

Charity Registration Number: 1091040

DEAFROOTS ASSOCIATION
Report and Accounts
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021



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Report and Financial Statements

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity: Deafroots Association
Charity No: 1091040
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Legal Status and Governance:

The Deafroots Association is governed by a Constitution which was adopted in 2000 and amended in March 2002. The Centre is a registered charity and acts entirely as a non-profit and non-political organization working mainly for the local community in the London Borough of Newham. The Centre was established in 2000 and registered with the Charity Commission 1st March 2002

Executive Committee:

The members at the Annual General Meeting elect the Executive Committee every year. The Executive Committee takes overall accountability for ensuring that current legislation and funding are complied with.

The Executive Committee members who served during the year were as follows:

Ms. Imran ul Haque	(Chairperson)
Mr. Tony Hyland	(Vice Chairperson)
Mr. Seyed Ehsan Shahrestani	(Elected Member)
Ms Anna Szkola	(Elected Member)
Mrs Chanda Munir	Member
Ms Nathalie Fonnesu	Member

Contact Person for the accounts: Ms. Sangeeta Sengupta

Independent Examiner: Rahman & Co
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Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (who are also the Trustees of the charity) submits their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021. Deafroots Association was established in 2000 and was incorporated as a charity and its name was entered in the Charity Commission's Central Register on the 1st March 2002.

Legal and administration information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)' accounting and reporting by Charities' issued on April 2005.

History, Objectives and Activities of Deafroots Association

The Objectives of the Association are:

The Charity's Objects are for the benefit of the inhabitants of London Borough of Newham and in particular members of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and other Minority Ethnic Communities but not exclusively:

- To relieve poverty, hardship and distress by the provision of advice on welfare rights, interpreting/translating and advocacy as well as their educational and employment needs.
- To advance education and training through the provision of language and classes in other subjects.
- To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupations in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving conditions of life.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Charity is constituted by a Constitution that was amended on the 1st March 2002. It is governed by the regulation set out in the Constitution and run by a voluntary Executive Committee. The charity's new Executive Committee Members are elected at the Annual General Meeting every year.

The New Executive Committee Members are normally briefed by the Chairperson and the General Secretary in order to familiarise themselves with the rules, regulations and responsibilities of the charity. The Executive Committee met six times during the year to review the activities of the charity including the approval of the annual report and accounts as well as budgets, capital expenditure and to set out the fund raising date for the charity. The Chairperson who is responsible to and reports to the Executive Committee oversees the day –to - day work of the charity.

The Executive Committee is aware of the potential risks to the charity, both financial and otherwise. Therefore, strategies are in place to control these risks. Assessments have also been taken relating to fire and health and safety. The Executive Committee are seriously looking into other risk areas such as operational, governance and compliance with law and regulations.

Achievements and Performance of the Year

The Executive Committee is pleased to report of 2020-2021. The Association is actively seeking to protect its financial security in order to continue to safeguard the ongoing development of the Charity and its projects and services that it offers to the local communities in Newham. Due to the COVID-19 the organisation suffered financial crisis. The organisation could not secured any additional financial support keep the organisation going. We had to spend our reserve funding. We also secured funding to run the activities, but unable to secured any core funding.

The activities will be delivered in 2020-2021. Over the last 12 months, the Centre delivered the following activities and services:

- Employment Support
- Heritage Project
- Cook to Work

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Financial Report of the Year 2020-21

The Centre had an income of £54,971, direct charitable expenditure, support costs and administration costs are £48,008, and income exceeded expenditure by £6,963.

Financial Review

The financial position of the Charity is portrayed in the accompanying Financial Statements.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statement for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- (a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply consistently;
- (b) Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (d) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which discloses with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the charity act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Management

The Executive Committee have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the exposure to the major risks.

Reserve Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to at about three months' expenditure. The Executive Committee consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. Deafroots Association will actively work to achieve this level of reserves.

Independent Examiner

According to the provisions of the Charities Act 2011, the Trustees agree that an audit is not required for this financial year; however due to the provisions of the same act an Independent Examiner is required.

Rahman & Co (Incorporated Executive Accountants) will be appointed as Independent Examiner for the ensuing year.

The Executive Committee approved the accounts on 18/03/2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Imran ul haque

Mr. Imran UI Haque

Dated: 18th March 2022

Chairperson

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Executive Committee for the year ended 31st March 2021

The financial statements laid out in this report on pages 5-8 have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the SORP, Accounting and Reporting by Charities Commission issued in January 2015 and applicable Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

Respective Responsibilities of the Executive Committee and the Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements. The Executive Committee considers that an Audit is not required for this year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011) and that an Independent Examiner is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- Examine the Financial Statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- Follow the procedure laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

The examination of the accounts was carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the Charities Commissioner. The examination includes:

- A review of the accounting records kept by the Charity.
- A comparison of the accounts presented with those records made available.
- It includes consideration of any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts.
- And seeking explanations from you as Executive Committee concerning any such matters.

