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change the
world.



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Message from the Trustees

For Diapalante 2021-22 has been a year of determination, commitment, ambition, challenge and hope. But above all a year when we can be proud of our collective impact. We (that's you - Diapalante's supporters, our partners in Africa and us - the trustees) have together helped hundreds of people (approx. 1000) to improve their own futures, moving towards thriving rather than surviving.

We thank our partners in Africa who are improving the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people.

In Mauritania, our project enables women who are heads of families to start small goat herding businesses. Diapalante's representative in Mauritania, Diallo, a veterinary officer, is a seasoned participant in similar schemes and he is bringing his learning and expertise into our project.

In Senegal, the Diapalante Community Education Centre has been busy helping schoolchildren to overcome the myriad of obstacles on their path to exam success. Also helping adult learners gain the skills they need for current or future employment and teaching out of school children keen to realise the benefits of learning.

Hillcrest Advisory Bureau and Bursary Fund in South Africa have been able to continue their work thanks, in part, to our assistance with their ability to accept international funding.

We want to be sure to thank all our supporters for being part of this ongoing work, we are dependent on so many people and organisations. Whether you contribute to our funding, cook cakes, donate wanted items, give time and expertise, attend our events, or help in other ways, it all counts and is appreciated, by us and by our beneficiaries. Our strength **is** our supporters and we wish we were better at showing our appreciation. Read on to see the results of your contributions.

With thanks, Liz Chandler. On behalf of the Diapalante Trustees.

Thank You to Our Supporters

Thank you to the many people and organisations who have supported us this year. These include:



Funding

Garden Party
NH Guild of Singers
Local Churches
Community groups



Ashwell WI
Wedding buffet
Individuals
Families

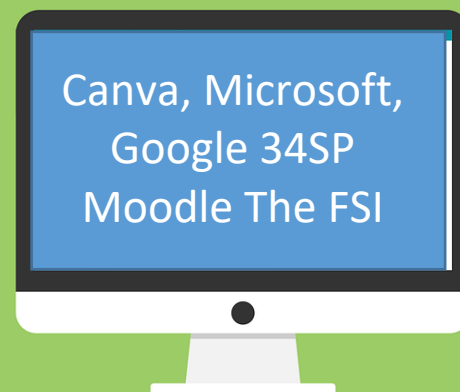
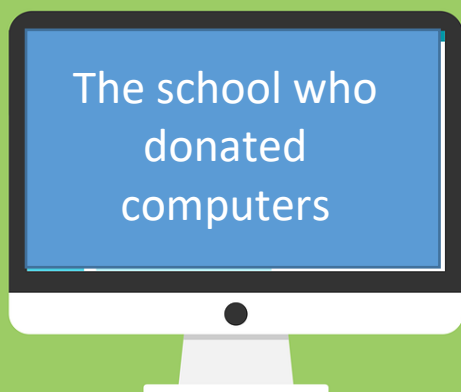


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Our many VOLUNTEERS

in the UK, Senegal and Mauritania

project

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young people.

Can You Help

Could YOU be our next volunteer?

Could you use your skills and expertise to support Diapalante?

We are looking to recruit volunteers who have a variety of backgrounds and a range of skills, to join our team and help us go forward.

To discuss the possibilities please email your phone number to liz@diapalante.org.



Information Exchanges

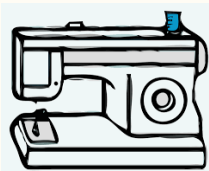
(lifestyle, climate, music etc)

Are you part of an organisation that would like to link with The Diapalante Community Education Centre in Senegal and exchange information in writing, video clips, or live link up?

May be a school, a youth group (eg guides, scouts), a church, etcetera.

To discuss the possibilities please email your phone number to liz@diapalante.org

Please donate your no longer needed **Sewing Machine**



We can use all kinds of machines old or modern, simple or sophisticated.

We have a particular need for overlocking machines or expert advice about these.

Collection Point in Ashwell (01462 743091)

Other Wanted Items

Stacking chairs



Suite of matching computers.



