



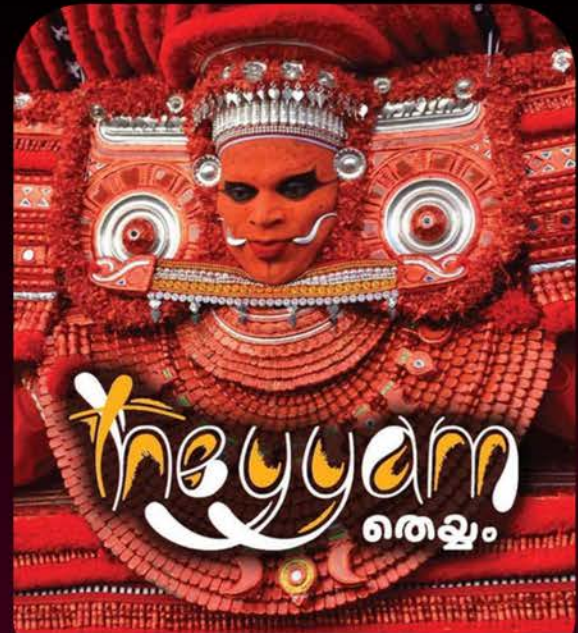
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ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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REGISTRATION:



The Malayalee Association of the U.K. (referred to as M.A.U.K.) is a Registered Charity (Charity No. 1102653) and a Company Limited by Guarantee (Company No. 4934084). As such, its Board of Directors holds the dual responsibilities of Charity Trustees and Company Directors. Additionally, M.A.U.K. is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office and the Fundraising Regulator. The association also collaborates closely with the London Borough of Newham



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ELECTIONS:

At the last A.G.M. on Sunday, 8 September 2024, the following directors were elected to serve for two consecutive years: Anil Velu, Jayan Pillai, Anil Edavana, Aji Velu, Mohanadas Madhavanandan, Nishar Viswanath, Aloysius Mathew, Ajith Krishnan, Rohoney Dayanand, Subhash Viswanathan and Georgina Karumarathodi.

The following sitting directors will serve until the forthcoming A.G.M. on Sunday, 22 September 2024: Raman Sambasivan, Sreekumar Kunjuraman, Sreejith Sreedharan, Aji Gangadharan, Murali Pillai, Sudha Das, Rajeswari Sadasivan, Suresh Unnithan and Suresh Sukumaran.

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.

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

In 2024, 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.

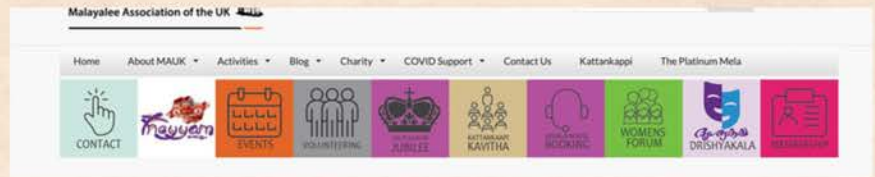
MEMBERSHIP

In 2024, we added 72 new family members to our organisation. Membership is completely processed through online mediums. Yearly subscriptions 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 inspire your friends, family, and coworkers to join M.A.U.K. – Our Extended Family.

WEBSITE : 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

Bookings at Kerala House for private functions and community gatherings have significantly increased over the past few years. Community and faith-based groups regularly use Kerala House at preferential rates. Its location, easy access via public transport, and affordable pricing have been the main reasons for this rise in usage.

Kerala House is also available to local community members for wakes, funeral gatherings, and related rituals. Many have made use of this service in the past year, as it is conveniently located near Manor Park Crematorium. While the premises are offered free of charge, all users have generously donated towards the upkeep of Kerala House.

The free booking benefit for life members has been extended until 30 December 2025. Life members who have not yet used their free booking by this date will forfeit the privilege.



LONDON ACADEMY OF DRAVIDIAN ARTS (L.A.D.A.)



L.A.D.A. is M.A.U.K.'s endeavour to nurture and promote Dravidian arts and language in the U.K. Our aim is to work collaboratively with other organisations to preserve and promote Dravidian arts and culture. In 2024, we resumed most of the classes that had been suspended during the pandemic and introduced several new ones. L.A.D.A. is managed by Director Anilkumar Edavana.

MALAYALAM CLASSES

In 1980, M.A.U.K. launched the first Malayalam classes in the U.K. We have resumed Malayalam classes following a temporary suspension during the pandemic. Rebranded as Madhuram Malayalam, the classes restarted on Vijayadashami day in 2024 and are still ongoing. They take place on selected Sundays under the leadership of Sabith Pillai. This initiative aims to familiarise children with the richness and heritage of the Malayalam language while helping them learn the basics.



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



MAUK Launches 'Ezhuthachan Grandhashala' Library

The Malayalee Association of the UK (MAUK) has established a new library named Ezhuthachan Grandhashala, with the primary aim of collecting and archiving books authored by Malayalam writers based in the UK.

