

THE LONDON TAMIL SANGAM

(A Company Limited by Guarantee & a Charity)

REPORT and ACCOUNTS

31st MARCH 2023

ABIDIN & COMPANY

Chartered Accountants

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COMPANY INFORMATION

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr. N. Kuttiyandisamy (President)
Mr. Sethurajan Balasubramanian (Vice President)
Mr. Vetrivel Ramasamy (Vice President)
Mr. Uthayakumaran Arumugam (Secretary)
Mr. Vijay Sooriya (Treasurer)
Mr. Krishna Kumar Somasundaram (Asst Treasurer)
Mrs. Nageshwari Moorthi (Asst Secretary)
Mr. Mr. Shanmugha Sundaram Subramani (Asst Secretary)
Mrs. Leela Radhakrishnan
Mrs. Mumthaj Moorthy
Mr. Retnam Sandanasamy
Mr. Sahabudeen Abdul Hameed
Mr. Rajesh Sivagurunathan
Mr. Gopikrishna Govindarajan
Mr. Murugesan Chelliah
Mr. Rajmohan Ramadass
Mr. Sakthivel Karuppiah

SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE:

Mr. Uthayakumaran Arumugam
The London Tamil Sangam
369 High Street North
Manor Park
London E12 6PG

COMPANY REGISTERED NUMBER:

657373 (Registered in England and Wales)

COMPANY CHARITY NUMBER:

1097724

ACCOUNTANTS:

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Hornchurch
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REPORT of the COUNCIL - YEAR ended 31st MARCH 2023

The Council Members present their Report together with the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2023. The period between 2022 and 2023 has been an existing year for The London Tamil Sangam (The LTS), gradually assimilating back into normality. The LTS took no exception as the whole nation was once again plunged into a deep sorrow following the death of Her Royal Majesty Queen Elisabeth II on 8th Sep 2022. Particularly with the vibrant community constituting of people with origins from many commonwealth nations, making up significant portion of the populous in Newham, acutely expressed the loss of the head of their nations. However, the challenges presented in rebuilding the pre-COVID ambience in the community took a positive direction due to a successful delivery of the Pongal event on 5th Feb 2023.

The Pongal festival was celebrated in the Redbridge Town Hall, which was attended by more than 550 patrons. This was a major success as it was proving to be very difficult to convince people to attend the key event in the Tamil calendar brought on by adverse memories of large public indoor gathering. However, The LTS Council Members were adaptive to the situation and worked collectively and implemented a dynamic strategy to ensure maximum attendance on the day.

The essential building maintenance work which started in the previous financial year concluded this year with the premises being re-opened for public events, a significant financial commitment empowered speedy completion of the essential maintenance project and made the premises fit for use, by our staff and local community. The completion of timely renovation enabled the building ready for many future events. Since, then a number of cultural, educational and wellbeing sessions have been enjoyed by people from our community. We are confident to gradually build on this and deliver more face-to-face events and community building activities throughout 2023.

As always, we are thankful to the local Temples “Sri Maha Lakshmi Trust” and “Sri Murugan Temple” for their continued regular financial support towards running of our Supplementary weekend Tamil Schools. These funding has empowered us to keep financial burden on parents to a minimum. Our long-term strategy continues to be to reduce our dependency from public grants and drive towards self-sustainment.

The popularity of our on-line school continues to grow due to the demand from our users from wider United Kingdom and also far afield as Eastern Europe and Mauritius, we strive to continue to enhance our outreach for the On-Line virtual Tamil School as a third branch to our existing face-to-face teaching at our Eastham and Redbridge branches. This is to fulfil our vision to avail all resources at our disposal to ensure every single individual who expresses their interest to learn Tamil gets the maximum opportunity. The quality, dedication and hard work of all our Teachers, Head Teachers, Sub-Committees and the LTS staff and management teams are instrumentals for the success. The creation and supply of our The LTS branded books based on International Cambridge Examining board Tamil GCSE syllabus for six groups ranging from reception to year five, which were printed in India has out stripped our expectation on supply and demand. We are now planning on additional print to meet the demands of our National and International affiliates as well as our own students.

