

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**Reflecting on
Progress, Building
Tomorrow Together**

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Secretary, MAUK

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PREPARED AND PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR BOARD
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REGISTRATION

Malayalee Association of the U. K. (hereafter M.A.U.K.) is a Registered Charity (No. 1102653) and a Company Limited by Guarantee (No. 4934084). Therefore, the Board of Directors is responsible as Charity Trustees and Company Directors. M.A.U.K. is also registered with the Information Commission's Office and the Fundraising Regulator. M.A.U.K. also works in partnership with the London Borough of Newham



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ELECTIONS

At the last A.G.M. on Sunday, 24 September 2023, the following directors were elected to serve for two consecutive years: Raman Sambasivan, Sreekumar Kunjuraman, Sreejith Sreedharan, Aji Gangadharan, Murali Pillai, Sudha Das, Rajeswari Sadasivan, Suresh Unnithan and Suresh Sukumaran.

The following sitting directors will serve until the forthcoming A.G.M. on Sunday, 22 September 2024: Anil Velu, Jayan Pillai, Anil Edavana, Aji Velu, Mohanadas Madhavanandan, Nishar Viswanath and Aloysius Mathew.

Members are invited to apply to join the Director Board. The candidates must be members for over two consecutive years and served as a volunteer for a minimum of one year to be elected as a director. Members at the Annual General Meeting will elect directors.

2023 Management Structure

In 2023, each director led one or two tasks of their choice and was encouraged to build a team consisting of experts and interested volunteers. This has boosted our volunteer numbers and their participation.

Membership

In 2023, we added 72 new family members to our organisation. Membership is completely processed through online mediums. Yearly subscription can now be paid by standing order or direct debit.

Despite financial constraints, the membership fee has remained at £20 since 2012. We encourage all our supporters to advocate for M.A.U.K. and inspire your friends, family, and coworkers to join M.A.U.K. – Our Extended Family.

Website - www.mauk.org

The website mainly informs members about M.A.U.K. activities and archives our records. Members can also download M.A.U.K. policies, annual reports and accounts, forms, and other publications.





Social Media : MAUKLONDON

M.A.U.K. continues to increase its presence on social media through our Facebook, Instagram, Threads, and YouTube handles under 'mauklondon'.

Media Partners

M.A.U.K. maintains a good rapport with various print, online, and visual media targeted at the Malayalee community. We are grateful for their continued support. We express our gratitude to: UKmalayalee.com, Kerala Link, KaumudiEurope, britishmalayali.com, europemalayali.com, Anand Media, Britishkairali.co.uk, Manoramaonline and Radio Lime.



Kerala House

Kerala House bookings for private functions and community gatherings have significantly increased over the last few years. Community and faith-based groups use Kerala House regularly at preferential rates. Location, easy access by public transport and affordable rates has been the prime reasons for this increase.

Kerala House is also available for members of the local community for wakes and other funeral gatherings and rituals. Many members have used this service in the last year as it is located within a short distance from Manor Park Crematorium. Although we offer the premises free of charge, all users have donated money to the up-keeping of Kerala House.

The free booking of Kerala House for life members was extended to 30 December 2023. Any life members who have not yet used their free booking have now lost this privilege.

Arts, Cultural & Social activities



MAUK Chilanka: Dancers Forum



MAUK Chilanka was created as a platform for dancers of various genres, mainly Indian Classical, folk and cinematic dance. The influx of students from Kerala has seen a rise in artists seeking opportunities to train, collaborate and perform, which Chilanka hopes to address. In 2023, Chilanka artists performed at major stages, including MAUK Onam Celebrations, KCWA Ponnonam and the High Commission of India's the Independence Day and Foundation Day Celebrations.

Kattankappium Kavithayum (Coffee and Poetry)

M.A.U.K.'s literary group was launched on 08 October 2010 at Kerala House to celebrate the notable poet O.N.V Kurup winning the Jnanpith Award, the highest literary Award in India. It is an independent body headed by Poet Priyavarathan Sathyavritan and supported by Muralee Mukundan and Manampoor Suresh. It has conducted 142 episodes, during which most of today's Malayalam literary personalities have blessed the gathering with their presence. The Kattankappi team meets regularly online and in person at Kerala House, where participants

discuss literary works, current affairs and the environment and Famous Malayalam novelist and story writer T D Ramakrishnan, literary critic Dr K Prasannarajan and Magic Planet founder and magician Gopinath Mutukad participated in various events organised by Kattankappium Kavithayum in 2023. The year also witnessed a session with Manambur Suresh, a prominent member of Kattankappi, following the release of his book 'Ray Muthal London Festival Vare', viewing and discussions on acclaimed films 'Gandhi' and 'Tokyo Story' and an online poetry reading session.



For in-depth reports and activities of Kattankappi, visit <http://coffeeandpoetry.org>

Malayalam Classes

In 1980, MAUK started the first Malayalam classes in the U.K. After a short break during the pandemic, we have restarted the Malayalam language. Rebranded as 'Madhuram Malayalam' the classes restarted on Vijayadashami day in 2023 and take place on selected Sunday under the leadership of Sabith Pillai. This initiative aims to familiarise children with the richness and heritage of Malayalam language and learn the basics.