In addition to showcasing works by UK-based authors, the library will also feature a curated selection of Malayalam literature from renowned writers in Kerala, India. Members of MAUK will have the opportunity to borrow these books for a nominal rental fee, promoting greater access to Malayalam literary heritage within the community.

CHENDA TROUPE

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

In 2024, the troupe performed at many prestigious events, including the chariot festivals of London Sri Murugan Temple, Lakshmi Narayana Temple, Ilford Ganapathi Temple, the Sai Baba festival, Aylesbury Church, and the inauguration of Nagapooshini Temple in Harrow.

CHENDA CLASSES

Chenda classes currently take place at Kerala House on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings, with 30 students across four classes.



BHARATHANATYAM CLASSES

In June 2024, we resumed Bharatanatyam classes. These classes are designed for children and adults who are beginners or returning to Bharatanatyam after a long break. Through high-quality teaching, students can explore and refine a range of adavus (steps), improve their coordination, and build stamina while learning the fundamentals of movement technique and rhythm. The classes, taught in the Kalakshetra style by Ms Jasline Shimmy Antony, currently have 32 students.





കലാരവം KALAA RAVAM 2024

Kalaaravam, the annual celebration of the London Academy of Dravidian Arts (L.A.D.A.), was a vibrant display of rhythm, grace, and cultural richness. Held on 30 June 2024 at Little Ilford School, the event showcased exceptional talent from L.A.D.A. students and the wider community, drawing enthusiastic parents and art lovers alike.

The evening began with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony, conducted by The Rt Hon Sir Stephen Timms MP, sponsor Sheeba Kumar, and distinguished teachers. The event was further honoured by two distinguished guests from Kerala: Gopinath Muthukad, the world-renowned magician, whose extraordinary presence brought an air of enchantment to the evening; and I. M. Vijayan, the celebrated Indian footballer, whose inspirational aura added special significance to the gathering.

Performances included Bharatanatyam, Mohiniyattam, fusion dances, folk performances, poetry, sensational Chenda drumming, and melodic keyboard renditions by young students. Later in the evening, Sir Stephen Timms MP commended MAUK's efforts to preserve Dravidian culture, while MAUK Chairperson Sreejith Sreedharan expressed gratitude to teachers, students, and parents. Kalaaravam celebrated artistic excellence and reinforced L.A.D.A.'s mission to promote Dravidian classical arts and heritage in London.





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A tribute was held to honour the late British poet, actor, and writer Benjamin Zephaniah, who passed away in December 2024. The event highlighted his literary contributions, including an in-depth discussion of his novel Refugee Boy. There were also detailed discussions on world-renowned films such as Pather Panchali and Bicycle Thieves. Clips from these films were showcased, enriching the conversations.

Matannoor Shankaran Kutty Marar, a distinguished figure in chenda (traditional Kerala percussion), along with his group, gave a performance presentation. The event included a detailed discussion about the various types of chenda ensembles, the instruments used, the major festivals where these performances take place, and his own professional experiences.

On 2 and 3 November 2024, the Festival of Malayalam (Malayalotsavam) was celebrated, with renowned writer Benjamin Zephaniah as the chief guest. The event featured the third National Conference of Malayalee Writers in the UK, a visual arts exhibition by Malayalee artists, and a book exhibition by UK-based Malayalam writers. In December, a painting exhibition and discussion by the renowned artist Nirmala Menon was also organised.

Beginning in November 2024, online literary discussions commenced under the title Thursday Coffee Club @ Zoom. These are held on alternate Thursdays from 7 pm onwards.





PILLERONAM: CHILDREN'S ONAM - 2024

On Saturday, 21 September 2024, M.A.U.K. hosted children from the local community to celebrate Pilleronam (Children's Onam) — M.A.U.K.'s first-ever Onam celebration dedicated to children. Traditionally, children eagerly awaited the arrival of Onam, the festival of 'Oneness'. It was a time of joy and celebration, when families gathered at the ancestral home to exchange gifts, take part in cultural activities, play games, and share extravagant meals. M.A.U.K.'s Pilleronam successfully recreated the spirit of Onam in an interactive, entertaining, and educational way.

The event featured a captivating recital of the story of Mahabali, vibrant cultural performances, traditional Onam games, and a delicious Sadhya (feast) with an exciting twist. It also included a Kalari (martial arts) demonstration and an interactive workshop. To conclude the celebration, every attendee received a special Onam gift.

ONASADHYA 2024

M.A.U.K.'s Onasadhya 2024 took place on Sunday, 8 September 2024, at Little Ilford School, Manor Park, London E12, with programmes scheduled for 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. The event was a resounding success, continuing a cherished tradition dating back to the mid-1970s.

The meals were uniquely prepared by volunteers both at the venue and in their homes, under the guidance of M.A.U.K. elders. Staying true to tradition, no food was ordered from restaurants, preserving the authentic spirit of home-cooked delicacies.

Celebrated annually by Malayalees in the UK, the event brought together M.A.U.K. members, friends, and the local community, fostering a strong sense of unity and cultural pride. Over 300 participants gathered to share and enjoy the lovingly prepared Onasadhya dishes.





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.





