

AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1087936

OFSTED REGISTRATION NUMBER:



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31 MARCH 2023**

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**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Management Committee Trustees	Caroline Anne Hickey.....Co-Chair Cherry . Josiah.....Treasurer Mary Fasipe.....Secretary Amii Louise McIntosh.....Member Joshua Tulloch Member Rosalind Joseph Member
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Charity Registration Number	1087936
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Registered Office	C/O Hackney CVS The Adiaha Antigha Centre 24-30 Dalston Ln, Dalston London E8 3AZ
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Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc Kingsland Branch P. O Box 3628 London E8 2JX
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Independent Examiners	London Accountancy Practice 161 Sumner Road London SE15 6JL
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**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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

Chair / Trustee Report

The Trustees are grateful for all the support the organisation received from the funders, individuals, children centres and other community organisations. Their extended support made it possible for us to reach our present stage of development. We are very grateful to all our main funders, the community, service users, parents and carers. Volunteers make a great contribution. We are grateful for many hours volunteers have spent with members, parents and working with young people and children. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy, and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

The activities of the Charity during the year continue despite all the changes and challenges to the services due to the cost of living crisis and recovery from Covid 19. My appreciation to all the trustees, teachers and volunteers who have made the African Community School a trusted and much needed service working within the diverse communities of City and Hackney.

Principal Activity

The objective of African Community School is to improve literacy among people living in Hackney in general, particularly to those of different ethnic minorities thereon.

The main objectives of African Community School are:

- a) To advance the academic education of children from the ages of 5 to 16 years plus through the provision of various out of school education support / activities/projects.
- b) To provide teaching support and learning of National Curriculum Subjects.
- c) To promote and raise awareness amongst community groups, parents and teachers on supplementary education.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Charity activities during the year were the provision of blended learning Education and training and encouragement to learning for young people between the ages of five to sixteen plus via supplementary education support, adults and family

In addition:

- Provided gas/electricity top-up support (100 families) and Tesco vouchers to families (300 families)
- Provision of under 5 vouchers (200 families for under 5s vouchers)
- Strengthen Family strengthen Community Parenting
- Run various parent awareness workshops/seminars on educational and cultural issues
- Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) for parents
- Youth programmes and mentoring
- Family and community learning courses
- Wellbeing creative activities
- Adult Learning Courses: Accredited ICT training, Essential Digital Skills for Work and Life, Functional English and Mathematics, PC Maintenance, Launching Online Business, L2 Certificate in Preparing to work in Adult and Social and Level 2 Certificate in Caring for children and young children, L3 Diploma Early Years Educator.

ACHIEVEMENT ,PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT

Between April 2022-23,

One of the key achievements over the 2022/23 were the continued efforts to ensure that ACS actively supported children, young people, and families with education activities in a holistic way providing the wrap round services in the community. ACS engaged with 80 volunteers and worked in collaboration with other agencies in the community to support families.

The African Community School adapted to delivering in a face to face capacity and I am pleased to report this has been going well with young people and their families re-connecting. We will always have a flexible option to use online services we have learnt since the pandemic that this approach works equally well for our service delivery.

Over the past year, African Community School has grown in strength and adapted rapidly to the changes to support the community we serve. ACS also increased working opportunities for volunteers and networking with other organisations and agencies within the food network in Hackney and improved strong working relationships with the local authority.

African Community School has continued to support children, young people, and families in need through food vouchers and fuel support vouchers, educational support and emotional support to families.

The organisational core incomes were heavily impacted due to the loss of sustainable income from recurring donations/grants over a sustained period but received considerable amounts of short-term emergency funds to support families.

We have engaged with new funders like Mercers and the collaborative Propel funding and been successful in obtaining mental health support grants so we can continue to holistically support Hackneys children and young people and their families.

Supplementary education and Wellbeing programme all year round targeting young people and children for three hours /week morning session reaching 60 children weekly at The Bridge Academy, Laburnum Street.

- Young people were fully engaged with the 1-1 and group extra tuition in English, Maths and Science / Literacy and Numeracy support. They received mostly educational help with their mainstream work and homework.
- Funding has enabled us to provide experienced, dedicated educators/teachers to improve performance for primary and secondary school subjects: KS1 to KS4 along with the holistic support they needed coping with the situation staying at home without much support from their family.
- Most young people were able to receive educational and emotional /therapeutic support after intervention support.
- Workshop Provision of holistic support to young people and their families along with telephone support to help young people mental wellbeing and emotionally given the opportunity for young people to have someone to talk to about their concerns.
- Access to cultural and healthy fresh food, data connectivity, gas and electricity top-up. Families were supported to access additional services and community support such as Hackney minds for their mental well-being, other services on the Hackney map, CAB and educational support for their children.