Join our Malayalam classes for both children and adults at Kerala House on Sundays.



London Academy of Dravidian Arts (LADA.)

L.A.D.A. is M.A.U.K.'s endeavour to nourish and promote Dravidian Arts and Language in the U.K. Our aim is to work collaboratively with other organisation to preserve and promote Dravidian arts and culture. In 2023, we have restarted most of the classes that were suspended during the pandemic and have start ed new ones. LADA is managed by director Anilkumar Edavana

Chenda Troupe

M.A.U.K. Chenda Troupe, founded in 2011 under the training and guidance of Vinod Navadhara, has grown into the leading Chenda Troupe

In 2023 the Troupe performed at many prestigious events, including the Chariot festivals of London Sri Murugan Temple, Lakshmi Narayana Temple, Ilford Ganapathi Temple, Sai Baba festival, Aylesbury Church and the inauguration of Nagapooshini Temple in Harrow.

Chenda Classes

The Chenda classes currently take place at Kerala House on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings, with 24 students in 3 classes.



MAUK Chilanka: Dancers Forum

In June 2023 we restarted Bharathanatyam Classes. The classes are designed for children and adults who are beginners or returning to Bharathanatyam after a long time. Through high-quality teaching, students can explore and refine a range of adavu (steps), improve their coordination and build their stamina as they explore the fundamentals of movement technique and rhythm. The class, taught in Kalashethra style by Ms Jasline Shimmy Antony, currently has twenty one stuents.

Janani - MAUK Annual Souvenir

To comply with our commitment to being an environmentally sustainable organisation Janani was published as an e-magazine. The magazine, edited by Gagana Priyan and Priyavarathan Sathyavrithan, can be downloaded from the M.A.U.K. website.



MAUK Chenda students performing at London Tamil Sangam Pongal celebrations.



For more info, to enrol or to book Chendamalam:
Call or WhatsApp - 07973426451 | 07412671671

Akshara: M.A.U.K. Book Club

The book club initiated by Sudha Das on 12 June 2021, intends to promote the Malayalam language and literature and engage its members in discussions, debates and evaluations of literary work through Zoom meetings. Sessions occur every few months, leaving participants time to read the selected text. In 2023, texts discussed included Haridwarle manikal muzhangunnu by M Mukundan, Oru sankeerthanam pole by Perembadavam Sreedharan, Manj by M T Vasudevan Nair, Ini njan urangatte by P K Balakrishnan

Akshara currently has 49 Malayalam enthusiasts from across the globe as active members.

M.A.U.K. OnaSadhya

Every year, M.A.U.K. volunteers prepare the scrumptious Sadhya we serve under the supervision of the Elders. In 2023, 260 home-cooked Sadhyas were served on Saturday, 03 September, at Trinity Centre in East London. We thank all our volunteers for the hard work each year they have put in to keep this tradition alive.

M.A.U.K. Onasadhya has charity at heart. Every year, we add a nominal fee to the cost of the Sadhya to provide a similar number of Sadhyas in orphanages and care homes in Kerala on the same day. In 2023, we provided over 175 Sadhyas at Nalla Samarayan Asrasam in Kanjirapally, Kottayam. Onasadhya was led by MAUK volunteer Nihars Rawther and the director in charge was Aloysius Mathew

Ponnonam 2023

Onam is the celebration of oneness. Since the early 1970s, M.A.U.K. has been celebrating Onam, the harvest festival of Kerala, in grand splendour every year without fail. The celebration has become a much-revered date in the calendar of the U.K. Malayalees and is one of the largest and most significant social gatherings of Malayalees in the U.K.



The 2023 festivities took place on Sunday, September 17th, 2023, at Redbridge Town Hall in Ilford, drew a crowd of 400 . The event featured captivating performances by visiting artists from Kerala and notable local musicians and dancers. The lineup included Christakala, Santosh Njarakkal, Kalabhavan Joshy Baiju Jose, and Rels Robson. The event was held as a fundraiser for MAUK Gowri Project an initiative by Thanal

The director in charge of the celebration was Aji Gangadharan, and the Volunteer Lead was Praseeda Gopa



BHARATHAYANATYAM: THE NEWHAM CONNECTIONS

In 2023, MAUK collaborated with Newham Heritage Month to explore the role of the London Borough of Newham in popularising Bharatanatyam in the UK.

With funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, our volunteers conducted research and documented the spread of the relatively unknown South Indian art form Bharathanatyam in Newham from the mid-1980s to the 1990s. During this period, Bharathanatyam gained popularity in the UK as a leading South Asian art form, with many local artists achieving international recognition through traditional, contemporary, and collaborative productions.



MAUK volunteers researched on how support from local authorities and other statutory bodies helped the classes flourish in community centres and church halls. This support provided opportunities for South Asian youth to learn about their heritage while also instilling discipline and a sense of belonging during a time when racial harassment was all too common in their lives.

