expenses					
Companies house fees		13		13	13
Cleaning product					112
Depreciation			-		
Residential property expenses					
Total Resources Expended		35,802	8,531	35,802	38,955
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		-11,644		-3,113	24,735
Total Funds Brought Forward		406,155		406,155	381,420
Total Funds Carried Forward		394,511		403,042	406,155

EAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE

England & Wales - Charity number 1064266

Accounts

Registered Charity Number
1064266

Registered Company Number
3370871

EAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE

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EAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE
Company Information

Trustees

Dr . Qadir Bakhsh MBE (Chairman)
Dr . A Q Sheikh (Vice Chairman)
Mr. Robert Manso
Mr. Said Aweys
Mr. Clive Lucking

Secretary

Mr. Mabrouk Alloune

Independent Examiners

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Registered Charity Number
1064266

Company Number
3370871

East London Community Law Service (a company limited by guarantee but without a share capital)

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021 Governing Document

Name, registered office and constitution of the charity

The full name of the charity is	East London Community Law Service (ELCLAS)
Date of Incorporation	08/09/1997
Company registration Number	3370871
Registered Office	Dahir Community House, 702 High Road Leyton, London E10, 6JP
Charity Registration Number	1064266

Objectives and Activities

- We provide free advice; information and representation to asylum seekers, migrants and others on matters of housing, debt, and welfare benefits hate crime domestic violence, education, training and employment.
- We work to help provide relief of poverty of asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and other members of the community with restricted income who are resident in the borough by providing free and confidential advice, assistance, counselling, translation and interpretation service in matters of money, debt, welfare benefits , housing health, training and employment.

Review of Activities

East London Community Law Service is still in a phase of regrowth. Again, this year we have been able to show a positive balance in our bank accounts after many years of financial struggle and this is thanks to the assistance made available from the Big Lottery Community Funds and the government in terms of the furlough scheme.

We have been able to raise some funds through letting some of our facilities to provide the much-needed funds for continuing the work we do for the Refugees and Migrants in the borough.

However, on the other side, the income we used to generate from the Jubilee Centre is no longer available starting from December 20 due to the Coronavirus pandemic, The Council has taken back the Centre in order to set up a Covid Vaccine Centre. This had a severe effect on our finances and the running of our services.

The demand for our services has continued to grow even though we do not have a full contingent of staff but our sterling staff with the help of volunteers has coped reasonably well this year

However, the organisation is still struggling to find support for our work.

Our Multicultural Advice Service (MASC) is still operating essentially on a voluntary basis and now includes signposting cases to Citizens Advice bureaux and Victim support in cases where specialist skills are required. Our future plan for funding some level of activity continue to include, asking our partners in the consortium to share our office facilities to increase their contribution to our costs while we continue to seek funding.

Financial Review

The financial results this year shows a stable state of affairs The charity recorded a surplus of £24,735 compared to £4,847 in (2019/2020) this was mainly due assistance provided by HMRC and the Community Funds add to this the steady income received from the Private letting of the upper floor.

However, there is a real financial test ahead given that we no longer hold the lease for the Jubilee Centre and the long-term debt with the Pensions trust, which we hope we will settle in the near future.

The Management Committee is now beginning to look more optimistic about the future of the organisation.

Achievement and Performance of the Charity

Due to the government restriction, the charity was able to advice over 360 clients covering a wide range of ethnic origins, age, sex, religion and disability either face to face or over the phone and signposting and this was done via appointment as our drop off service was suspended because of the pandemic.

We assisted asylum seekers and migrant either from the EU or other countries from the day they arrive into the UK in applying for support (National Asylum Support Services) and Welfare benefit according to their circumstances and we were able to achieve a lot of success in securing both accommodation and subsistence support for them.

We assisted clients who were granted refugee status and economic migrants in their difficult transitional period by applying for the right benefits that they are eligible for while waiting to get jobs where they are found fit to work, the total financial amount gained in all the claims we submitted on their behalf was £68,520 according to our AIMS software generated report.

Life in the borough continue to be a struggle not only for migrants and refugees but also for residents finding it hard to meet day to day commitments and we think the local authority could do more to alleviate unnecessary suffering

The Board also wish to extend thanks to our volunteers whose work has enabled the organisation to continue its services with a very acceptable level of efficiency.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial Statements:

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 at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business. The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which 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 1985.

The trustees 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.