Projects funded by Hackney main grant, South and Central Hackney Parochial grant, Barnardo's children charity, Coop, Hackney Giving, Hackney Council.

Adult learning, Parenting and Family/Community Learning Course

- Free class for 580 adults focusing on accredited functional English, Maths, ICT, launching an online business, PC maintenance, Adult and Social Care and

Caring for young children Level 2, L3 Diploma EYE, Digital skills, CV writing, interview, and digital skills.

- 30 parents benefited from our Non-Violent Resistance Parenting (NVR) funded CAMHS Alliance & HCVS/ Growing Minds Project
- 20 parents benefited from SFSC Parenting programme funded by the Hackney council community infrastructure grant
- 150 families benefited from our online creative arts and crafts classes. The courses funded by Hackney Education
- 20 adult benefited from the safeguarding awareness training funded by the City and Hackney safeguarding Adults board

Food Parcels distribution and Christmas gifts to children

ACS provides wrap round services that enabled us to support 5,500 families with cultural and non-cultural food parcels and Tesco vouchers.

We are extremely grateful for funding from Coop, Hackney Council, London Community Foundation and Hackney Giving

ACS provided Christmas gifts to 80 children in the community with donations from Ivy Street Family Centre, ELBA and the Salvation Army charity.

ACS parenting and family programme made the following impact:

- Increase digital skills and access to online services
- Parents are better able to support their child's education and engage in the school community
- Improve the basic skills of 75% of parents and the early literacy of children
- Develop stronger communities leading to increased civic engagement, and social integration.

Saturday school and holiday programme impacted young people in the following ways:

- Positive attitude towards learning → better behaved, more motivated
- Reinforce positive cultural identity
- Increase in self-esteem & self-awareness
- Better understanding of cultural background
- Increased educational attainment.

As an organisation we have a strong, experienced trustee board and excellent leadership in our program manager Kome Owuasú and qualified staff team. We are

diversifying our funding base and continue to seek opportunities to grow our organisation throughout 24/25 and beyond.

Caroline Hickey
Chair African Community School

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

African Community School was established by a constitution on 7 July 2001 and is registered in England & Wales as a charity on 9 August 2001. Registered charity number 1087936.

Recruitment and Appointment of Management Committee: At each AGM, the management committee members may retire but are eligible for re-election. All service users are eligible for nomination as trustees, as are other interested persons.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are furnished with the charity's constitution and other literature relating to the organisation and its work. They are briefed on their legal obligations under Charity Law, the committee and decision-making processes, and the charity's recent financial performance. Trustees attend an induction evening where they can meet other trustees, staff etc. They are also provided with a description of their roles and responsibilities. Trustees are also encouraged to attend external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Risk Management

The trustees have drawn up a risk register that provides dates and details of action to reduce the risks faced by the charity. The charity also purchases a range of insurances. The charity continually reviews the organisation's risk and has a comprehensive risk assessment policy and procedure.

Financial Review

There is a dramatic increase in the financial position of the school as in previous year with a surplus of £56,166 in 2023 and £28,891 in 2022. The total funds retained at the end of the year are £505,29 which include £87,430 of unrestricted funds and £417,863 of restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The school has a policy of maintaining reserves of at least 3 to 6 months operating costs to enable it to cope with any sudden loss of income or adapt to changes with smooth transitions.

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the project and the income and expenditure of the project for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the project will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the project. They are also responsible for safe guarding the assets of the project and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board on 9/12/23.....2023 and signed on its behalf by

Sign.....

Caroline Hickey

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS TO THE TRUSTEES OF AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the African Community School for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Sign Ade Adebambo
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Date 28/12.....2023.