MAUK Volunteers conducted interviews with Bharatanatyam exponents and class coordinators to gain a better understanding of the key players and their motivation for propagating the art form in the UK. These archived interviews are available on Newham Heritage Month's website and can be accessed at <https://www.newhamheritagemonth.org/records/bharathanatyam-in-newham/>.





The show was inaugurated by MAUK Chairperson Anil Edavana, Jan Cullen (Creative Heritage Producer) and James King (Programme Manager) of Newham Heritage Month. The event was hosted by Ajitha Sajeev, MAUK volunteer and recipient of the British Empire Medal.

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As a finale to the Bharathanatyam project, MAUK conducted 'Cultural Newham', which showcased Newham's vibrant multiculturalism through the folk and traditional dances and music of its diverse communities. The event had two segments.

Part 1: 'Dances of Newham' showcased the different dance genres represented in Newham, with a prominent focus on Bharathanatyam.

Part 2: 'Sounds of Newham' featured a dance floor with a live DJ that showcased the influence of ethnic music. This promoted inclusiveness and brought together people from various cultures to dance to a wide range of ethnic musical genres. The DJ teamed up with the MAUK Percussion group to perform live instrumental music alongside the dance tracks, creating a unique and inspiring musical experience.



Festive Sangamam 2023 (FS2023): M.A.U.K. Annual Charity Fundraiser

FS2023 was held on Saturday, 16 December 2023, at the London Venues Manor Park, 30A Church Rd, London E12 6AQ. Entertainment of the evening included dances coordinated by MAUK Women's Forum and dance floor with DJ Azeer. The evening's dinner was catered for by Halal Restaurant, Aldgate. Director Mohandas Madhavanandan coordinated the event supported by volunteers Praseeda Gopan. and Nithin Raj

Moving Together



MAUK and the Institute of Connected Communities, University of East London co-hosted a classical Indian dance workshop and lecture by the renowned dancers Srikanth and Aswathy during their tour of the UK



The event took place at Kerala House on 29 October 2023.



M.A.U.K Women's Forum (W.F.) aims to empower women by providing them with a platform to speak up, raise awareness of issues faced by women in society and campaign for equality, respect and appreciation of all women. The Forum will also provide a support network for women in the community when required and complement M.A.U.K's charitable work.

International Women's Day (I.W.D.) Celebration

MAUK WF celebrated I.W.D. on Saturday, 25 March, at Kerala House. in Manor Park, London E12. Cultural programmes, interactive talks and Q&A on various topics that affects the day-to-day lives of women and home cooked food were the highlights of the event which was coordinated by Sheena Nair with the support of other W.F. members.

Discussion Group

This is a Women's Forum initiative focused on discussing topics of significance to women in contemporary society. Discussions run every couple of months and take place virtually.

Thiruvathira Club

The Thiruvathira Club was started by Jayalekha Priyavarathan in 2018. Classes are taught online by a professional tutor, Deepa Sajeew, in Kerala. Classes run fortnightly and are open to people of all ages and abilities. Members of the Club also gather at Kerala House regularly to practice and socialise.

Palla Thulli Peru Vellam

This is a charity project run by the Women's Forum. The idea at the heart of this venture is to make it possible for everyone to contribute to charitable endeavours. People are invited to donate £1 to celebrate a loved one's birthday or other special occasions, and these donations will feed into a collection that supports women's empowerment in Kerala.

Anthakshari

The programme began in May 2021 and meets online every fortnight, where participants play the musical game Anthakshari. On average, there are 10 – 15 participants per event. Participants, especially those housebound eagerly look forward to the meeting as it enables them to interact with other like-minded people.

MAUK Women's Forum 2023 Subcommittee

Coordinator: Jayalekha Priyavarathan, Sub-committee members: Rashme Joi, Radha Rajan, Sudha Das, Sheena Nair, Sumathy Raveendran, Sulatha Sambasivan, Gagana Priyan, Swarna Nair, Indra Raveendran and Rajeswari Sadasivan

To join MAUK WF, please contact on wf@mauk.org / 07412671671

M.A.U.K. Elders Services

M.A.U.K. Thursday Lunch Club

M.A.U.K. Lunch Club, part of M.A.U.K. Elders Services, has been functioning since 1998. This tailor-made service is a unique platform for Elders in our community to meet, chat and share their cultural identity and shared experiences. Club participants enjoy various activities, including card and board games, exercise classes, knitting, arts and crafts, poetry, film, picnics, trips, etc. Kerala lunch is also provided each week. The Club was supported by Public Health, London Borough of Newham to function as a warm centre for local elders from all communities and currently has over 50 regular attendees.



Thursday Lunch Club
LBN Supported FREE Warm Haven

Every Thursday 10am to 2pm @ Kerala House 671 Romford Road London E12 5AD

Healthy Kerala lunch | Relaxation Sessions
Well-being Activities | Games & Music
Art and Craft Sessions | Conversation & Support

Free for Newham Residents over 50s

Limited parking facilities available. Please walk, cycle or use public transport.
Nearest station: Manor Park (Elizabeth Line) Woodgrange Park (Overground)
East Ham (District Line & Hammersmith & City Line)
Nearest Bus Stop: High Street North. Routes: 96, 25, 425
Romford Road, Routes: 101, 304, 474

More info: Sam 07961 454 644 07412 671 671 info@mauk.org

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To ensure the smooth operation of this bespoke and essential service, M.A.U.K. has successfully introduced a sponsorship scheme through which kind-hearted individuals and community-spirited businesses can sponsor the cost of running the Lunch Club for a day. People and businesses were given the opportunity to sponsor a day as part of their celebrations of an auspicious occasion, in memory of someone beloved, as a promotion of your business, or to support this essential service.

