DEAFROOTS ASSOCIATION

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Executive Committee (who are also the Trustees of the charity) submits their report and financial statementsfor the year ended 31st March 2023. 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 of March 2002.

The legal and administrative 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 in April 2005.

History, Objectives, and Activities of Deafroots Association

The Objectives of the Association are:

Based in the London Borough of Newham, Deafroots is a registered charity that was established in 2000 to support deaf and hard of hearing people in the UK and abroad, with a focus on Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Communities

Strategic Goals:

1. To raise awareness of the inequalities faced by deaf and hard of hearing people
2. To work with all sections of society to create communities that understand and facilitate the needs of deaf and hard of hearing people
3. To provide practical support to deaf and hard of hearing people to improve their quality of life
4. To celebrate the contributions to society made by deaf and hard of hearing people

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 workof 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 andcompliance with law and regulations.

Project Report: 2022-2023

Deafroots Well-Being Project

The 2022-2023 Deafroots Well-Being Project was a significant initiative aimed at improving the overall well-being of the Deaf community. This project ran every Tuesday, providing a valuable platform for Deaf individuals to gather, learn, and connect. The project's primary focus was to empower Deaf participants with essential information and skills through various workshops and training sessions.

Project Highlights:

- Weekly Participation: Throughout the project, we consistently had an average of 25 Participants joining us every Tuesday, showcasing the strong engagement and interest within the Deaf community.
- Informative Workshops: The Deafroots Well-Being Project invited a range of expert speakers to deliver workshops on diverse topics. Some of the notable workshops organised during the project included:
    - Why and How to Vote: Exploring recent changes in voting procedures and empowering Deaf individuals to exercise their democratic rights.
    - Money Matters: Providing financial literacy and guidance on managing personal. finances effectively.
    - Fire Safety: Educate participants about fire safety measures and procedures.
    - CPR Training: Equipping attendees with life-saving CPR skills.
    - Stress Management: Offering strategies and techniques for managing stress in daily life.
    - Story Writer Profession: Exploring the world of storytelling as a potential career option.
    - London Ambulance Service: Teaching participants how to use BSL (British Sign Language) 999 services effectively during emergencies.

Volunteer Recruitment and Training:

One of the significant achievements of this project was the recruitment of 12 new volunteers. These dedicated individuals played a crucial role in the success of the project. With the support of the Awards for All funding, we provided comprehensive training to our volunteers, including:

- Working in a Team: Building effective teamwork skills to enhance project coordination and collaboration.

- Confidentiality Policy: Ensuring volunteers understood and complied with confidentiality policies to protect sensitive information.
- Volunteers Roles and Rights: Clarifying the responsibilities and rights of volunteers within the project.
- How to Deliver a Workshop: Equipping volunteers with the necessary skills to conduct workshops effectively, ensuring the quality of the sessions.

Financial Report of the Year 2022-23

The Centre had an income of £58,590, direct charitable expenditure, support costs and administration costs are £60,024, and expenditure exceeded income by £1,434.

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 beenfollowed, 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 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 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 relatedto 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. MHC Accountants Ltd (Chartered Accountant) will be appointed as Independent Examiner for the ensuring year.

The Executive Committee approved the accounts on 03/11/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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(Anthony James Hyland)
Chairperson

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145(1) of the Charities Act 2011,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

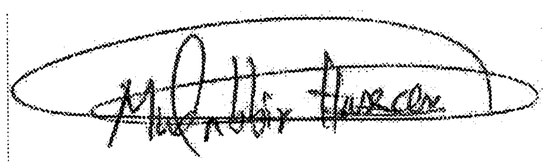
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
   - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; 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: 03/11/2023

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR FROM 01 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

	NOTES	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME			
Grants	2	56,760	56,502
Covid 19 Grants		0	7,358
Donation & Subscription	3	1,289	287
Other Income		541	335
		58,590	64,482
LESS: EXPENDITURE			
Accountancy Fees		600	600
Depreciation		754	763
Insurance		382	382
Meeting Expenses		60	90
Other legal and Professional		6,477	11,912
Publicity & Promotions		1,841	3,963
Recruitment Fees		0	73
Rent		3918	5,001
Software		0	345
Stationery and Printing		288	196
Subscriptions		287	916
Telephone and Internet		1,162	747
Temp Staff Expenses		858	1,213
Travel and Subsistence		130	110
Wages and Salaries		19,456	26,313
Sub-contractors' payments	4	16,550	0
Art project cost		4,392	0
Transcription and translation		2,640	0
Event cost		229	0
Total Expenditure		60,024	52,624
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		**(1,434)**	**11,858**

We hereby approve the above accounts and confirm that we have supplied all the information and explanations required for the preparation of these accounts.

Approved by

(Anthony James Hyland)
Chairperson

~~(Imran Ul Haque)~~ SANGEETA SENGUPTA
~~Vice Chairperson~~
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31 MARCH 2023

	NOTES	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	5	3,542	3,017
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank-Current a/c		35,954	38,117
Cash at Bank-saving a/c		460	383
Cash in hand			
		36,414	**38,500**
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	6	(1,240)	(1,367)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		35,174	37,133
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**38,716**	**40,150**
REPRESENTED BY:			
FUNDS			
Opening Balance		40,150	28,292
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure		(1,434)	11,858
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		**38,716**	**40,150**

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the historic cost convention. The accounts are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (Accounting and Reporting by Charities) and comply with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 issued under the Charities Act 1993

(b) Donation and Grants

Income from donations and grants including capital grants is included in incoming resources when these are receivable, except as follows.

- When donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
- When donors impose conditions, which must be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions for use have been met.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for restricted purposes, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

(c) Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accrual basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. All costs have been directly attributed to one of the functional categories of resources expended. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

(d) Depreciation

Depreciation has been charged 25% based on reducing balance method during this year.

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2. GRANTS

Various Grants comprise of the following:

£

Particulars	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Main Grants BGC	10,000		10,000
National Heritage	5,000		5,000
Foundation Futurel		359	359
East Wick and Sweetwater	4,000		4,000
Arnold Clark Autom		1,000	1,000
Al- Isharah		200	200
UK Deaf Sport	3,000		3,000
Grater London Authority	4,500		4,500
Groundwork London		8,701	8,701
LB of Newham	20,000		20,000
	46,500	10,260	56,760

3. DONATION

During the year the following donations amount have been received and credited in the Income as per the above-mentioned policy.

Particulars	£
Morena BGC	309
Elrem Foundation	25
Well Being Project	955
	1,289

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4. SUB- CONTACTTOR PAID

Sub- contractors are paid as gross amount because all they are self-employed and responsible for their tax and NIC contributions.

Particulars	£
Rose Hill	15,050
E Squared E2 Enter	1,500
	16,550

5. FIXED ASSETS

There are no fixed assets register of Deafroots Association. The Executive Committee should maintain a fixed asset register to control the amount off Fixed Assets.

FA-Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures:
The fixed assets schedule for the year as follows:

	£
Cost	
Opening Balance as at 01/04/2022	3,780
Addition during the Year	1,279
Closing Balance as at 31/03/2023	5,059
Depreciation	
Opening Balance as at 01/04/2022	763
Charge during the year	754
Closing Balance as at 31/03/2023	1,517
NET BOOK VALUE as at 31/03/2023	3,542

The depreciation has been charged @ 25% on reducing balance method

6. CREDITORS:

Particulars	£
MHC Accountants Ltd	600
Paye and NI	640
	1,240