Ponnonam 2024 was celebrated with great enthusiasm on Saturday, 28 September. The programme was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including the Indian High Commissioner to the UK, Vikram Doraiswami; Sir Stephen Timms (Member of Parliament for East Ham and Minister of State for Social Security and Disability); London Assembly Member Unmesh Desai; and Indian Lok Sabha MP Rajmohan Unnithan.

The event featured a spectacular Ganamela performance by renowned singer Vidhu Prathap and his team, captivating the audience with their stunning acts.



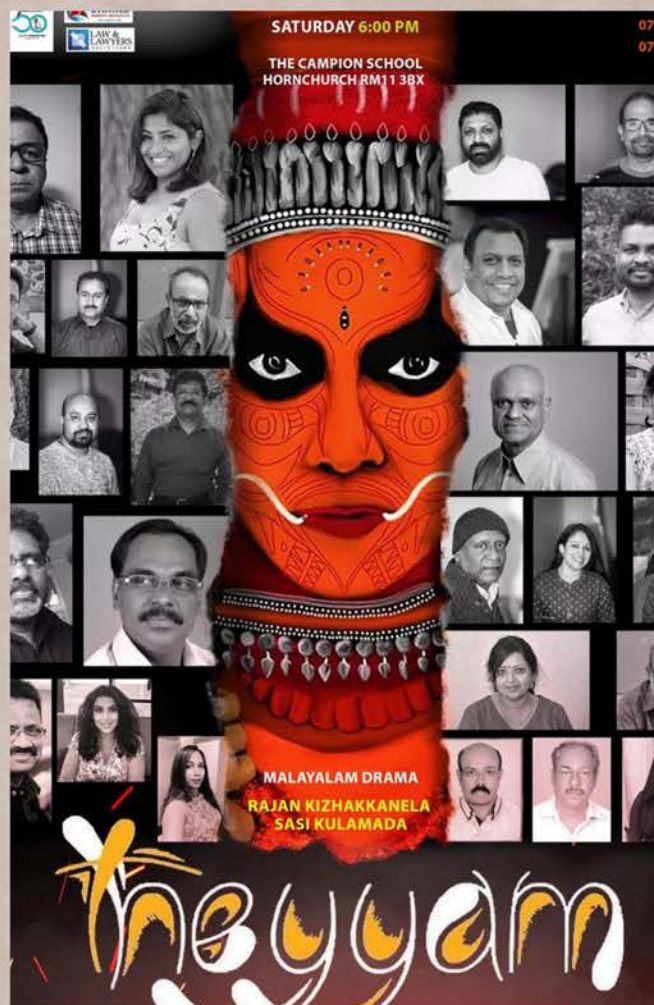
Alongside this, a variety of cultural programmes showcased the incredible talent of M.A.U.K. students and local artists, adding vibrancy to the festivities. The celebration took place at Eastbury Community School, Hulse Avenue, Barking, and proved to be a truly memorable occasion for all who attended, blending tradition and artistry beautifully.





M.A.U.K. Drishyakala delivered a breathtaking cultural experience with its 22nd production, *Theyyam*—a tribute to the traditional tribal art form of Northern Kerala. The grand premiere took place on Saturday, 13 April 2024, at the Champion School Auditorium in Hornchurch, where audiences were captivated by the powerful tales of Muchilot Bhagavathi and Maruthiyodan Kurickal—two iconic stories of oppression and revenge brought vividly to life on stage.

A second performance followed on Saturday, 30 November, at 4:00 PM at Featherstone High School, Southall. The event left attendees deeply moved by the richness and intensity of this unique art form.



M.A.U.K. Drishyakala, in association with the British Keralites Association (BKA), proudly presented Theyyam.

On 30 November 2024, Featherstone School in Southall was transformed into the stage for an awe-inspiring cultural spectacle. Audiences were immersed in the gripping narratives of Muchilot Bhagavathi and Maruthiyodan Kurickal, witnessing two timeless tales of oppression and vengeance unfold through breathtaking performances.



FESTIVE SANGAMAM 2024

M.A.U.K. Festive Sangamam 2024 brought the community together in the true spirit of the season on Saturday, 28 December, at Kerala House, London, in support of the MAUK Wayanad Fund.

Guests were treated to a delicious four-course meal specially curated by Chai Kadai, enjoyed mesmerising musical performances by Jose Peter, and took part in lively family games with opportunities to win exciting prizes. From 6:00 PM onwards, the venue buzzed with laughter, warmth, and festive cheer as members came together to celebrate, spread joy, and make a meaningful contribution to a worthy cause.

ELDERS SERVICES CHRISTMAS GATHERING

On Saturday, 14 December 2024, M.A.U.K. proudly hosted the Elders Services Christmas Gathering at Kerala House, London, a special event dedicated to celebrating the festive season while promoting the health and wellbeing of our senior community. Held from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the gathering was free for those over 50, ensuring an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere.

Through this initiative, M.A.U.K. reaffirmed its belief that social engagement and cultural celebration are key to elders' well-being, as guests enjoyed a festive meal, interactive games, and performances in the warm company of the community.