The elders celebrated Onam with a special feast, games on Saturday, 09 September. The Club's Christmas gathering was held on Saturday, 9 of December with Christmas dinner and dance performances by the magnificent Gayathri Sasidharan. The Club was managed by directors R Sambasivan and Suresh Sukumaran. Please contact us if you wish to sponsor a day at the Lunch Club

M.A.U.K. Befriending Services

The gravity and value of this outstanding and compassionate service run as part of the Elders Service were highlighted during the pandemic. In addition to getting the housebound to participate in online activities, M.A.U.K. volunteers regularly visit the housebound, accompany them to the park and do their shopping if requested.

If you know anyone who could improve their well-being with this service, please email their details to info@mauk.org or call us on 07931207834, and we will gladly visit them.

60+ Sisters Club

In 2006, a dedicated M.A.U.K. volunteer, Mrs Girija Nair (late), started the Sisters Club to provide friendship and support for women over 60. Activities of the Club.

Saturday 26 May 2023, MAUK 60+ Sisters Club members went on their first group outing, since the Pandemic. On route to Southend seaside, the minibus was lively with chit-chats, jokes, anthakshari and snacks. Six hours later, after a sightseeing tour on an open-top bus, a train ride to the longest pier in the world, lots of sunshine and cool seaside breeze and a scrumptious freshly made fish n chips, the return journey was muted and boring. But everyone had a great, fun-filled day out and is looking forward to the next outing.

Our sincere thanks to the Ford Dunton Community Bus for facilitating the trip.



M.A.U.K. in the Community

FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

MAUK represented Kerala, at the Indian High Commission's Foundation Day Celebration on 3rd November. Cultural programmes from 10 Indian states that was formed in November and food from the respective states were the highlight of the event. MAUK Chilanka artists performed Mohiniattam to mark Keralapravi at the event



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS AT THE HCI

On 12 December 2023, MAUK directors and volunteers joined the High Commissioner and other officials for a Christmas gathering at the India House.

INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

As usual, MAUK represented the Malayalee Community at the Independence Day Celebration organised by the High Commission of India, along with Indian Diaspora organisations. The grand celebration was held at Navnat Centre in Hayes, Middlesex on XX August 2023, attracting thousands of Indians and supporters of India from across Europe. The event commenced at 11 AM with the flag hoisting ceremony by the High Commission and finished at 4 PM. MAUK's stall at the event provided freshly cooked dosa and chutney, sweet and savoury snacks, and lime juice throughout the day. MAUK artists Dona Rajesh and Preethy Sukush performed Mohiniattam.

Our sincere thanks to Daily Delight and Thattukada for their wonderful support.

THE LONDON MAYOR'S COMMUNITY WEEKEND

MAUK also became part of the London Mayor's Community Weekend which was held throughout London from Friday, June 23 to Sunday, June 25, 2023. MAUK marked the occasion at Kerala House on Sunday by offering Kerala snacks and drinks to the public, while answering their questions about the organisation and the British Malayalee community from the gazebo at the front of Kerala House.



Passersby were welcomed into Kerala House to participate in various engaging activities to promote inclusivity and enjoy a Kerala-style lunch. Officials from the Mayor's office joined in the fun

Increasing social, economic and legal issues in the Malayalee community

The Malayalee population in the U.K. is growing rapidly, and along with it, their diverse needs and issues. These issues range from visa scams, immigration crimes, employment and accommodation-related concerns, food shortages, and homelessness to domestic violence, loneliness, and mental health problems. M.A.U.K. is at the forefront of addressing these issues, and the number of people seeking help from M.A.U.K. is increasing. To assist those in need, we have assembled a team of experienced volunteers. Currently, on average, our volunteers deal with three to four such cases every week. However, achieving the desired outcomes for the callers is not always possible due to financial, legal, and medical limitations. Nonetheless, we strive to provide a sympathetic, non-judgmental listening ear, which most callers find soothing and reassuring. Sometimes, that's all it takes to help someone through a difficult time.

M.A.U.K. Girija Nair - Volunteer of the Year Award 2023

The Volunteer Award was initiated in 2003 to celebrate, acknowledge and appreciate the instrumental contributions of M.A.U.K. Volunteers. The Award was renamed M.A.U.K. Girija Nair Award in 2014 to honour one of M.A.U.K.'s steadfast and inspirational volunteers.

The 2023 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Lali Bharathan for her help, support and weekly commitment at MAUK Food Bank.

