

**Charity Registration No. 1093606**

**ERITREAN SAHO COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION**

**Trustees Reports and Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2021**

**TAHIR ACCOUNTANTS  
EPCA Office N  
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## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF ERITREAN SAHO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

I have examined the attached account and statement, which have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis set out page 4-6 and notes of accounts.

#### **Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

As trustees of the Management Committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; and you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43-(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. 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 accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
  - 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.



Idris Tahir  
Licensed Accountant

*Date: 20/01/2022*

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## ERITREAN SAHO CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

### **A: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

Trustees Annual Report

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Registered Charity no. 1093606

#### **Principal Address:**

13 -15 Stockwell Road

London SW9 9AU

During April 2020 to March 2021, ESCA Trustee Board members were.

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Abdu Suleiman         | Chairperson                    |
| 2. Mesob Abdalla Humaden | Secretary                      |
| 3. Awelkair Ahmed        | Treasurer                      |
| 4. Mohamed Abdalla       | MC Member/youth contact person |
| 5. Abdulrhman Ahmed      | MC Member/administrator        |

#### **Banker:**

National Westminster Bank plc, Stockwell Branch,  
358, South Lambeth Road,  
London, SW8 1UR

HSBC Bank

512 Brixton Road  
London, Sw9 8ER

### **B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

- Governing Documents: Constitution (adopted 14<sup>th</sup> July 2002)
- Constitution of Charity Charity Association
- Trustees' selection methods Trustees are elected for two-year- term in office
- We are a charity which has as its trustee Eritrean Saho Culture Association (Esca)
- The aim of ESCA is to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the purpose of improving the conditions of life in particular but not exclusively for the Saho Community.
- ESCA provides this by means of community centre and educative services located in the heart of Lambeth, Stockwell.
- As a non-profit organisation our operations are all run and supported by fundraising events and programmes internally, that echo the nature of charity.
- C: Objectives and activities:

- Our objectives in essence are to give back to the very community and borough that supported and continuously support the vision of ESCA, for today and for tomorrow.
- Many of our day to day activities are aimed at merging neighbouring communities to help build and improve relations on a social, academic, and personal level. We have endlessly been running educational/training, arts and cultural/religion classes for local youths and children. We also continue to operate social evenings for vulnerable peoples, adults, and those facing mental or physical barriers.
- **D: Maintenance:**
  - We have improved the condition of many parts of our building to ensure we meet health and safety regulations, implementing new fire and security systems including new fire doors, posts/signage, also alarms and extinguishers. Maintenance of groundwork in communal areas to ensure free and safe passageways for all users, and further refurbishing to bring more warmth to the community for ongoing and future programmes and activities. Simultaneously we are working with Lambeth Council in restoring other parts of the building, ensuring pride and harmony is kept within our community.
- **F: Barriers:**
  - This year we have experienced a new and huge challenge with the pandemic of Covid-19 which has affected our community at large. We have been making sure *when safe*, to continue to operate our services within the boundaries of the set rules and guidelines set out by the government. We have closely followed these guidelines by implementing social distancing rules and protective equipment to ensure that our community ultimately contributes to the recovery of this pandemic. During lockdown we have operated few of our educational activities via online, though have found it at times difficult due to the nature of present times, we continuously aim to prioritise the wellbeing, health, and safety of all our members and our community.
  - 2020/21 has been a year like none other as the Covid-19 affected all of our plans for the year and has changed the focus of our charity completely.
  - 3. We have changed our charitable objectives so that we can receive and spend funds for Local resident at Stockwell in particular but not exclusively . This was as a result of the Covid-19 emergency appeal by ESCA , Lambeth Somali community and Ethiopian community CTGUK Together.
- **G: Key highlights of our year:**
  - receiving £55,610 in grants from National lottery as partnership with the above charities that we used to help Lambeth East African and local residents at Lambeth . ESCA as they responded to the Covid-19 pandemic
  - being nominated as the lead charity for grant from National Lottery Community to work with all of the other Local charities as well as other voluntary organisations and Stockwell primary care health and social care organisations in Stockwell
  - receiving £10000 from global children's grant that have been used to fund work by Sessional worker and volunteers to help those suffering from mental health issues because of the pandemic.
  - Also our sessional workers and volunteers have been providing a range of support like making shopping to buy essential items like food for those vulnerable and low-income families and elderly that have been negatively affected by Covid-19. Similarly, our volunteers have been picking up and delivering prescriptions for those elderly that can't physically go to the GPs or self-isolating.
  - In the last year, with these funding, we were able to reach and support more families and elderly that have been affected by the pandemic.
  - As a local charity our support is vital for the local community and our service users. The funding certainly helped us to continue much-needed services that have been increased since the pandemic. We have already changed the way we support the community as we are now concentrating on

supporting those that are very vulnerable and are in the greatest need in their homes. Elderly need help with collecting medications from GPs and pharmacies. Our volunteers call families at homes whenever possible to help them with benefit applications. So, until now our main activity was not centre based instead our volunteers mainly do call and contact families and elderly remotely wherever possible.