Suitcases

(telescopic handles)



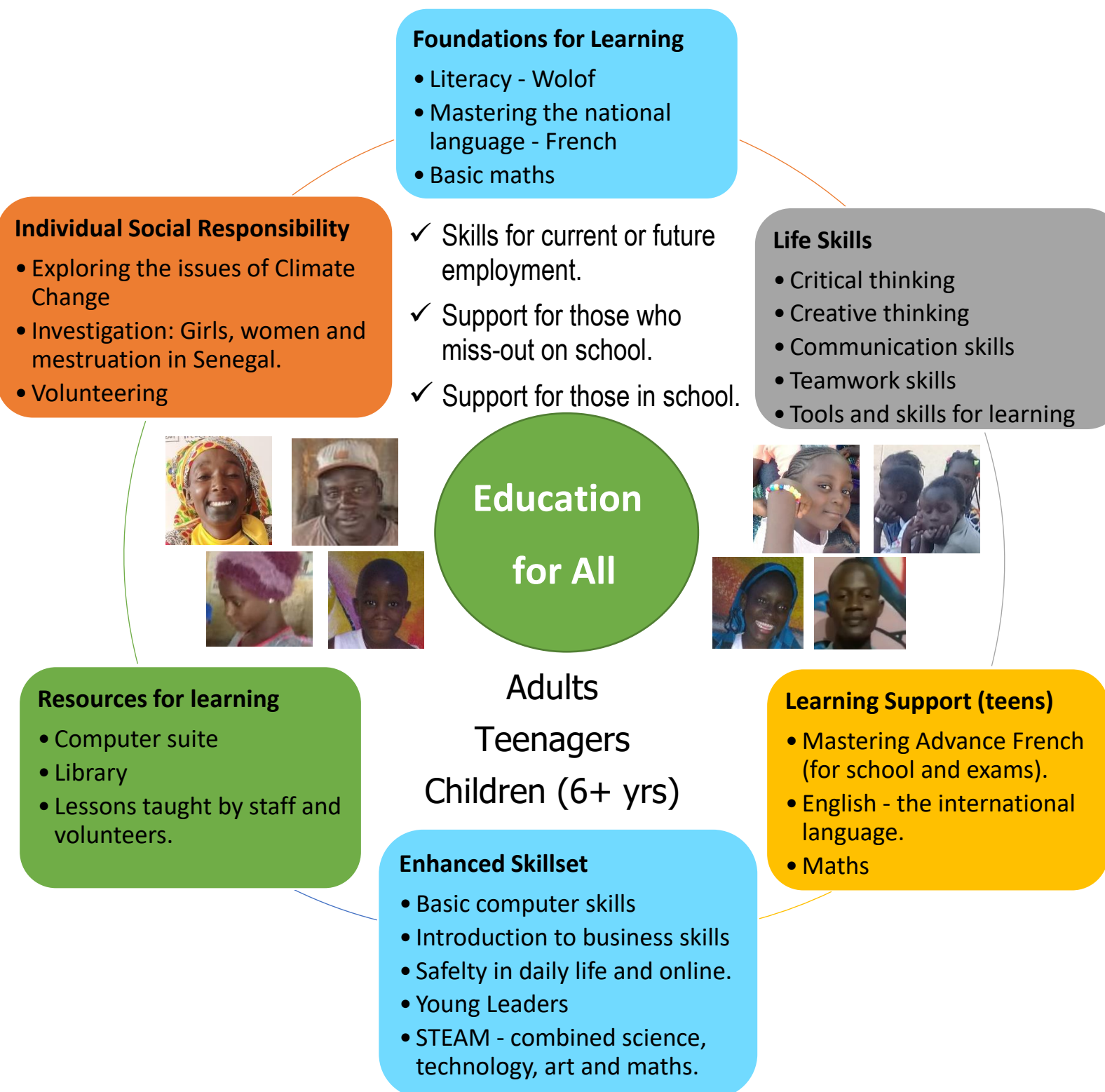
For more items see website

Diapalante Community Education Centre

Kaolack, Senegal

Aim: The Diapalante Community Education Centre aims to help people acquire the skills and knowledge to enable them to lead sustainable and fulfilling lives in Senegal.

What the Diapalante Community Education Centre Does:



Education for All

When the Diapalante Community Education Centre opened twelve years ago it taught basic computer skills when electricity was available and English, the language of commerce, when there was no electricity. At the end of the first year there were about 50 members, mostly older teenagers and young adults. The Centre's free membership now reaches a much broader range of people, over 700 in total this year, and the subjects offered have increased as you can see from the graphic opposite.

