

BARAKA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT MARCH 2020-21
CHARITY NUMBER: 1087721



Baraka Aim's

Baraka Community Association provides educational support, field trips, advocacy and other services to young people and families in west London. Our aim is to support young people as they develop into healthy socially engaged, confident adults and improve educational and employment prospects. Our work is focused on young people from ethnic minority backgrounds, including British – Somali community.

We aim to advance the welfare and integration of communities, and concentrate on those who live in the London boroughs of Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster, Hammersmith & Fulham and Brent



Cooking classes



Health and well-being project

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

I'm delighted to report that we have a deep local understanding and awareness of the issues and circumstances that cause challenges in the daily lives of children, young people, and their families. Our legacy in the community has been built on foundations of understanding, compassion and trust and this is what gives Baraka Community Association inspiration and energy to support those communities who are at risk of social and economic exclusion.

In 2020/21 Of course, our success is because we have travelled this journey with our friends and stakeholders walking hand-in-hand through difficult circumstances, navigating problem solving and celebrating triumphs. It is this collaborative approach to community building that drives the heart-felt mission of Baraka Community Association. We would not have been successful without the determination and resilience of the community that we work with.

The community we serve has grown considerably over the past years from first generation migrants to fourth generation young Britons. Along with this growth there has also been an increase in the social and economic problems faced, and in turn, an increasing demand for our services.

This year has been a tough year with the Covid -19 issues to deal with, fewer opportunities and fewer options for young people. The economic climate has also had an impact on our ability to provide the community with the support needed to face the hardships brought by Covid -19 restrictions and lockdowns. Our staff and volunteers worked diligently to ensure that Baraka continued to deliver services for the community.

On behalf of the management committee, I would like to thank all our staff and volunteers who worked with minimal resources to deliver excellent quality services at the youth centre, drop-in sessions, supplementary education classes, sports and fitness, Health and wellbeing project, youth outreach, after school homework club and our parenting programme which is funded by Hammersmith and Fulham council.

I would also like to thank all our funders for their financial support and our partners for their expert advice, support and training, thus helping to make the work we do possible.

Finally, I would like to thank all the young people and their families for their participation and support, giving us the opportunity to demonstrate that charities like ours can make a huge difference in our community and to young people's lives.

Hassan Mohamud (Chairman)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

2020 has been an unprecedented year. Like many charities and community-based organisations, throughout the year, we continuously adapted and changed our services to the community in North Kensington to respond to changing restrictions and needs arising from the pandemic. While some activities were restricted or stopped completely such as sport, residential and youth club sessions, others were created and expanded; online tutoring, food deliveries, laptop distribution, one-to-one support and youth outreach.

We had a major challenge in front of us, as an organisation, to keep the community connected. We made provision for one of our key workers to work from home. They have equipment and access to systems to continue to deliver support to our community.

During 2020, our team of dedicated staff and volunteers have been stocking and delivering essential supplies and medications. Our youth workers have been collecting donations of fitness equipment and delivering this to young people to help them stay fit and positively engaged at home.

We had to respond very quickly and adapt and learn new ways of working remotely and to ensure that we are following guidance for social distancing and staying safe.

We consulted with families through our WhatsApp group. The majority of parents and young people have been asking for help and support with their educational needs. Young people want to stay in touch with friends, take part in fun activities and access to support

We have been doing our best to stay in touch with our community and continue to support. But it has been very challenging. There has been a significant impact on our organisation due to the dramatic increase in demand for support and an increase in stress and anxiety for our small team.

We increased our work with children and young people to address the risks of falling behind with education and increased mental health problems.

We organised online meetings for all our staff and volunteers, to explain the new ways of working and ensure that everyone understands their responsibilities for safeguarding and how to follow the government guidance for staying safe.

ABDULLAH ALI

EDUCATION AND COMPUTER CLASSES

We were delighted to have secured funding from London Community Response Fund for Laptops, which we handed to children and young people who need better digital access. and provided online education support for children and young people



PHYSICAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES

We provided girls only sporting and physical activities aimed at improving their physical and mental wellbeing, raising their confidence, self-esteem and removing the stigma which is based on cultural practices.



