

Annual Report May 2022

Executive Committee's Report for year end 3rd August 2021

On behalf of the executive Committee of Trustees, I am pleased to be able to report on a successful, if again challenging twentieth year for Creative Educational Projects and commend this report to you.

Summary of the objects of the charity:

Creative Educational Projects was established on August 4th 2001 when it was constituted as a voluntary organisation to work with people with a learning, and or mental health disability to enhance their employment prospects and self-esteem.

History of Activities for the public benefit:

By January 2002 the classic car project was launched. This project was initially a six month pilot project, created for people with learning disabilities who wanted to have involvement with vehicles, in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. The pilot project was very successful and became a mainstream project. In 2009 we started offering computer training and recycling computers. This is now our main form of work.

Summary of Current Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to the objects of the Charity:

Computer Projects:

We are still concentrating on our computer training and recycling services. Both generate an income for us. We receive used computers from Individuals and Organisations and recycle them. We do this by permanently erasing confidential data, and by loading new legal copies of Windows 10, 11, and Microsoft Office. These are then made available for donation or discount purchase to the local voluntary sector.

We also teach people with learning and mental health disabilities how to use a computer, apply for employment, to do internet shopping, and to participate in social networking such as Facebook, and Twitter as safely as possible.

We have adapted our way of working due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. (See below)

COVID 19 Response

Since the beginning of the outbreak we have participated in weekly 'Zoom Sessions' with other service providers to share knowledge, to understand need, and to pool resources whenever this could be appropriate. Our traditional remit involves working with people with learning disabilities and/or mental health issues, and we have been

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particularly focused on reducing loneliness and social isolation that these people face.

Together with other organisations we identified five key areas that provided the greatest barriers to Computer, mobile phone and Internet access to our users:

- Lack of internet access
- Poor mobile phone reception
- Lack of equipment, viz Computers, tablets, and mobile phones
- Lack of knowledge on how to use equipment
- Unawareness of what support or services are available online

To address these above issues, we have been:

- Sourcing internet dongles, and working with other Charities, and Social Welfare Organisations to provide short term payment plans for them.
- Looking at providing some community buildings with Internet and Mobile Phone coverage, both internally, and externally.
- Refurbishing, and receiving Laptops and tablets for use in the community
- Either training users directly, or working with carers so that they can assist with device usage
- Circulating information about support or services that are available online.
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Post Covid 19 Response:

The nature of our work as the country comes out of lockdown is likely to change quite extensively.

Although we wish to continue to directly train vulnerable groups, the main interest in our services has been coming from organisations wanting training on how to train their own staff to train their own clients. Also in demand has been our expertise in internet access and connectivity.

Further details are described below.

Future Projects:

We will be participating with FVAF (Forest Voluntary Action Forum), GRCC (Gloucestershire Rural Community Council) and a representative of the local health board in a Community Hubs Project to establish the feasibility of assisting some community buildings to obtain or improve their internet services for community use.

We will be working on a long term basis providing drop in advice and training to a community centre in Cinderford.

We will be providing some training to the local community on mobile internet use and possibilities.

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Accounts:

Our accounts are included with this report.

Policy on Reserves:

We have examined the needs and the commitments of the Charity, in both the short and the medium term, and have formulated a reserves policy to meet those needs. The reserves policy states that our unrestricted reserves should ideally be set to cover six months anticipated unrestricted expenditure plus known project commitments for one year ahead, and that this should be reviewed periodically.

Income Generation:

We have been able to generate our income this financial year, by a mixture of charging for some of our services, by charitable trading, by Fundraising, by receiving grants from Charitable Trusts, and by the sharing of resources with other organisations.

Our objectives for 2021/2022:

To help establish Local Internet Hubs where people can access the Internet.
To source and provide suitable computer equipment for vulnerable groups.
To explore and implement ways to increase our capacity as an organisation.
To provide training on how to use computer equipment. To run activities aimed at reducing social isolation, and by promoting digital inclusion.

I warmly recommend this annual report, and look forward to having another successful year.

M.W. Priddle

MW Priddle ACA Treasurer (Acting Chair)

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Creative Educational Projects

Registered charity No.: 1092615

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended August 3rd 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020/21
	£	£	£
Incoming Resources Brought Forward	6,740.27	16,886.73	23,627.00
Grants		7,500.00	7,500.00
Charitable Trading	1,000.00		1,000.00
Total Incoming resources	7,740.27	24,386.73	32,127.00
 Resources Expended			
Direct Charitable Expenditure		622.10	622.10
Management and Administration		1,729.64	1,729.64
Equipment		4,192.14	4,192.14
Staff & Volunteers		8,430.49	8,430.49
Rent		1,311.50	1,311.50
Total resources expended		16,285.87	16,285.87
Net incoming resources	7,740.27	8,100.86	15,841.13



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Registered Charity 1092615

Balance Sheet as at 3rd August 2021

Fixed Assets (£)

Equipment (Estimate)	3,500
Cash at Bank and Hand	15,112

Net Assets (£)

18,612

The funds of the charity:

Restricted	7,500
Unrestricted income funds	11,112

18,612

M.W. Piddle

Signed: M.W.Piddle B.A ACA

Creative Educational Projects
Registered Charity 1092615
Profit Loss Account for the year ended 3rd August 2021

Income

Grants	7,500	
Charitable Trading	1,000	
		8,500

Expenditure

Direct Charitable Expenditure	622	
Management and Administration	1,730	
Staff & Volunteers	8,430	
Rent	1,311	
Depreciation	350	
		<u>12,443</u>
Net Profit		(3,943)

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Signed: M.W.Piddle B.A ACA



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
**Creative
Educational
Projects**

On accounts for the year
ended

3rd August 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1092615

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 03/08/2019

Responsibilities and basis
of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

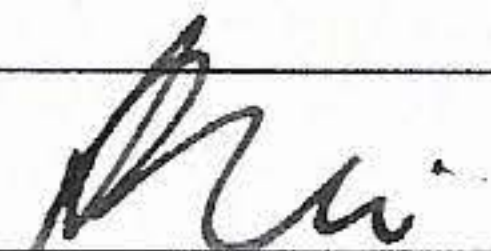
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:



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23/05/2022

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).