Read more at <http://mauk.org/girija-nair-volunteer-awards>



**MAUK Thanal:
Charity Endeavours**

Repatriation of Mortal Remains

M.A.U.K., with the financial support of the High Commission of India (HCI) and logistical support of N.O.R.K.A., repatriated the mortal remains of 1 Indian nationals back to their families in Kerala. Incidents like this are becoming a regular occurrence among our community. Therefore, M.A.U.K. published a 'Case Review and Recommendation for Future Incidents' prepared by MAUK volunteers Mini Raghavan, Balagopal and Sreejith Sreedharan. This document can be accessed at mauk.org/repatriation_case_study

Thanal House Building Projects

MAUK Thanal successfully completed the 8th house-building project for vulnerable families in Kerala. We handed over the keys to Thankamani in Chirakkara Panchayath on 19 Jan 2024.

During his extended holiday in Kerala, Suresh Bhaskaran, a MAUK life member, supervised the construction. Special thanks to Shan from Shan Properties for generously contributing the majority of the funds for this endeavour.

Looking forward to 2024, the 9th house building initiative, the Gowri Project, has been launched to assist an underprivileged family in Paravoor, Kollam. The keys are set to be handed over in spring 2024.

Aji Ganagadran is the director in charge of MAUK Thanal. We sincerely thank all our donors for enabling us to deliver 8 houses to deserving families. We prioritise single parent families with teenage daughter to ensure their safety and security.



Accounts

The 2023 Accounts, which Haridas Bhaskaran audited, are published along with this report. We sincerely thank Haridas for meticulously completing this painstaking task for the 5th year running.

Closure of Food Bank

MAUK Food Bank was established on April 3, 2020, during the COVID-19 lockdown to provide assistance to vulnerable families. Since then, we have distributed tens of thousands of meals to hundreds of families. We were one of the founding members of the Newham Food Alliance, which currently supports numerous food banks across Newham. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints and the disproportionate misuse of the large number of food banks serving Newham residents, we have made the difficult decision to cease food bank operations as of June 25, 2023.

The 50+ households that relied on our service were referred to other food banks in the Borough. We sincerely thank Public Health Newham, local businesses, kind-hearted donors and most of all, our volunteers whose support have enabled us to fight food poverty as well as rise up to the challenges of the Pandemic.

R Sambasivan, the director in charge of the food bank was ably supported by 10 directors and volunteers.



End of Report

MALAYALEE ASSOCIATION OF THE UK
Kerala House, 671 Romford road, Manor Park, London E12 5AD
Company registration No.4934084, Charity Registration No.1102653
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Year ended 31 December 2023			
Surplus/(Deficit) from activities		Notes	Income	Expenditure	Net £
1	Bereavement Support		996.80	-	996.80
2	Chenda Lessons		3,592.00	(2,921.47)	670.53
3	Covid19 (FoodBank)		6,180.00	(10,762.36)	(4,582.36)
4	Dance Classes		3,072.00	(1,911.08)	1,160.92
5	Elders Services		3,363.00	(9,934.15)	(6,571.15)
6	Equipment Hire		435.00	-	435.00
7	Festive Sangaman		5,463.41	(5,568.34)	(104.93)
8	Grand Events - Fundraisers	16	8,839.00	-	8,839.00
9	IWD		468.00	(409.77)	58.23
10	Janani		-	(107.61)	(107.61)
11	Kerala House Events	21	990.00	(13,655.86)	(12,665.86)
12	Keyboard Lessons		904.00	(791.42)	112.58
13	Keralolsav		-	(25.00)	(25.00)
14	Malayalam Classes		-	(44.89)	(44.89)
15	Music Performance		560.00	(200.00)	360.00
16	Music Classes		664.00	(446.00)	218.00
17	Onam		11,491.94	(12,176.37)	(684.43)
18	Project Grants	18	8,231.47	(8,231.47)	-
19	Thalamura		-	-	-
20	UK Coach Trips		-	-	-
21	Womens Forum		354.90	(290.00)	64.90

Total Activities **55,605.52** **(67,475.79)** **(11,870.27)**

Other Income					
22	Charity Fund Inc		1,660.86	-	1,660.86
23	Directors Fund Inc		-	-	-
24	Donation - Miscellaneous		1,832.01	-	1,832.01
25	Grant Inc	20	30,559.46	-	30,559.46
26	GiftAid Inc		8,372.66	-	8,372.66
27	Kerala House Donation		6,812.50	-	6,812.50
28	Miscellaneous - Inc		-	-	-
29	Membership - Inc		5,081.27	-	5,081.27

Total Other Income **54,318.76** **-** **54,318.76**

Expenditure					
30	Accountancy & Audit		-	(700.00)	(700.00)
31	Bad Debts Written off	6	-	(44.00)	(44.00)
32	Caretaker Expense		-	-	-
33	Depreciation	19	-	(3,887.87)	(3,887.87)
34	General Expense	10	-	(802.56)	(802.56)
35	Insurance		-	(856.98)	(856.98)
36	IT & Software		-	(373.97)	(373.97)
37	KH Maintenance		-	(4,788.14)	(4,788.14)
38	London Borough of Newham (LBN)	5	-	(697.63)	(697.63)
39	Phone & Internet		-	(1,000.28)	(1,000.28)
40	Payment Systems		-	(17.17)	(17.17)
41	TV License		-	(159.00)	(159.00)
42	Utility Bills	4	-	(4,414.76)	(4,414.76)
43	Volunteers		-	(180.49)	(180.49)
44	Website		-	(756.72)	(756.72)