BARAKA 2020-21 NUMBERS

1560	2256	312	1232	704	1188	1980	780	1092
Youth drop in sessions	Education classes	Computer Classes	Girls Fitness	Cooking classes	Health & wellbeing project	Football & Boxing	Youth outreach	Parenting Programme
Friday & Sunday	Monday & Saturday	Saturday	Thursday & Friday	Friday & Saturday	Thursday & Sunday	Thursday & Sunday	Wednesday & Sunday	Sunday

CHILDREN'S FEEDBACK

Yassin - Year 7

The online sessions over zoom have been very useful. Since the pandemic we have had to adapt to teaching being delivered online. However, the sessions that are delivered by my school are sometimes pre-recorded and as a result very difficult to have much interaction with the teacher. This means that I often find it difficult to ask questions when I don't understand concepts in class as a result of this set up. The small group and interactive nature of the online sessions delivered by Baraka allows the opportunity to interact with the tutor and address areas of weakness which might not of been addressed at school.

Ibtisam - Year 10

I have found the GCSE booklets that have compiled questions by topic very useful. I am able to test my knowledge after learning a topic and is good preparation for exams. Having the booklets means I am able to continue to work at home at my own pace and seek help on questions that I found difficult or didn't understand during the online lessons

Yahya - Year 6

Over the last few months, I have been completing practise SATs papers in timed condition. Initially I found them difficult. However, learning from my mistakes which were explained to me during our online teaching, made doing the papers easier. This has reflected in my scores going up and up as I continue to practise these papers. Attending the online lessons has made me feel more confident going into my SATs in the summer.

Salma – Year 4

Being able to watch the tutor write on the screen whilst solving maths problems makes it easier for us to understand. We get to ask a lot of questions and have turns at answering the questions which makes learning more interesting and fun

YOUNG PEOPLE'S JOURNEY WITH BARAKA

"My journey with Baraka Community Association started 11 years ago when I was in Reception. When I first started attending classes provided by Baraka, my parents told me to work hard as it will lead to better things in the future for myself

As any 4 year-old would do. I just giggled and nodded my head. I am now 15 years old and I'm going to be sitting my GCSEs in a couple of months and all I can say is that I'm thankful for all the support Baraka has given to me. Baraka also, gives out amazing educational support. At Baraka we have teachers who have gone through the education successfully and inspire younger people to do the same. "

" My journey with Baraka started when I was 6 years old. Ever since I went to Saturday class I have excelled in my academics, especially English, Maths and Science. I am thankful for the classes and I can definitely see a difference in my poetry and my confidence in speaking. The teachers and volunteers were young students like me trying their best at Baraka and they inspire me to come and help out at Baraka done day

Baraka Community is a big part of my life and is like a family to me. I in the summer I sometimes go to Hindleap Warren (which boosts my confidence and I have built relations). There are different activities that go from fun to scary on the scale. Coming here in the summer has taught me resilience, teamwork and independence."

'I have been part of Baraka Youth Association since the age of 4. Let me tell me how Barak has benefited me and shaped me as a person. Firstly, with education. In reception I started going to Saturday classes, led by Baraka, learning Math's, Science and English and which I still attend. These lessons really helped me academically and boosted my confident in these subjects which enabled me to achieve the highest marks I could possibly get!

Furthermore, Baraka has also helped me with my social and communication skills with many fun activities over the years. These include the Hindleap Warren trip which takes place once every year Hindleap has taught me how to work in a team and also have resilience."

YOUTH WORKERS STATEMENTS

"I met Abdullahi the director of Baraka on a Hindleap trip Warren residential where I was representing another charity as a youth worker/mentor. The Baraka kids bonded with me immediately and Abdullahi brought me in to start a boxing and mentoring programme. I coach boxing twice a week with Baraka youths. It has been so successful, we are known locally, and we will soon start a third session. The young people who come to the boxing classes open up about what is happening locally, with gangs, knives, drugs and underage relationships. The boxing is a way to build the bonds, with positive feedback and allowing them to release the anger they accumulate during the week. After the boxing, the group shares food and discuss the issues that come up for them in their lives. We talk about their aspirations, I encourage them to focus on their school work, talk to them seriously about social media, school exclusions, manners, health and wellbeing and eating properly. I mentor a group of older youths, aged 18 and up to help them into jobs and apprenticeships. In a nutshell, they have a safe space and they are listened to, understood and not judged in a very judgmental world.