Hard work of our volunteers and trustees supported by the generosity of our sponsors has helped us to sustain our services. With the hard work of our team and the goodwill of local businesses, we have been very fortunate and continue to increase our fund raising through donations from parents towards administering the schools. The LTS is committed to promoting community and religious harmony and cultural diversity of Newham.

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REPORT of the COUNCIL (Continued) YEAR ended 31st MARCH 2023

Review of the Activity and Further Developments:

The principal activities of London Tamil Sangam remotely delivered are:-

1. Raise funds to support Local & International relief aids.
2. Tamil Language Supplementary School (London School of Tamil Language and Culture)

The principal activities of London Tamil Sangam gradually phasing back into establishing normality are:-

1. Employment oriented courses
2. ESOL classes for immigrants of all ages.
3. Health awareness and social inclusion activities
4. Children and young people weekend activities
5. Library service
6. Arranging Tamil lectures and Tamil cultural celebrations
7. Celebration of cultural events to encourage family and community gathering, by welcoming people of all faith and religion.
8. Classes to introduce local community to digital age.
9. Yoga Class
10. Activities for elders
11. Dress Making Classes
12. Therapy sessions Health advice and seminars
13. Day trips for the community
14. Dance Classes and sports events for Children
15. Zumba & Bollywood and other keep fit dance classes for adults' wellbeing.
16. Vocal Singing Classes
17. Annual Pongal (Harvest festival) celebrations
18. Work experience centre for secondary school pupils

The Plan for the future:

- Increase in-person physical, cultural and educational activities.
- Continue to build on Tamil language and cultural education.
- Increase provision of support for satellite Tamil schools in UK.
- Enhance and increase the services to include advice and guidance sessions.
- Formation of dance and art group for youth.
- Form Sports division to run sports activities, such as Badminton.
- After school club – to help children with their homework and studies, as well as other activities.
- Parent and toddler group to encourage parenting education.
- Musical Instrumentation classes.
- Increase funding stream by organising further fundraising events, such as.
 - Organise holiday trips to European destinations for the community.
 - Maximise the use of Sangam premise to generate unrestricted funds.
- Continue efforts to make the supplementary school to be self-sustainable through its own fundraising.

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REPORT of the COUNCIL (Continued) YEAR ended 31st MARCH 2023

Results

Both the level of activity and the financial position at the Balance Sheet were satisfactory and the Council expects this to be improved in the foreseeable future.

Fixed Assets

Details of the movement in the Fixed Assets are disclosed in Note 5 to the Accounts.

Statement of Directors' (Council Member's) Responsibility

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors have.

- Selected suitable accounting policies and applied consistently.
- Made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Followed applicable accounting standards; and
- Prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

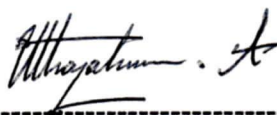
Taxation Status

The Inland Revenue recognises that The London Tamil Sangam is a non-profit making entity which may not distribute profits among members. The Company is exempt from UK Corporation Tax.

Small Company Provisions

The report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small Companies regime.

By order of the Council



Secretary – U.K.Arumugam

20th December 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the TRUSTEES of

THE LONDON TAMIL SANGAM

for the YEAR ended 31st MARCH 2023

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 as set out on pages 7-11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE EXAMINER

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 144(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 REPORT

In connection with my examination, no 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 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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20th December 2023

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the YEAR ended 31st MARCH 2023

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Income</u>		77,281	68,561
Administrative Expenses		100,571	65,250
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<u>Surplus (Deficit) on Ordinary Activities before Taxation</u>	2	(23,290)	3,311
Taxation	4	-	-
		-----	-----
<u>Surplus (Deficit) on Ordinary Activities after Taxation</u>		(23,290)	3,311
<u>Retained Balance at 1st April 2022</u>		91,935	88,624
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<u>Retained Balance at 31st March 2023</u>		£68,645	£91,935
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THE LONDON TAMIL SANGAM**(A Company Limited by Guarantee & a Charity)****BALANCE SHEET as at 31st MARCH 2023**