Total Expenditure **-** **(18,679.57)** **(18,679.57)**

Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		109,924.28	(86,155.36)	23,768.92
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Designated Funds (movements for the year)
(movements for the year)

45	Charity Fund	11	2,000.00	(2,430.86)	(430.86)
46	Elder Services Fund	12	1,000.00	-	1,000.00
47	General Reserves	17	-	(21,000.00)	(21,000.00)
48	Kerala House Fund	13	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
49	Kerala Outreach Fund	14	9,000.00	(5,800.61)	3,199.39
50	Mobility Fund	15	5,000.00	-	5,000.00

Total Designated Funds **21,000.00** **(29,231.47)** **(8,231.47)**

Net Movement in funds		130,924.28	(115,386.83)	15,537.45
Total Funds/reserves brought forward				392,180.70

Total Unrestricted Funds and Reserves carried forward **407,718.15**

Year ended 31 December 2022		
Income	Expenditure	Net £
400.00	(33.00)	367.00
3,098.00	(2,286.00)	812.00
5,764.18	(12,231.02)	(6,466.84)
-	-	-
3,772.37	(4,313.19)	(540.82)
-	-	-
2,210.52	(2,378.98)	(168.46)
1,469.08	-	1,469.08
873.50	(881.47)	(7.97)
-	(513.72)	(513.72)
598.08	(447.08)	151.00
-	(355.00)	(355.00)
18,740.85	(28,996.56)	(10,255.71)
-	-	-
230.00	-	230.00
-	-	-
16,544.68	(16,860.70)	(316.02)
10,301.18	(10,301.18)	-
400.00	-	400.00
945.00	(920.00)	25.00
836.90	(790.88)	46.02

66,184.34 **(81,308.78)** **(15,124.44)**

2,501.40	-	2,501.40
50.00	-	50.00
1,767.94	-	1,767.94
14,005.00	-	14,005.00
10,052.42	-	10,052.42
3,935.00	-	3,935.00
30.05	-	30.05
4,225.02	-	4,225.02

36,566.83 **-** **36,566.83**

-	1,260.00	1,260.00
-	(323.00)	(323.00)
-	(30.00)	(30.00)
-	(3,623.22)	(3,623.22)
-	(1,411.63)	(1,411.63)
-	(524.51)	(524.51)
4,265.21	(6,317.02)	(2,051.81)
-	(1,165.60)	(1,165.60)
-	(705.82)	(705.82)
-	(3.62)	(3.62)
-	(159.00)	(159.00)
-	(2,903.44)	(2,903.44)
-	(18.07)	(18.07)
-	(754.32)	(754.32)

4,265.21 **(16,679.25)** **(12,414.04)**

107,016.38	(97,988.03)	9,028.35
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2,500.00	(3,031.84)	(531.84)
-	(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)
4,265.21	(9,000.00)	(4,734.79)
500.00	(4,265.21)	(3,765.21)
2,420.00	(7,269.34)	(4,849.34)
4,500.00	-	4,500.00

14,185.21 **(25,566.39)** **(11,381.18)**

121,201.59	(123,554.42)	(2,352.83)
		394,533.53

392,180.70

MALAYALEE ASSOCIATION OF THE UK	
Charity Registration No.1102653	Company registration No.4934084
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023	

		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Building		317,510.00	317,510.00
Others - Net Value		11,280.24	13,600.23
		328,790.24	331,110.23
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	3,216.00	10,161.42
Prepayments	8	(1,072.00)	(736.50)
Cash in hand		816.49	800.36
Bank Accounts		80,112.05	57,065.75
		83,072.54	67,291.03
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors - Various		(3,391.63)	(5,945.56)
Accruals	9	(753.00)	(275.00)
		(4,144.63)	(6,220.56)
NET ASSETS		407,718.15	392,180.70
FINANCED BY:			
<u>Restricted Funds / Designated Funds</u>			
Charity Fund	11	7,347.48	7,778.34
Elders Services Fund	12	1,920.00	920.00
Kerala House Fund	13	29,586.66	25,586.66
Kerala Outreach Fund	14	4,851.33	1,651.94
Mobility Fund	15	14,500.00	9,500.00
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
Building Revaluation Reserve		236,546.00	236,546.00
General Reserves	17	89,197.76	101,169.41
Surplus/(deficit) from income & expenditure		23,768.92	9,028.35
		407,718.15	392,180.70

For the year ending 31 December 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

(i) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.


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

(iii) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

Approved by the Board of Directors on 19th May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


Mr Sreejith Sreedharan
Chair Person


Nishar VP
Company Secretary


Aloysius Mathew
Finance Director

MALAYALEE ASSOCIATION OF THE UK
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 2023

1 The financial statements have been prepared on the accruals basis in accordance with the 2008 Regulations and the SORP, under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value.