Baraka has been a great support for me personally and professionally, working with youths and helping them. Baraka has allowed me to maximise my time with them. I want to see these young people when I'm older. If they are successful, they might point to me and say 'he helped me out'...I also have children and that makes me passionate about helping young people. I think how would I want my children to be treated.

*All the staff and volunteers at Baraka have been there a long time, and I am thankful to be one of them. I am particularly thankful to Abdullahi the director for making this happen, " **Mo***

*As a young person in the community I was brought to the Baraka Youth sessions by my parents and was introduced to Mr Abdullahi Ali, who welcomed me and my siblings with open arms. In the early years of attending Baraka, I would attend the Maths, English and Science supplementary classes that would help me in my development throughout my school years from primary all the way through to secondary. On the weekends there were also football sessions run by other volunteers who would make the sessions fun and give me the freedom to exert any built up energy and eventually would fuel my love for football and sports as a whole. Residential trips were and are still something I look back on with great memories, as it allowed myself and other young people to travel and experience a new environment. A good example of this is the annual residential trip to Hindleap Warren activity centre which is located in Sussex. The trip would consist of taking part in planned daily activities which include swimming, archery, zip wire, orienteering as well as many other enjoyable activities. In addition to residential trips within the United Kingdom. Being able to attend the youth group at a young age allowed me to develop many skills that I now use and have used throughout not only my educational journey but my personal journey in life. The last three years have seen me study and graduate from Brunel University London with a Sports and Exercise degree. I feel as if many of the skills learnt through attending educational sessions and various others run by Baraka have enabled me to flourish and excel in many of the challenges I have faced. I feel now at the age of 21 having finished university and entering the next chapter of my life, it is my duty to give back and volunteer within Baraka to give the young people some inspiration and also to provide them with a positive role model they can look up to and ask questions if they have any concerns or issues. **Zakariya***

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

I have known Baraka Community Association for a number of years and they've always been a focal point for our residents, especially our ethnic and cultural diverse community here in North Kensington. Due to the Covid pandemic and subsequent measures that have followed afterwards, they have continued to engage with residents from all over West London by delivering and facilitating quality work with children, young people and their families.

This year in particular they have developed more work with girls and young women from the Eastern African diaspora, working with a number of partners in order to explore themes around Intersectionality. These interventions have proved to be critical in creating pathways for educational equity as a catalyst for personal growth, skills development and social mobility.

Keni Thomas

Special Projects Manager, Communities

Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

Baraka Community Association has been a valuable Health Partner in the work undertaken in North Kensington during the last year. They have made a valuable contribution to ensure that the communities that they serve have access to health and wellbeing support during the lockdown and continue with the provision of health services in safe and secure manner. The Association has actively contributed by providing feedback and leading on key local health campaigns from vaccine hesitancy to flu jabs. We look forward to continue working with them in partnership to best serve the local communities.

Krishna Sarda

Head of Engagement

North Kensington Recovery Team

NHS North West London Clinical Commissioning Group

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

Abdullahi Ali
Ahmed Bhairien

Executive Director
Office Manager

Mohammed Senhaji
Zak Mohammed
Istahil Abdule
Maryam Osman
Sahra Liban
Sahal Said
Ahmed Nur

Youth Engagement Officer
Trainee Youth worker
Girls Youth worker
Fitness trainer
Health & wellbeing coordinator
Football coach
Education coordinator)

Regular Volunteers/Mentors

Suleyman Osman
Sharifa Nur
Maryama Nur
Abdirahman Mohamed
Suad Abdullahi
Binof Ali Abdulaziz
Mohamed Abukar
Ilyas Mohamed

Volunteer
Volunteer
Volunteer
Volunteer
Peer Mentor
Peer Mentor
Peer Mentor
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OUR SUPPORTERS