- Our volunteers support community members in a variety of ways: For example, we make phone calls to advise and signpost to other support organizations. We refer some families to Covid-19 support organizations in Wandsworth and Lambeth like food banks also to Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB) and South West London Low Centre (SWLLC).
- We contact them by phone but also contact them by email if the families have access to a computer.

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- I am immensely proud of the achievements of our staff during this most challenging time and thank them for their fortitude in delivering on our plan and for the support and kindness they have shown each other. The past year has reminded us that their expertise and commitment is our most precious asset.

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- **H: Reserve Policy**

- The Association held no reserves during the period under review.

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- **I: ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

- ESCA is indebted to the generosity and dedication of all the volunteers who worked with the Association. We appreciate highly their continued commitment and hard work which was significant to fulfil our project in various areas.

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- **J: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES:**

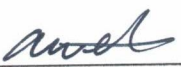
- MC members recognize their responsibilities for keeping proper accounting records and preparing financial statements each year. The appended accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and have been examined by an independent examiner, whose report is also appended.

## H: DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they approved the trustees' report above on the regular meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature:  Name: Abdulkadir Abdullah

Signature:  Name: Awelkair Ahmed

Eritrean Saho Community Association		1093606
Receipts and Payments Accounts		
For the period from	Period start 01/04/2020	To Period end date 31/03/2021

## Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>					
The National Lottery C. Fund	-	55611		55,611	-
Global Fund- Children UK Trust	10,000			10,000	-
London Com. Response Funds	-	10000		10,000	-
Anti Tribalism Movments	15,000			15,000	-
Members contribution	1,074			1,074	2,395
Donations	100			100	16,125
Repayable funds	0			-	800
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>26,174</b>	<b>65,611</b>		<b>91,785</b>	<b>19,320</b>

Asset and investment sales,  
etc.

Total receipts	26,174	65,611		91,785	19,320
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## Payments

RENT AND ROOM HIRE	800			800	733
VOLUNTEERS & S.WORKERS		3600		3,600	-
TELEPHONE	480			480	358
REPAIR-MAINT AND CLEANING	1,008			1,008	1,470
EVENTS				-	1597
CONSULTATION		2500		2,500	-
GRANT SHARING		30000		30,000	69
EDUCATIONAL & PUBLICITY	6			6	6
PROFESSIONAL FEES	300			300	-
SAFETY-FIRE ALARM		4158		4,158	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>40,258</b>		<b>42,852</b>	<b>4,233</b>

Equipment-Computer

**Total payments**

**Net of receipts/(payments)**

**Adjustment of Funds**

**Cash funds this year end**

				75
<b>2,594</b>	<b>40,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,852</b>	<b>4,308</b>
<b>23,580</b>	<b>25,353</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,933</b>	<b>15,012</b>
<b>-</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>24,091</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,091</b>	<b>8279</b>
<b>47,671</b>	<b>26,415</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,086</b>	<b>24,091</b>

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period 31/3/2021

## Eritrean Saho Community Association

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds (loan) to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Cash funds	NATWEST	47,671	26,415	-
	HSBC		56,277	-
	CASH			
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>47,671</b>	<b>82,692</b>	<b>-</b>



	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Other monetary assets			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Liabilities	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
	Property Purchase Plan-Loans	58,031	58,031	31/06/2021
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Abdulkadir I Abdullah (Chairman)	10/01/2022
	Awelkheir Mohamed (Treasurer)	10/01/2022

# **ERITREAN SAHO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

### **1. Accounting Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

### **2. Unrestricted Funds**

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

### **3. Restricted Funds**

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

### **4. Management and Administration Costs**

Management and administration costs relate to admin support to the charity. The trustees give all their time free of charge.

### **5. Depreciation:**

Equipments/computers actual costs are depreciated 1/3 p.a. on a straight line basis.