The many activities available this year were organised and led by our 3 local staff, our many local volunteers and 2 volunteers from the UK gap year charity Project Trust.

The Diapalante Centre continued its successful programme of after school activities which help the local primary school children learn French, the language of schooling. Around 100 children attended the sessions run at a local school by Diapalante's teenage Young Leaders and staff. This programme is especially useful to the many children who have no experience of French before starting school. They enjoy the activities and don't notice that they are learning French while they play! Their improved school performance is testimony to the programme's success.

The Centre's pilot project teaching literacy and numeracy to 60 talibes had a good second year. The talibes enthusiasm to continue their learning was reflected in the attendance rates remaining stable right through to the year end. Talibes are boys whose families place them in the care of a marabout (religious teacher) to study the Qur'an. The talibes attending our project live in great poverty, far from their families and the daaras rely on their begging for income. The talibes made good progress in reading and writing in Wolof, their mother tongue and were keen to learn more French than we had planned to teach!



The number of adults attending the Centre has increased this year. The adults generally come to learn skills that are relevant to their current work or needed for work they hope to do. They tend to require more individual attention than younger members: sometimes because their opportunities to come to the Centre do not coincide with the regular lessons, but also because they have a specific target and a limited time in which to achieve it. For example, they may need to gain certain computer skills before job interview.

Diapalante Community Education

Skilling adults for work in a changing world

In Senegal there are many local languages, predominant among them is Wolof. However, the national language is French, it is the written language and is used in school but is nobody's mother tongue. The use of French in school is an obstacle for many and it is a major contributory factor to the low literacy levels among adults.

Fatoumata came to the Centre to improve her reading and writing so she could complete the written sales record (in French) as needed to work as a petrol pump attendant. Her situation shows the increasing need for literacy, even in less skilled jobs. Fatoumata is divorced with three children to care for. Life is difficult and she needs work. Her new skills will also help her to support her children's learning as they start school.



Makhtar is a motorcycle-taxi mechanic. He is married with three children. Aged 10, he left school to work in his father's mechanics workshop. Today he regrets leaving school early, and prioritises his children's education.

In recent years, Makhtar had been losing work as he was unable to read, understand contracts or issue the invoices required nowadays. He spoke some French and knew the vocabulary associated with his work but needed to improve his reading and writing skills.

Unable to pay for private lessons, Makhtar started attending the Centre 2-3 times a week. He is progressing well - each newly learnt phrase is relevant to his work and helps secure his livelihood.

Alioune is a nurse. His health post has computers but these were little used because no one knew how to use them. Alioune was aware of the importance of computers in healthcare delivery, so when he hears of Diapalante's free lessons with flexible learning times he saw his chance. He started making the 100km round trip to the Diapalante Centre on his days off. His aim is to become a competent computer user, so he can do his current job better and progress in his professional role. He will soon start training his work colleagues then the local community will feel the benefits as well.



Kaolack, Senegal



Senegal,
West Africa.

Population: 16.8m (2021)

Languages:

Official Language: French
(not a mother tongue, understood by 35% of people)

National Languages: Wolof
(Mother tongue 40%, understood by 90%), Malinke, Serer, Diola, Soninke, Pular.

There are many other traditional languages.

Religions:

Islam: 94%

Christianity: 5%

Traditional beliefs: 1%



Kaolack is 95 miles
south of Dakar,
Senegal's capital city.

Kaolack Population: 181,000

Kaolack Economy:

Peanuts, salt, transport hub

Kaolack Market:

The centre of Kaolack is a huge
“covered” market, a labyrinth of
narrow alleyways and small stalls.

Local Schools:

Primary: 2 classrooms per year, and
2 classes per classroom per day.