- John Lyons Charity
- Kensington and Chelsea Foundation
- Cadogan Estates in partnership with the Kensington and Chelsea Foundation' (Donations of 12 laptops)
- The London Community Foundation
- The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
- The Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
- London Funders
- City Bridge Trust
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Young Kensington and Chelsea Foundation
- Westway Development Trust

ACCOUNTS

**Baraka Community Association
Statement Of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021.**

		2021		2020	
		Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Grants and Donations	5	241,180	6,111	247,290	157,413
Resources expended					
Teaching Material		3,244		3,244	6,324
Rent & Hall Hire		8,669		8,669	8,788
Teacher's Fees		23,995		23,995	7,880
Youth Worker		10,883		10,883	26,555
Staff Salary		25,865		25,865	25,777
Employer Contribution		569		569	248
Training Cost		31,901		31,901	45,114
Trips and Sports Activities Cost		12,791		12,791	23,485
Childcare Costs		1,200		1,200	2,445
Refreshment and Catering		11,761		11,761	3,544
Volunteer's Expenses		8,675		8,675	2,914
Travel Expenses		2,480		2,480	420
Motor Expenses		2,313		2,313	
Telephone & Internet		2,644		2,644	362
Stationery, Postage & Stamps		112		112	674
Publicity		1,630		1,630	4,780
Insurance		2,680		2,680	211
Membership Fees		104		104	299
Bank Charges		244		244	
Accountant Fees		1,650		1,650	1550
Legal & Professional Fees		3,840		3,840	
Depreciation Charges		7722		7,722	4,612
		(166,244)		(166,244)	(161,474)
Surplus/ (deficit)		74,936	6,111	81,046	(4,061)
Balance brought Forward		84,847	20,995	105,842	109,903
Balance Carried Forward		159,782	27,106	186,888	105,842

BARAKA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

“We deliver on all our promises, engage, and ensures that understanding, respect and empathy is reflected in the work we do to improve the lives of children and young people through improved access to opportunities and by developing aspirations”



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the charity is to provide educational assistance, recreational facilities, Training, and advice to the young people, their parents and other individuals from refugee and other ethnic background seeking help who live and work in the Royal borough of Kensington & Chelsea and surrounding Borough to enhance their academic and social orientation to maximize their full potential.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are as stated below:

Hassan Muhamud	Chairperson
Liban Ibrahim	Vice Chair
Adam Mohamed	Treasurer
Elizabeth Alimadi	Secretary
Mohamed Hassan	Member
Hassan Nur	Member
Hawa Adan	Member

This report was approved by the Board on 25th June 2021 and signed on its behalf by

Hassan Muhamud
Chairperson

Baraka Community Association
Independent Examiner's report to the Management Committee of Baraka Community Association

We report on the accounts of Baraka Community Association
For the year ended 31 March 2021 which is set out on pages 2 to 7.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity's Management Committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43 of the Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Management Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of our examination, no matters have come to our attention:

- 1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect the management committee has not met the requirement of the requirements to ensure that:
 - a) Proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - b) Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- 2) To which in my opinion; attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 25th June 2021

Baraka Community Association
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		Funds	Funds	Total
	Notes	£	£	£
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Refreshment and Catering		11,761		11,761
Volunteer's Expenses		8,675		8,675
Travel Expenses		2,480		2,480
Motor Expenses		2,313		2,313
Telephone & Internet		2,644		2,644
Stationery, Postage & Stamps		112		112
Publicity		1,630		1,630
Insurance		2,680		2,680
Membership Fees		104		104
Bank Charges		244		244
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Surplus/ (deficit)		74,938	6,111	81,046
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**Baraka Community
Association
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2021**

		2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Equipment	2	13,030	4,585
Current assets			
Debtors	3		
Cash at bank and in hand		240,466	148,025
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	4	<u>(66,608)</u>	<u>(46,769)</u>
		<u>173,858</u>	<u>101,256</u>
Net Assets		<u>186,888</u>	<u>105,842</u>
Capital and Reserves			
Surplus/(deficit) B/Fwd		105,842	109,903
Surplus/(Deficit) for this year		<u>81,046</u>	<u>(4,061)</u>
Surplus' funds		<u>186,888</u>	<u>105,842</u>

The financial Statements were approved by the board on 25th June 2021 and signed on Its Behalf by

Hassan Muhamud
Chair Person



Adam
Mohamed
Treasurer



Baraka Community Association
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2021

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies which are adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 42(3) of the charities Act 2011 and applicable accounting standards.