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Incoming Resources				
Donations, Legacies and Grants	-	244,023	244,023	202,087
Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities	1,627	-	1,627	5,642
Total Incoming Resources	1,627	244,023	245,649	207,729
Charitable activities	1,351	188,132	189,483	178,837
Total Resources Expended	1,351	188,132	189,483	178,837
Net Incoming Resources	275	55,891	56,166	28,891.28
Balances brought forward	87,155	361,972	449,127	420,236
Fund balances carried forward	87,430	417,863	505,293	449,127

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	2023	2022
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Fixed Assets		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors -Rent Deposit/hmrc Jrs grant		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	517,996	456,128
	517,996	456,128
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Accruals	10,853	5,201
Accountancy Fees / Bookkeeping	1,850	1,800
	12,703	7,001
	505,293	449,127
REPRESENTED BY:		
FUNDS:		
Unrestricted Fund	87,430	87,155
Restricted Fund	417,863	361,972
	505,293	449,127

Approved by the Management Committee on 9-12-2023 2023
and signed on its behalf by:

Sign E. Hickey Chair

Sign C. Joshi Treasurer

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the report of the Trustees /trustees all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statements of Recommended Practice for charity accounts.

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirements to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small charity

1.2 Incoming Resources

Revenue grants are credited to the Statement of Financial Activities on the earlier date of when they are received or when they are receivable, unless they relate to a specific future period, in which case they are included on the Balance Sheet as deferred income to be recognised in the future accounting period.

1.3 Grants received for specific purposes are accounted for as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.4 Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

1.5 Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incomes received or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available for general funds.

1.6 Designated Funds

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Management Committee for particular purposes.

1.7 Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 (continued)**

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CREDITORS 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Creditors and Accruals	10,853	5,201
Accountancy Fees/ Bookkeeping	1,850	1,800
	<u>12,703</u>	<u>7,001</u>

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DETAILED INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants, Legacies and donations				
Barnado Children charity	-	1,001	1,001	1,200
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	2,188
Coop Flexible	-	-	-	1,135
Hackney Giving	-	7,730	7,730	4,000
Hackney CHB	-	500	500	-
HCVS - Other	-	34,111	34,111	31,134
Equip Fund ESFA / DWP	-	-	-	7,568
LB Hackney - Test & Trace	-	-	-	37,860
Main Grant	-	14,909	14,909	9,705
Under 5 Voucher	-	14,800	14,800	20,000
Emergency Food	-	5,000	5,000	-
Black History Month	-	-	-	250
Kick Start	-	6,721	6,721	-
Infrastructure	-	18,000	18,000	-
MIND	-	34,259	34,259	-
London Community Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	-
The Learning Trust - Adult Learning	-	75,003	75,003	66,711
Paddington Development	-	4,988	4,988	-
South Hackney Parochial	-	10,000	10,000	8,000
Central Hackney Parochial	-	5,000	5,000	8,000
Golblite European Union	-	-	-	4,337
Hackney & City Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-
Income from other Activities	1,627	-	1,627	1,887
Other Summer Activities	-	-	-	3,750
Interest Earned	-	-	-	5
	-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources	1,627	244,023	245,649	207,729

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**AFRICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DETAILED EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
OUTGOING RESOURCES				
Staff Salaries/ENIC	-	76,559	76,559	53,658
Tutors Fees/ Sessional Workers	-	23,790	23,790	30,749
HMRC	-	17,344	17,344	16,176
NEST Pensions	-	1,637	1,637	2,753
Rent/ Room Hire	-	13,963	13,963	4,759
Food Parcel / Refreshments	-	1,344	1,344	3,656
Volunteers Expenses	-	745	745	-
LBH Test & Trace	-	-	-	18,908
Teaching Materials	-	6,910	6,910	7,340
Under 5 Vouchers	-	19,089	19,089	20,000
Subscriptions & Membership	-	1,795	1,795	1,886
Data Protection Registration- ICO	-	35	35	35
Ofsted Registration fees	-	114	114	114
Hoxton Health	-	3,015	3,015	-
Blackhawk Network	-	8,700	8,700	-
LBH grant for Woodberry Aid (Host grant)	-	-	-	10,000
Hackney Giving	-	7,140	7,140	3,155
Black History Month	-	-	-	600
Telephone	-	182	182	554
Stationery & Postage	-	458	458	277
Barnados exps	-	1,001	1,001	866
Admin / IT	-	3,353	3,353	1,208
Accountancy Fees	1,250	-	1,250	1,200
Insurance	-	958	958	899
Sundry Expenses	101	-	101	44
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	1,351	188,132	189,483	178,837