In 2024, the Women's Forum undertook a series of significant initiatives, beginning with a leadership transition in February, when Sheena assumed the role of coordinator from Swarna. In March, a vibrant celebration of International Women's Day was held at Kerala House, featuring a lively mix of cultural performances, interactive games, discussions, karaoke, and traditional cuisine — all of which helped to foster a strong sense of community cohesion.

In April, the Forum organised a special outing for the Elders' Group to watch the Malayalam film Aadujeevitham. May was marked by a celebratory event recognising those who contributed to the International Women's Day festivities, with an evening of music, food, games, and karaoke.

Throughout July and August, the Forum focused on rehearsals and performances of the Thiruvathira dance, which culminated in vibrant presentations at the annual Onasadhya celebration, Ponnonam 2024, and the cultural exhibition marking India's Independence Day. In recognition of the participants' dedication and efficiency in mastering the dance, the Forum hosted a well-deserved pizza night.



September featured an additional Thiruvathira performance during Ponnonam 2024, adding to the cultural richness of the event. The year's activities concluded in December with a festive Christmas Meet & Greet, which fostered a warm and welcoming atmosphere through the communal sharing of dishes.

Throughout the year, the Women's Forum successfully managed several ongoing clubs, including the Beginners' Thiruvathira Group, Anthakshari, and the Akshara Book Club, further reinforcing its commitment to cultural and social enrichment within the community.



MAUK BADMINTON CLUB

The M.A.U.K. Badminton Club was successfully launched as a new initiative aimed at promoting health and well-being through a fun and engaging activity. Sessions were held every Sunday at Little Ilford School in East London, offering a welcoming environment for both seasoned players and beginners. The club provided a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a lively sport, meet new people, and socialise in a supportive setting.

With support from Sport England, the club also introduced a special offer to enhance inclusivity. A limited number of free spaces were made available for individuals under 18, full-time students, low-income families, and those without access to public funds. This initiative was designed to ensure that more members of the community could benefit from the programme and participate fully in the activities.



The launch of the M.A.U.K. Badminton Club marked a positive step towards building a vibrant community centred on health, fun, and togetherness. Those interested in learning more or reserving a spot were encouraged to contact the club organisers via the phone numbers provided.

M.A.U.K. POOL TOURNAMENT

The M.A.U.K. Pool Tournament, held in February 2024, proved to be a resounding success, attracting pool enthusiasts from across the region to showcase their talent and passion for the game. Organised by M.A.U.K., the event aimed to promote community engagement and sportsmanship, fostering meaningful connections while celebrating the skill and spirit of the game.

The tournament took place at Rising Sun, providing a vibrant and welcoming venue for the competition. The event saw an impressive turnout, with 25 players competing across multiple matches, cheered on by a lively and supportive audience. Participants ranged from seasoned professionals to amateur players, truly reflecting the inclusive and community-focused nature of the event.

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✓ Kalaripayattu classes	✓ High-speed internet access
✓ Carroms & Chess	✓ Access to ipads and laptops
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✓ Card and board games	✓ Online safety workshops

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M.A.U.K. successfully hosted the **Sunday Wellness Mission**, offering a diverse range of free and subsidised activities designed for all age groups—ensuring there was truly something for everyone.

Attendees immersed themselves in Indian dance, honed their skills through badminton practice and coaching, and explored Kerala's rich cultural heritage through Chenda and Kalaripayattu classes. Classic games such as Carroms and Chess encouraged friendly competition, while a variety of wellness activities supported both mental and physical well-being.

The Sunday Wellness Mission not only provided opportunities for learning and recreation but also strengthened community bonds, creating a memorable and meaningful experience for all involved.



HIBI EDEN VISIT

On Sunday, 25 August 2024, Hibi Eden, Member of Parliament for Ernakulam, attended a private reception at Kerala House. During the two-hour session, he engaged directly with the audience, answering questions on key issues affecting the Indian diaspora.

Mr Eden pledged to work closely with M.A.U.K. and other progressive, service-oriented organisations to enhance the welfare of Malayalees around the world.

Nishar Viswanathan, Secretary of M.A.U.K., regarded this impromptu visit as a great honour for the association and committed to supporting Mr Eden's future social initiatives that transcend political, religious, and class boundaries. He also expressed heartfelt gratitude to heandfriends.org for organising the visit.



MAUK ELDERS SERVICES

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The M.A.U.K. Lunch Club, an integral part of M.A.U.K. Elders Services, has been serving the Malayalee community since 1998. This thoughtfully designed initiative offers elders a welcoming space to connect, celebrate cultural heritage, and enjoy communal activities. Participants engage in a wide range of activities, including card and board games, exercise classes, arts and crafts, poetry, film screenings, picnics, and group outings. These are complemented by weekly Kerala-style meals. Supported by Public Health and the London Borough of Newham, the Club also operates as a warm centre, welcoming elders from all local communities.

To sustain this vital service, M.A.U.K. introduced a sponsorship scheme, enabling generous individuals and community-oriented businesses to sponsor a day's operation—whether to honour loved ones, celebrate special occasions, or promote their ventures. In 2024, every Thursday was successfully booked by sponsors for the Lunch Club—a testament to the community's spirit and commitment under the dedicated leadership of Directors R. Sambasivan and Suresh Sukumaran.