This report was approved by the trustees on 22nd July 2021 and signed on their behalf

Signed: Qadir Bakhil

Name: QADIR BAKHIL

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustee of East London Community Law Services

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of East London Community Law Services for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustee you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act'). The trustee considers that an audit is not required for this year under the Charities Act 2011, s.144 (2) (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

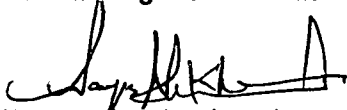
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



Waqas Imlaz Khan (FCCA)
Chartered Certified Accountants
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28-07-2021

**East London Community Law Service
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2021**

	notes	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Grant Funding	2	-	33,627	33,627	10,000
Activities for generating funds	3	29,898	-	29,898	81,215
Other Income		165	-	165	-
Total Incoming Resources		30,063	33,627	63,690	91,215
Expenditure					
Cost of charitable activities		2,234	35,635	37,869	85,282
Governance costs		1,086	-	1,086	1,086
Total Resources Expended		3,320	35,635	38,955	86,368
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		26,743	- 2,008	24,735	4,847
Total Funds Brought Forward		381,420	-	381,420	376,573
Total Funds Carried Forward		408,163	- 2,008	406,155	381,420

**East London Community law Service
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021**

	notes	2021	2020
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	4	359,160	359,160
Current Assets			
Debtors			
Cash at bank & in hand		47,851	23,116
Total Current assets		<u>47,851</u>	<u>23,116</u>
Current Liabilities			
Amounts due within one year	5	856	856
Net Current assets		<u>46,995</u>	<u>22,260</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities		<u>406,155</u>	<u>381,420</u>
Long Term Liability			
6			
Total Net assets		<u>406,155</u>	<u>381,420</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Accumulated Funds		31,155	6,420
Restricted Accumulated Funds		110,000	110,000
Restricted Fixed asset Revaluation Reserve		265,000	265,000
Total Charity Funds		<u>406,155</u>	<u>381,420</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and no notice has been deposited under section 476 of the act requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ended 31st March 2021

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

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The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to small companies.

Approved by the board on: 28th July.....2021

Signed: Dr Qadir Bakhsh
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Chairman, Board Of Trustees

Signed: Mr Mabrouk Alloune
Mr Mabrouk Alloune
Secretary

East London Community Law Service

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	Year 2021	Year 2020
2 Grant Funding(Restricted Funds)		
Job Retention Grant	18,627	-
Waltham forest discretionary grant	5,000	-
Big Lottery Community Funds	10,000	10,000
	33,627	10,000

3 Income from Activities (Unrestricted Funds)

	Year 2021	Year 2020
Rental Income Jubilee Centre	6,375	54,206
Rental Income ELCLAS		1,620
Income From Private Lettings	23,523	25,389
	29,898	81,215
Interest Receivable & other income & donations		-
Donations Received		-

4 Tangible Functional Fixed Assets

	Freehold land & Fixture & Building	Fitting &	Total Fixed Value
At Cost /Valuation/ Revaluation	375,000	64,236	439,236
Additions	-	-	
At 31st March 2021	375,000	64,236	439,236
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment value			
Opening balance B/Forward	15,840	64,236	80,076
Charge for the year 2021			
Total Cumulative depreciation	15,840	64,236	80,076
Net Book Value @31st March 2021	359,160		359,160

East London Community Law Service
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	2021	2020
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6 Long Term Liability	Year	Year
	2021	2020
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Gross Salaries	24,998	22,201
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For year ended 31st March 2021

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Activities for generating Funds	3	29,898		29,898	81,215
Other Income(Refunds)		165		165	
Total Income		30,063	33,627	63,690	91,215
Water rates					
Water rates		366		366	2,525
TV Licence		157.00	-	157.00	153
Staff Cost			24,998	24,998	22,201
Light & Heat			4,878	4,878	8,095
Cleaning		1,380		1,380	5,758
Insurance			1,168	1,168	1,128
Software Support					
Telephone & internet			1,586	1,586	1,762
Stationery			-		
Gratuity payment					10,000
Accountancy Fee		600	-	600	860
Bank Charges		60	-	60	60
Jubilee Centre Rent			-		16,562
Council Tax			1,565	1,565	
Business Rates			1,329	1,329	2,564
Repairs & Maintenance			-		1,266
Sundry Expenses		104	-	104	30
Waste collection expenses		641		641	1,305
Volunteer Expenses					213
Companies house fees		13		13	13
Cleaning product			112	112	643
Depreciation			-		
Jubilee Centre New Flooring Project					11,230
Residential property expenses					
Total Resources Expended		3,320	35,635	38,955	86,368
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		26,743 -	2,008	24,735	4,847
Total Funds Brought Forward		381,420		381,420	376,573
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