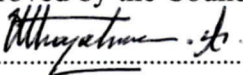
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Fixed Assets</u>			
Tangible Assets	5	249,604	249,884
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Debtors	6	500	500
Cash at Bank and in Hand		76,795	101,588
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		77,295	102,088
<u>Creditors</u>			
Amounts falling			
Due within one year	7	4,316	6,099
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<u>Net Current Assets</u>		72,979	95,989
		-----	-----
		<u>£322,583</u>	<u>£ 345,873</u>
		=====	=====
<u>Capital and Reserve</u>	8		
Accumulated Fund		68,645	91,935
Capital Grant Reserve	9	244,162	244,162
Building Reserve	10	9,776	9,776
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		<u>£322,583</u>	<u>£345,873</u>
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The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

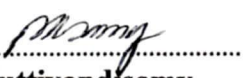
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provision in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small Companies regime.

Approved by the Council on 20th December 2023 and signed on their behalf.



U.K. Arumugam



N.Kuttiyandisamy

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) **Council Members**
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) **Vijay Sorniya**
) **(Treasurer)**

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NOTES to the ACCOUNTS

for the YEAR ended 31st MARCH 2023

1. Accounting Policies

(a) Accounting Convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual value of all fixed assets, except Freehold Property, over their expected useful lives. It is calculated on a reducing balance basis at the following rates:

Fixtures and Equipment 15%

Freehold Property is not depreciated as it is maintained to ensure that its value does not diminish over time. The maintenance costs are charged to Profit and Loss in the year incurred. In the council's opinion, depreciation would be immaterial and has not been charged.

2. Operating Profit

Operating Profit is arrived at after charging:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Depreciation	280	329
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3. Staff Costs

The Company employs 1 (2022: 1) worker. The Council members receive no emoluments for their services.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Salary and Pension	11,173	9,914
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for the YEAR ended 31st MARCH 2023

4. Taxation

The Charity is exempt from UK Corporation Tax.

5. Tangible Assets

	<u>Freehold Property</u>	<u>Fixtures, Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost			
At 1st April 2022	248,020	45,946	293,966
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At 31st March 2023	248,020	45,946	293,966
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Depreciation			
At 1st April 2022	-	44,082	44,082
Charge for the Year	-	280	280
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At 31st March 2023	-	44,362	44,362
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Net Book value			
At 31st March 2023	<u>£248,020</u>	<u>£1,584</u>	<u>£249,604</u>
	=====	=====	=====
At 31st March 2022	<u>£248,020</u>	<u>£1,864</u>	<u>£249,884</u>
	=====	=====	=====

Freehold property is not depreciated in accordance with Note 1(b)

6. Debtors

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Deposits and Accrued Income	<u>£500</u>	<u>£ 500</u>
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for the YEAR ended 31st MARCH 2023

7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Other Creditors	2,486	2,629
Accruals	1,830	3,470
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	<u>£4,316</u>	<u>£6,099</u>

8. Capital

The company has no Share Capital. Its liability is limited by guarantee of the members.

9. Capital Grant Reserve

Capital Grants of £244,162 received from the London Borough of Newham for the specific purpose of purchasing and carrying out renovation work at 369 High Street North, Manor Park, London E12 and for other Capital expenditure, have been credited to capital Grant Reserve. Under the terms of the grant agreement, this reserve is refundable to the grantor in the event of the Company ceasing to operate for charitable purposes or being wound up.

10. Building Reserve

This relates to specific reserve accumulated for Building improvements carried out in 1996 and partly funded by the Local Authority Grant

11. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

Capital commitments authorised or contracted for by the Company at 31st March 2023 amounted to Nil (2022 - Nil).

There were no contingent liabilities at 31st March 2023 that the Members of the Council was aware of (2022 - Nil)