M.A.U.K. Befriending Services

The importance and value of this outstanding and compassionate service—run as part of the Elders Service—were especially evident during the pandemic. In addition to helping the housebound take part in online activities, M.A.U.K. volunteers regularly visit them, accompany them to the park, and assist with shopping when needed.

If you know someone who could benefit from this service and improve their well-being, please email their details to info@mauk.org or call us on 07931 207 834. We will be glad to visit them.

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M.A.U.K. IN THE COMMUNITY

Repatriation of Mortal Remains

With financial support from the High Commission of India (HCI) and logistical support from N.O.R.K.A., M.A.U.K. successfully repatriated the mortal remains of two Indian nationals to their families in Kerala. Incidents of this nature are on the rise. In response, M.A.U.K. has published a Case Review and Recommendations for Future Incidents, prepared by the team involved in the repatriation process. The document is available at mauk.org/repatriation_case_study.

Increasing social, economic and legal issues in the Malayalee community

The Malayalee community in the UK faces a range of complex challenges that affect their social, economic, and mental well-being. Visa fraud has emerged as a serious concern, leaving victims financially unstable and legally vulnerable. Housing issues—such as overcrowding and discrimination—make it difficult for many to settle comfortably. Unemployment and job insecurity, often caused by the non-recognition of overseas qualifications and workplace bias, contribute to ongoing economic hardship. Domestic violence, particularly among younger generations, highlights intergenerational tensions and evolving cultural values. Mental health concerns, especially among women and children, are exacerbated by isolation and acculturative stress, with alarming reports of suicidal ideation. Additionally, substance abuse, including alcohol and drug misuse, threatens both individual health and family stability.

In response to these challenges, M.A.U.K. has launched a number of initiatives aimed at mitigation. By collaborating with local councils and service providers, M.A.U.K. offers practical support and raises awareness within the community—working towards a stronger, healthier, and more integrated Malayalee presence in the UK.

Accounts

The 2024 Accounts, which Haridas Bhaskaran audited, are published along with this report. We sincerely thank Haridas for meticulously completing this painstaking task for the 4th year running.

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 2024

		Year ended 31 December 2024		
Surplus/(Deficit) from activities		Notes	Income	Expenditure Net £
1	Bereavement Support		758.40	(9.98) 748.42
2	Chenda Lessons		4,614.00	(3,180.00) 1,434.00
3	Covid19 (FoodBank)		-	- -
4	Dance Classes		6,053.00	(5,585.89) 467.11
5	Elders Services		6,697.46	(10,216.48) (3,519.02)
6	Equipment Hire		1,015.00	- 1,015.00
7	Festive Sangaman		1,983.52	(1,066.72) 916.80
8	Grand Events - Fundraisers	16	5,659.20	- 5,659.20
9	IWD		795.30	(575.39) 219.91
10	Janani		-	(189.77) (189.77)
11	Kalaripayattu		1,281.00	(910.70) 370.30
12	Kattankaapi Kavitha		1,443.50	(2,564.64) (1,121.14)
13	Kerala House Events	21	9,394.69	(8,663.95) 730.74
14	Keyboard Lessons		902.00	(612.00) 290.00
15	Keralolsav		2,338.49	(1,880.07) 458.42
16	Malayalam Classes		-	- -
17	Music Performance		271.00	- 271.00
18	Music Classes		430.00	(294.00) 136.00
19	Onam		35,899.03	(32,548.10) 3,350.93
20	Project Grants	18	6,694.22	(6,694.22) -
21	Sunday Club		537.36	(2,027.71) (1,490.35)
22	Womens Forum		886.26	(733.00) 153.26
Total Activities			87,653.43	(77,752.62) 9,900.81

Other Income				
23	Charity Fund Inc		590.40	- 590.40
24	Donation - Miscellaneous		1,801.14	- 1,801.14
25	Grant Inc	20	8,812.00	- 8,812.00
26	GiftAid Inc		12,029.98	- 12,029.98
27	Kerala House Donation		8,832.15	- 8,832.15
28	Miscellaneous - Inc		29.00	- 29.00
29	Membership - Inc		6,749.13	- 6,749.13
Total Other Income			38,843.80	- 38,843.80

Expenditure				
30	Accountancy & Audit		-	(700.00) (700.00)
31	Bad Debts Written off	6	-	(499.00) (499.00)
32	Depreciation	19	-	(2,918.24) (2,918.24)
33	General Expense	10	-	(664.85) (664.85)
34	Insurance		-	(960.17) (960.17)
35	IT & Software		-	(278.64) (278.64)
36	KH Maintenance		-	(2,859.72) (2,859.72)
37	London Borough of Newham (LBN)	5	-	(691.47) (691.47)
38	Low Value Equipments		-	(328.74) (328.74)
39	Phone & Internet		-	(1,029.51) (1,029.51)
40	Payment Systems		-	(134.55) (134.55)
41	TV License		-	(169.50) (169.50)
42	Utility Bills	4	-	(4,415.71) (4,415.71)
43	Volunteers		-	(488.66) (488.66)
44	Website		-	(799.80) (799.80)
Total Expenditure			-	(16,938.56) (16,938.56)

Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		126,497.23	(94,691.18)	31,806.05
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Designated Funds (movements for the year)				
(movements for the year)				
45	Charity Fund	11	500.00	- 500.00
46	Elder Services Fund	12	2,000.00	- 2,000.00
47	General Reserves	17	-	(29,500.00) (29,500.00)
48	Kerala House Fund	13	11,000.00	- 11,000.00
49	Kerala Outreach Fund	14	6,000.00	(6,694.22) (694.22)
50	Mobility Fund	15	10,000.00	- 10,000.00
Total Designated Funds			29,500.00	(36,194.22) (6,694.22)

Net Movement in funds		155,997.23	(130,885.40)	25,111.83
Total Funds/reserves brought forward				407,718.15

Total Unrestricted Funds and Reserves carried forward				432,829.98
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Year ended 31 December 2023		
Income	Expenditure	Net £
996.80	-	996.80
3,592.00	(2,921.47)	670.53
6,180.00	(10,762.36)	(4,582.36)
3,072.00	(1,911.08)	1,160.92
3,363.00	(9,934.15)	(6,571.15)
435.00	-	435.00
5,463.41	(5,568.34)	(104.93)
8,839.00	-	8,839.00
468.00	(409.77)	58.23
-	(107.61)	(107.61)
-	-	-
-	-	-
990.00	(13,655.86)	(12,665.86)
904.00	(791.42)	112.58
-	(25.00)	(25.00)
-	(44.89)	(44.89)
560.00	(200.00)	360.00
664.00	(446.00)	218.00
11,491.94	(12,176.37)	(684.43)
8,231.47	(8,231.47)	-
-	-	-
354.90	(290.00)	64.90
55,605.52	(67,475.79)	(11,870.27)

1,660.86	-	1,660.86
1,832.01	-	1,832.01
30,559.46	-	30,559.46
8,372.66	-	8,372.66
6,812.50	-	6,812.50
-	-	-
5,081.27	-	5,081.27
54,318.76	-	54,318.76

-	(700.00)	(700.00)
-	(44.00)	(44.00)
-	(3,887.87)	(3,887.87)
-	(802.56)	(802.56)
-	(856.98)	(856.98)
-	(373.97)	(373.97)
-	(4,788.14)	(4,788.14)
-	(697.63)	(697.63)
-	-	-
-	(1,000.28)	(1,000.28)
-	(17.17)	(17.17)
-	(159.00)	(159.00)
-	(4,414.76)	(4,414.76)
-	(180.49)	(180.49)
-	(756.72)	(756.72)
-	(18,679.57)	(18,679.57)

109,924.28	(86,155.36)	23,768.92
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2,000.00	(2,430.86)	(430.86)
1,000.00	-	1,000.00
-	(21,000.00)	(21,000.00)
4,000.00	-	4,000.00
9,000.00	(5,800.61)	3,199.39
5,000.00	-	5,000.00
21,000.00	(29,231.47)	(8,231.47)

130,924.28	(115,386.83)	15,537.45
		392,180.70

		407,718.15
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MALAYALEE ASSOCIATION OF THE UK			
Charity Registration No.1102653		Company registration No.4934084	
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024			

		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
FIXED ASSETS	Notes	£	£
Building		317,510.00	317,510.00
Others - Net Value		18,981.59	11,280.24
		336,491.59	328,790.24
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	<u>7</u>	2,959.15	3,216.00
Prepayments	<u>8</u>	(316.00)	(1,072.00)
Cash in hand		572.49	816.49
Bank Accounts		101,046.42	80,112.05
		104,262.06	83,072.54
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors - Various		(4,156.00)	(3,391.63)
Accruals	<u>9</u>	(3,767.67)	(753.00)
		(7,923.67)	(4,144.63)
NET ASSETS		432,829.98	407,718.15
FINANCED BY:			
<u>Restricted Funds / Designated Funds</u>			
Charity Fund	<u>11</u>	7,847.48	7,347.48
Elders Services Fund	<u>12</u>	3,920.00	1,920.00
Kerala House Fund	<u>13</u>	40,586.66	29,586.66
Kerala Outreach Fund	<u>14</u>	4,157.11	4,851.33
Mobility Fund	<u>15</u>	24,500.00	14,500.00
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			
Building Revaluation Reserve		236,546.00	236,546.00
General Reserves	<u>17</u>	83,466.68	89,197.76
Surplus/(deficit) from income & expenditure		31,806.05	23,768.92
		432,829.98	407,718.15

For the year ending 31 December 2024, 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 16th March 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 2024

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.

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.

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.