The examination also includes examination of any such matters of evidence relevant to the account of disclosures in the financial statements. It includes assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances consistently applied and adequately disclosed. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiners' Statement

In connection with our examination no matter has come to our attention:

- (1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (2) To which in our opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statement prepared give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs as at 31st March 2021 giving that the incoming resources and their application in the year then ended have been properly prepared with general direction given by the Charities Commissioner.

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Rahman & Co

Incorporated Executive Accountants

Date: 18/03/2022

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOME					
Incoming Resources					
Services Income			1,820	1,820	2,340
Grants and Donations	4	<u>44,707</u>	<u>8,444</u>	<u>53,151</u>	<u>17,679</u>
Total Incoming Resources		<u>44,707</u>	<u>10,264</u>	<u>54,971</u>	<u>20,019</u>
Resources Expended					
Charitable Expenditure	5	<u>42,569</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>48,008</u>	<u>42,267</u>
Total Resources Expended		<u>42,569</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>48,008</u>	<u>42,267</u>
Net Incoming Resources for the year		2,138	4,825	6,963	-
Funds at 1 April 2020		<u>-1,436</u>	<u>22,765</u>	<u>21,329</u>	<u>43,577</u>
Funds at 31 March 2021		<u>702</u>	<u>27,590</u>	<u>28,292</u>	<u>21,329</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet
for the year ended 31 March 2021

		Total	Total
	Notes	2021	2020
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets		<u>3,051</u>	<u>4,553</u>
Current assets			
Cash at Bank and in hand		26,599	17,426
Debtors		-	-
		<u>26,599</u>	<u>17,426</u>
Current Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2	-1,358	-650
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Current Liabilities		25,241	16,776
		<u>25,241</u>	<u>16,776</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		28,292	21,329
		<u>28,292</u>	<u>21,329</u>
Net Assets		<u>28,292</u>	<u>21,329</u>
Accumulated Funds			
Restricted fund		702	-1,436
Unrestricted fund		<u>27,590</u>	<u>22,765</u>
Total Funds	3	<u>28,292</u>	<u>21,329</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 18 March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Imran ul haque

Chairperson

Mr Imran ul Haque

Sangeeta Sengupta

Director

**Sangeeta
Sengupta**

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Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act. 1993 and comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Charities' (issued on April 2005).

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds

Consists of general funds which the centre may use for its purpose at its discretion.

Restricted funds

Are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds which are legally binding.

Incoming Resources

Income only recognised where there is entitlement for the period.

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	
2 <u>Creditors</u>			
PAYE	708	0	
Accountancy	650	650	
Other Creditors		0	
Accruals and deferred income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
	<u>1,358</u>	<u>650</u>	
3 <u>Movement of Funds</u>	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
At 1 April 2020	-1,436	22,765	21,329
Incoming Resources	44,707	10,264	54,971
Outgoing Resources	<u>42,569</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>48,008</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>702</u>	<u>27,590</u>	<u>28,292</u>

4 INCOME

Grants & Donations

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2021 £	2020 £
National Heritage Fund		6400	6,400	0
Barts Health NHS Trust		0	0	3,300
Donations and Subscriptions		2044	2,044	390
London Community	9784		9,784	0
Award for All	0		0	10,000
Groundwork UK	9,973		9,973	3,989
East End Community Fund	11499		11,499	0
Covid 19 response	7595		7,595	0
HMRC JRS Grant	<u>5856</u>		<u>5,856</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	44,707	8,444	53,151	17,679

SERVICES INCOME

Poplar Housing (interpretation)		0	0	460
DWP (interpretation)		1820	1820	1880
Poplar Harca (interpretation)			<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	-	1,820	1,820	2,340
TOTAL INCOME	<u>44,707</u>	<u>10,264</u>	<u>54,971</u>	<u>20,019</u>

5 EXPENDITURE

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
			2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and Employer's costs	22,026		22,026	5,706
Rent / Hall hire	1,930		1,930	4,076
Printing, postage & Stationary	391		391	1,735
Publicity & Promotions	5566		5,566	223
Telephone and Data	935		935	1,020
Computer Costs		2630	2,630	757
Professional Costs	8,094		8,094	23,330
Accountancy	650		650	650
Travel Costs	426		426	0
Subscriptions	607		607	298
Depreciation on Fixed Asset	1502		1,502	2,243
Insurance	382		382	612
Meeting Expenses	60		60	555
Consultancy	0		0	800
Consultancy		0	0	262
Temp Staff / Volunteer Expenses		2809	2,809	0
TOTAL	<u>42,569</u>	<u>5,439</u>	<u>48,008</u>	<u>42,267</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>2,138</u>	<u>4,825</u>	<u>6,963</u>	<u>-</u> <u>22,248</u>