2 **Fund accounting**

• **Unrestricted funds** (General fund) are available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Unrestricted funds include a revaluation reserve representing the restatement of investment assets at market values.

• **Designated funds** are unrestricted funds that have been earmarked for a particular purpose by the trustees. The notes to the accounts should explain the purpose of designated funds.

• **Restricted funds** are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

3 **Directors' Expenses** - No expenses were paid to any of the directors during the year, except to reimburse them for purchases made on behalf of the the company.

4	Utility Bills	2023	2022
	Electricity	(3,127.13)	(2,618.93)
	Gas	(1,247.63)	(193.05)
	Water	(40.00)	(91.46)
	Total	<u>(4,414.76)</u>	<u>(2,903.44)</u>

5	London Borough of Newham (LBN) expenses are made up of:	2023	2022
	Premises License	(180)	(180)
	Council Tax	(517.63)	(985.60)
		<u>(697.63)</u>	<u>(1,165.60)</u>

6	Bad Debts Write Off	2023	2022
	Chenda Group Lessons	44.00	(98.00)
	Keyboard Lessons		(225.00)
	Total	<u>44.00</u>	<u>(323.00)</u>

7	Debtors	2023	2022
	Chenda Lessons	216.00	874.00
	Dance Lessons	480.00	-
	Keyboard Lessons	96.00	-
	Music Lessons	64.00	-
	Sponsorships	2,500.00	-
	Hire Booking	(140.00)	(765.00)
	HMRC GiftAid		10,052.42
	Total	<u>3,216.00</u>	<u>10,161.42</u>

8	Prepayments	2023	2022
	Chenda Tutor Fees		97.50
	Sponsorships	1,000.00	1,000.00
	KH Hall deposits		(375.00)
	Ponnonam 2023		(250.00)
	Student Fees	72.00	264.00
	Total	<u>1,072.00</u>	<u>736.50</u>

9	Accruals	2023	2022
	Accountancy	(700.00)	
	Ponnonam		(200.00)
	Festive Sangamam	147.00	
	Dance Lessons Premises hire	(200.00)	
	Design Cost		(75.00)
	Total	<u>(753.00)</u>	<u>(275.00)</u>

10 **General expenses mainly consist of the following:**

AGM & Refreshments	351.23
Digital Marketing	47.05
Digital Media Production	261.25
Regulatory Related cost	63.00
Printing & Stationary	80.03
Total	802.56

- 11 **Charity Fund** - The surpluses generated from charity fundraising projects are transferred to this restricted fund and will be only used for charitable activities. In 2023, the board decided to set aside additional £2000 for this purpose. The releases from this fund is shown in Project Grants activity.

- 12 **Elder Services Fund** - The surpluses generated from Elders Services projects are transferred to this restricted fund and will be only used for future Elder services activities. In 2023, the board decided to release £1000 towards restarting and supporting elder services from this fund.

- 13 **Kerala House Fund** - MAUK directors wish to set aside funds periodically from the surpluses, to fund major repairs, maintenance, renovation of Kerala House (KH). In 2023, the board decided to set aside additional £4000 to this fund.

- 14 **Kerala OutReach Fund** - MAUK directors set aside funds periodically from the surpluses generated from fundraising projects. The designated fund will only be used for Kerala Outreach charity activities. At yearend, the board decided to set aside additional £9000 for this fund. The releases from this fund is shown in Project Grants activity in 2023.

- 15 **Mobility Fund** - Program includes purchase and operation of MiniBus/vehicles for the Elderly community users. In 2023, considering the need the board decided to set aside additional amount of £5000 to this fund.

16 Grand Events - FundRaisers	2023	2022
KOF-House Building Appeal	8,839.00	1,469.08
Total	8,839.00	1,469.08

17 General Reserves Movements	2023	2022
Opening Balance	26,885.61	31,620.40
Capital Exp		4265.21
Kerala House Fund	(4,000.00)	(500.00)
Elder Services Fund	(1,000.00)	-
Kerala OutReach Fund	(9,000.00)	(1,500.00)
Charity Fund	(2,000.00)	(2,500.00)
MAUK Mobility Fund	(5,000.00)	(4,500.00)
Total	5,885.61	26,885.61

18 Project Grants	2023	2022
KOF Project 7 Trivandrum (on going)	3,887.86	
KOF Project 8 Trivandrum (on going)	1,912.75	
Charity Fund Projects 24-27 (Completed)	2,430.86	3,031.84
Total	8,231.47	3,031.84

19 Depreciation and Net Value of Assets, other than Building	Net cost as at 01 Jan 2022	Additions 2023	Cost as at 31 Dec 2023	Depreciation	Net Bal as at 31 Dec 2023
Furniture & Fittings	12,483.84	977.88	13,461.72	(3,101.86)	10,359.86
Office Equipments	820.70	-	820.70	(372.32)	448.38
Music Instruments	27.00	-	27.00	(27.00)	-
Event Equipments	268.69	590.00	858.69	(386.69)	472.00
Assets Under Construction	-	-	-	-	-
Total	13,600.23	1,567.88	15,168.11	(3,887.87)	11,280.24