Utility Bills	2024	2023
Electricity	(3,242.70)	(3,127.13)
Gas	(1,148.01)	(1,247.63)
Water	(25.00)	(40.00)
Total	(4,415.71)	(4,414.76)

London Borough of Newham (LBN) expenses are made up of:	2024	2023
Premises License	(180)	(180)
Council Tax	(511.47)	(517.63)
	(691.47)	(697.63)

Bad Debts Write Off	2024	2023
Chenda Group Lessons		44.00
Keyboard Lessons	(225.00)	
Violin Lessons	(209.00)	
FS	(45.00)	
Performances	(20.00)	
Total	(499.00)	44.00

Debtors	2024	2023
Chenda Lessons	92.00	216.00
Dance Lessons	734.00	480.00
Kalaripayattu Lessons	381.00	
Keyboard Lessons		96.00
Music Lessons		64.00
Perfomances	215.00	
Sponsorships	1,537.15	2,500.00
Hire Booking		(140.00)
Total	2,959.15	3,216.00

Prepayments	2024	
FS25 Venue Hire	240.00	
IWD25 Venue Hire	800.00	
KH Hire deposits	(1,160.00)	
Student Fees	(196.00)	
Total	(316.00)	

9	Accruals	2024	
	Accountancy	700.00	
	Ponnonam24	300.00	
	FS24	940.97	
	KH Hire deposits	1,545.00	
	Dance Lessons	(131.00)	
	Chenda Lessons	(126.00)	
	Kalaripayattu Lessons	588.70	
	Sunday Club	(200.00)	
	Lunch Club	(250.00)	
	Total	3,367.67	-

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

AGM & Refreshments	44.18
Digital Marketing	156.63
Regulatory Related cost	357.00
Printing, Stationary & Book Club	107.04
Total	664.85

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 2024, the board decided to set aside additional £500 for this purpose. The releases from this fund is shown in Project Grants activity.

12 **Elder Services Fund** - The funds secured for Elders Services projects are restricted and will be only used for future Elder services activities. In 2024, the board decided the board decided to set aside additional £2000 for this purpose.

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 2024, the board decided to set aside additional £11000 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 £6000 for this fund. The releases from this fund is shown in Project Grants activity in 2024.

15 **Mobility Fund** - Program includes purchase and operation of MiniBus/vehicles for the Elderly community users. In 2024, considering the need the board decided to set aside additional amount of £10000 to this fund.

16	Grand Events - FundRaisers	2024	2023
	KOF-House Building Appeal	900.00	8,839.00
	KOF-House Disaster Appeal	4,759.20	
	Total	5,659.20	8,839.00

17	General Reserves Movements	2024	2023
	Opening Balance	5,885.61	26,885.61
	Capital Exp		
	Kerala House Fund	(11,000.00)	(4,000.00)
	Elder Services Fund	(2,000.00)	(1,000.00)
	Kerala OutReach Fund	(6,000.00)	(9,000.00)
	Charity Fund	(500.00)	(2,000.00)
	MAUK Mobility Fund	(10,000.00)	(5,000.00)
	Total	(23,614.39)	5,885.61

18	Project Grants	2024	2023
	KOF Project 7 Trivandrum (completed)	5,734.22	3,887.86
	KOF Project 8 Trivandrum (completed)	960.00	1,912.75
	Charity Fund Projects 24-27 (completed)		2,430.86
	Total	6,694.22	8,231.47

19	Depreciation and Net Value of Assets, other than Building	Net cost as at 01 Jan 2024	Additions 2024	Cost as at 31 Dec 2024	Depreciation	Net Bal as at 31 Dec 2024
	Furniture & Fittings	10,359.86	4,358.61	14,718.47	(2,415.64)	12,302.83
	Office Equipments	448.38	-	448.38	(276.78)	171.60
	Event Equipments	472.00	1,509.51	1,981.51	(225.82)	1,755.69
	Assets Under Construction	-	4,751.47	4,751.47		4,751.47
	Total	11,280.24	10,619.59	21,899.83	(2,918.24)	18,981.59

20	Grants Income	2024
	ESC Lottery Fund	8,812.00
	Total	8,812.00

21	Kerala House Events	Expenditure	Income	Net £	Notes
	Theyyam Project	(5,941.77)	8,678.21	2,736.44	
	External Cultural Performances		716.48	716.48	
	50th Year Logo Event	(1,232.84)		(1,232.84)	MAUK Funded
	HCI Foundation Day	(529.30)		(529.30)	MAUK Funded
	IID Event	(936.63)		(936.63)	MAUK Funded
	Mothers Day	(23.41)		(23.41)	MAUK Funded
	Total	(8,663.95)	9,394.69	730.74	

22 **Honorary Audit completed by**
HARIDAS BHASKARAN

Final Accounts signed off by
MAATMANN ACCOUNTANTS, HARLOW

Honorary Audit Summary Report for MA UK (Charity in East London)

Year Ending: 31 December 2024

Acknowledgements

I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Aloshy, Mr. Sreekumar, and other members of MA UK for their cooperation throughout the audit process. In particular, I express my gratitude to Mr. Aloshy for his detailed explanations, timely responses, and for providing the necessary documents and clarifications that greatly facilitated this honorary audit.

Introduction & Audit Scope

This honorary audit was undertaken to review the financial activities of MA UK for the year ended 31 December 2024. Based on the limited scope of the audit and the sample records examined, no material issues have been identified. Financial records appear to be maintained in an orderly and consistent manner. Testing was performed on selected samples, and no significant discrepancies or irregularities were noted.