(b) Fund

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those funds which arise from grants and donations which have been given for a particular purpose.

(c) Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their estimated residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

Plant and Machinery 20% Straight Line

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Equipment s etc
Cost	£
At 1 April 2020	23,058
Additions	16,320
At 31 March 2021	<u>39,378</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2020	18,473
Charge for the period	7,876
At 31 March 2021	<u>26,349</u>
Net book value	
At 1 April 2020	<u>4,585</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>13,029</u>

3 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021 £	2020 £
Grants in advance		
John Lyons charity	20,000	
K & C Foundation	11,000	
Hammersmith & Fulham	8,500	30,398
Addison Youth	73,000	
accruals	19,808	16,370
Total	<u>66,608</u>	<u>46,769</u>

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for the year ended 31 March 2021

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5 Grants and Donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 £	2020 £
L B of Hammersmith & Fulham	42,398		42,398	53,834
Kensington & Chelsea Foundation	35,066		35,066	20,000
City Bridge Trust	28,000		28,000	
John Lyons charity	10,000		10,000	34,000
Wave 2 Funding	25,760		25,760	
Garfield Weston	20,000		20,000	
Barnardo's	14,795		14,795	
Westminster Foundation	17,546		17,546	
Westway Development Trust	8,201		8,201	4,397
Street Games	5,625		5,625	
Awards for All				10,000
Hammersmith United				4,000
RB Kensington & Chelsea	1,287		1,287	
London Community Foundation	15,000		15,000	15,000
Young Hammersmith				2,000
Henry Smith				2,500
London Founder				1,300
Camden Charity	1,000		1,000	1,000
Jack Petchey	1,500		1,500	750
Other Donations		6,111	6,111	8,632
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Surplus/(deficit) B/Fwd		105,842	109,903
Surplus/(Deficit) for this year		<u>81,046</u>	<u>(4,061)</u>
Surplus' funds		<u>186,888</u>	<u>105,842</u>

The financial Statements were approved by the board on 25th June 2021 and signed on Its Behalf by

Hassan Muhamud
Chair Person



Adam
Mohamed
Treasurer



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1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies which are adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 42(3) of the charities Act 2011 and applicable accounting standards.

(b) Fund

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those funds which arise from grants and donations which have been given for a particular purpose.

(c) Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their estimated residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

Plant and Machinery 20% Straight Line

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Equipment s etc
Cost	£
At 1 April 2020	23,058
Additions	16,320
At 31 March 2021	<u>39,378</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2020	18,473
Charge for the period	7,876
At 31 March 2021	<u>26,349</u>
Net book value	
At 1 April 2020	<u>4,585</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>13,029</u>

3 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021 £	2020 £
Grants in advance		
John Lyons charity	20,000	
K & C Foundation	11,000	
Hammersmith & Fulham	8,500	30,398
Addison Youth	73,000	
accruals	19,808	16,370
Total	66,608	46,769

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5 Grants and Donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 £	2020 £
L B of Hammersmith & Fulham	42,398		42,398	53,834
Kensington & Chelsea Foundation	35,066		35,066	20,000
City Bridge Trust	28,000		28,000	
John Lyons charity	10,000		10,000	34,000
Wave 2 Funding	25,760		25,760	
Garfield Weston	20,000		20,000	
Barnardo's	14,795		14,795	
Westminster Foundation	17,546		17,546	
Westway Development Trust	8,201		8,201	4,397
Street Games	5,625		5,625	
Awards for All				10,000
Hammersmith United				4,000
RB Kensington & Chelsea	1,287		1,287	
London Community Foundation	15,000		15,000	15,000
Young Hammersmith				2,000
Henry Smith				2,500
London Founder				1,300
Camden Charity	1,000		1,000	1,000
Jack Petchey	1,500		1,500	750
Other Donations		6,111	6,111	8,632
	241,180	6,111	247,290	157,413