20	Grants Income	2023		
	LBN - Newham Heritage Month Grant	7,200.00		
	LBN - Warm Hevean and Community Meals Grant	8,000.00		
	NFA Household Support Fund	10,000.00		
	Food Club Grants	3,359.46		
	Mayors Weekend Grant	1,500.00		
	Kings Coronation Grant	500.00		
	Total	30,559.46		
21	Kerala House Events	Expenditure	Income	Net £ Notes
	HCI Foundation Day	(69.96)		(69.96) MAUK Funded
	IID Celebrations Event	(711.98)	250.00	(461.98) MAUK Funded
	Kings Coronation Day Event	(355.54)		(355.54) Grant Funded
	Mayors Weekend Event	(615.44)		(615.44) Grant Funded
	Newham Civic Performance Day	(160.00)	240.00	80.00
	Newham Heritage Month Event	(8,086.11)		(8,086.11) Grant Funded 89%
	Directors Fundraisers	(275.97)	500.00	224.03
	Theyyam Project	(3,380.86)		(3,380.86) Staging in 2024
	Total	(13,655.86)	990.00	(12,665.86)
22	<p>Honorary Audit completed by HARIDAS BHASKARAN</p> <p>Final Accounts signed off by MAATMANN ACCOUNTANTS, HARLOW</p>			

**The Board of Directors
Malayalee Association of the UK (MA UK)
Honorary Audit Report
For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

Date: 10 August 2024

Introduction

I am pleased to present the Honorary Audit Report for the Malayalee Association of the UK (MA UK) for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2023. This report is based on the financial information provided and summarizes my observations and findings from the audit process. As this is an honorary audit, it is important to note that the procedures performed were limited in scope and were not conducted in accordance with full professional audit standards.

Scope of the Audit

The scope of this honorary audit involved reviewing key financial statements, transactions, and internal control procedures of MA UK for the period from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. The objective was to provide limited assurance regarding the accuracy and reliability of the financial information disclosed by the charity.

Management Responsibilities

The responsibility for maintaining accurate financial records and preparing reliable financial statements rests with the Board of Directors of MA UK. My honorary audit does not relieve the Board of these responsibilities, and the findings herein are based on the limited scope of the procedures performed.

Audit Findings

1. Financial Statements

Upon review of the financial statements of MA UK for the year ended 31 December 2023, no material misstatements or inaccuracies were identified. The financial statements present a fair and accurate reflection of the charity's financial position as of 31 December 2023.

2. Income and Expenditure

A review of over 300 income and expenditure transactions was conducted during the audit period. These transactions were supported by appropriate documentation and properly recorded in the accounting system. However, there is a need to enhance the

clarity of narratives and references in the ledgers and bank statements to improve transparency and traceability.

3. Compliance with Legal and Regulatory Requirements

My review indicates that MA UK has generally complied with applicable legal and regulatory requirements relevant to its operations. However, given the honorary nature of this audit, detailed compliance testing was not performed, and this assessment is based on the information provided.

4. Internal Controls

The internal controls in place at MA UK appear to be adequate for a charity of its size and nature. Nevertheless, given the limited scope of this audit, full assurance on the effectiveness of internal controls cannot be provided.

Observations & Recommendations

While the honorary audit did not uncover any significant issues, I would like to suggest the following recommendations to further strengthen financial practices and enhance transparency:

1. Regular Review of Financial Records

- It is recommended that the income and expenditure entries in the ledgers be regularly reviewed and reconciled with corresponding bank statement transactions. From an audit perspective, all transactions should be easily traceable to the bank statements. Some challenges were encountered in reconciling selected samples during the audit, and a meeting is being organised to review the systems at the earliest convenience.

2. Training on Financial Systems

- On-site training and a thorough understanding of the Free-Agent accounting system are recommended for all individuals involved in the financial management of MA UK, including auditors. This will help ensure consistency and accuracy in financial reporting.

3. Clear Narratives in Cash Books

- Cash book narratives should be clear and include cross-references to related documents. This will aid in the transparency and accuracy of financial records, as noted in Observation 1.
- **Kerala Projects:** I understand that MA UK is completing its existing commitments and has not undertaken any new projects this year. I have requested a schedule of outstanding commitments for these projects. As an audit sample, MA UK is to provide the project proposal, payment schedule, and current outstanding commitment for the Chirakkara Project.

4. Documentation for Major Events and Projects

- It is considered good practice to provide a proposal form, budget, and final reconciliation for all major events and projects. This ensures financial accountability and transparency.

5. Rationale for Fund Allocation

- Each year, the Board of Directors allocates funds to various projects, such as Elder Services, the Kerala House Fund, and Mobility Funds, etc. While the

notes to the accounts state the amounts set aside each year, it would be beneficial from an audit perspective to understand the rationale behind each decision.

6. Access to Online Accounting Systems

- Auditors should be granted access to the online accounting system to view the audit trail of documentation. This will facilitate more effective auditing and improve oversight.

Conclusion

Based on my honorary audit, MA UK has demonstrated responsible financial management and general compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The financial statements provide a reliable representation of the charity's financial position as of 31 December 2023.

Sincerely,

Haridas Bhaskaran