This report is intended solely for the internal use of MA UK—its management, executives, and members. It is not for public distribution or reliance by external parties. However, it may be reviewed by MA UK's registered accountant and, if deemed appropriate, countersigned for internal governance.

It is important to note that the responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements lies entirely with the management and Directors of MA UK. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls to ensure accuracy and transparency.

I. FINANCIAL OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

Income & Expense Tracking

- **Class Activities (Chenda & Dance):** Revenue and expenses were recorded on an accrual basis. Delays in student payments created a lag in compensating teachers. Expenses, particularly hall rent at Little Ilford School, significantly reduced income for Dance Classes.
- **Community Programs (Elders, Sunday Club, Events):** Volunteer reimbursements and event costs were supported by a mix of grants and internal income. PayPal and card transactions were difficult to verify independently due to bulk payments, though breakdowns were provided upon request.
- **Event Activities (Kerala House, Onam, Keralolsav):** Certain high-value expenses lacked formal documentation—for example, £500 for sound hire. Freelancer payments often lacked formal invoicing, requiring improved audit trails.
- **Grants:** £8,812 was received from Sport England for Sunday Club and similar initiatives.

Updated Governance and Operational Notes (from meeting with Alosly, Sreekumar & Sreejith dated 4th Jun 2025)

- **Automation & Financial Processing:** All income and expenses made via Bank, PayPal, and Debit Cards are automatically uploaded into FreeAgent and appropriately allocated by the CFO.
- **Board Oversight:** All major expenses are collectively discussed and approved by the Board of Directors—not by individuals. Monthly financial reports, including income and expenditure summaries, are presented by the CFO to the Board for approval.
- **Audit Recommendations:** The Auditor should be invited to witness this monthly presentation process at least once before year-end 2025.
- **Project Control:** Each event is managed by a specific committee appointed by the Board. The Auditor assumed these committee leads present their project reports, budgets, and final cost summaries to the Board. It is recommended that the Auditor witness at least one major event presentation during 2025.

Recommendations

- Implement timely volunteer reimbursement process.

- Maintain visa/passport documentation for volunteers receiving regular reimbursements for transparency and reporting purposes.
 - Collect class fees in advance where possible.
 - Simplify and clarify the pricing structure for classes.
 - Strengthen invoice documentation, especially for event-related and volunteer payments.
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II. BALANCE SHEET OVERVIEW

1. Fixed Assets

- **Recorded Assets:**
 - £4,751.47 – Speaker system and Kerala House facade work.
 - £4,358.61 – Furniture & fittings.
 - £1,509.51 – Event equipment.
- **Asset Management:** Asset registers are maintained by a team of volunteer directors. The Auditor is to be granted access to these registers and a physical inspection is recommended before year-end 2025.

2. Debtors

- **System Limitation:** FreeAgent's aged debtor reports included 2025 data due to a reporting glitch. This was mainly due to the report being run after year end, explained CFO
- **Invoicing:** Invoices are often generated after month-end and teacher pay is linked to fee collection.
- **Audit Conclusion:** No major concerns, though monthly advance collection may aid cash flow management.

3. Cash Holdings

- **Year-End Balance:** £572.49 held physically by the CFO in petty cash form.
- **Recommendation:** Perform regular cash counts and year-end reconciliation, though no discrepancies were noted during audit.

4. Accruals

- **Reported Accruals:**
 - Sangamam: £940.97
 - Kerala House Hire Deposits: £1,545.00
 - **Recommendation:** All accruals should be clearly documented and reconciled.
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III. KEY AUDIT OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Internal Control Observations

- Course fee structures are complex but were explained by the CFO and are noted here for transparency.

Recommendations

1. **Interest-Earning Accounts:** Maintain ~£20,000 in the current account and move surplus funds into an easy-access interest-bearing deposit account. Options such as Charity Bank may offer competitive interest rates (~3%). This should be reviewed further by the finance team.
2. **Documentation:** Require formal receipts or invoices for all transactions and expenses.
3. **Fee Management:** Encourage simplified fee structures and advance payments to improve financial planning.
4. **Asset Register:** Maintain and regularly audit the fixed asset register. Physical verification is recommended in 2025.
5. **Management Reporting:** Share utilisation reports for grant funding with both stakeholders and auditors.
6. **Volunteer Reimbursement Process:**
 - Explore faster reimbursement methods, such as mobile submission of expenses at the point of purchase.
 - Appoint an assistant CFO with limited approval authority to expedite smaller claims.
 - Continue using digital submissions backed by proper documentation.

Conclusion

Overall, the honorary audit did not identify any material weaknesses in MA UK's financial operations. However, a number of enhancements to governance, documentation, and internal controls are recommended to support growth and improve future compliance readiness. The auditor looks forward to engaging further with MA UK during 2025 to observe board reviews and event oversight processes as part of the continued audit process.

**Report Prepared and Presented By Haridas Bhaskaran
for the MA UK Members and Board of Directors**

Dated: 5th June 2025