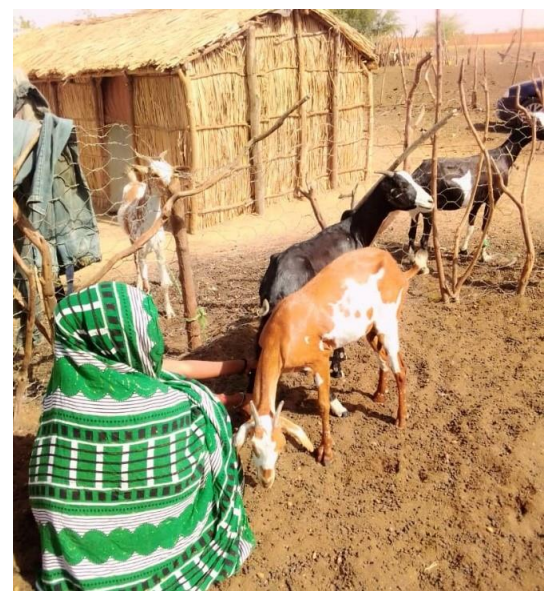
Secondary:

6th form college: 2000 pupils and
class size of 50 is common.

Mauritania: Equipping Women to Survive

This project is in one of the many small herding villages in Southern Mauritania. Mauritania is a huge but sparsely populated country twice the size of France but with a population of only 4.6 million. Mauritania is the western-most region of the Sahara desert. Our project helps women who are heads of households to support themselves and their children.

Each woman has the opportunity to earn a small income for her family by building up a herd of goats. The women have each received four pregnant goats from Diapalante. Importantly, Diapalante's aid will not end there. Diallo, who represents us in Mauritania, is a veterinary officer. He is keen to ensure that these women have a realistic opportunity to succeed in their new venture. We will therefore continue our involvement by giving veterinary and technical aid for three years as the women establish their herds. Diallo has designed this long term but diminishing support to help the women on their path to becoming independent herders.



Looking to the Future

- This year we started fundraising with the Global Giving platform and will continue to develop our outreach here. We welcome some aspects of their platform more than others. Particularly welcome is their active interest in and vetting of projects on their platform and their willingness to support our aims and to involve our partners in their training sessions.
- We will be looking more closely at our climate and environmental responsibility. We will review our environmental impact and the implementation of steps to mitigate and reduce any detrimental effects.
- New trustees: Our trustees are a faithful bunch but we would like to bring in some fresh ideas and skills so we will looking for trustees soon. A volunteer is worth many pressed men so if you would like to help us, please get in touch now (01462 743091) (we meet online).
- At the Diapalante Community Education Centre there are lots of plans for the future but the next year will be a period of consolidation. The three staff are running: a computer room, a library, and so many teaching sessions. They help primary school children and secondary school children who are striving to reach their educational potential, children and teenagers who don't have the opportunity to go to school, and meet the very varied educational needs of about 100 adults.
- Thanks to equipment donations and your generosity we will be able to renew the computers and IT equipment at the Diapalante Community Education Centre allowing us to keep our teaching up to date and relevant to today's business needs.
- And Nafi, our female staff member, is determined to find time to continue developing the plans for a re-usable period pads project.

Period Poverty?

In 2020 our local UK Days for Girls group asked if Diapalante would considered distributing re-usable period packs to girls in Senegal. The women in Senegal were enthusiastic but wary so we posted a few packs. Months later they arrived - one adult and two of the Centre's teenagers tried the packs. They loved them and the freedom they brought, but a pack donated here is not free, it is expensive to transport to Senegal.

In November 2021, Nafi, our female staff member, and Jessie, this year's Project Trust volunteer, started to develop a long-term project to make re-usable period packs at the Centre. They worked together to ensure Nafi learnt the sewing skills needed and developed a suitable design.

In June 2022 they were joined by Pippa, a previous volunteer, returning to Senegal on her final year medical elective, to research the understanding of, and attitudes towards, menstruation in Kaolack, Senegal.

They are all hoping their work will form the basis of a full scale project. But first there is more groundwork to be done starting in the coming year.

Hillcrest Advisory Bureau and Bursary Fund, South Africa

Hillcrest supports its local underprivileged community to move out of poverty through education, personal development and economic and social advice.

They provide advice and financial assistance to families, assist schoolchildren with both mentoring sessions and practical support with school uniforms and help students to enter tertiary education providing mentoring sessions and bursary assistance during their studies.

Diapalante enables Hillcrest to fundraise in the UK.



Hillcrest Advice Bureau and Bursary Fund

A Better South Africa, One Degree At A Time...

Governance

Structure

Diapalante is a charitable trust governed by a Declaration of Trust dated 02/08/2005 as amended by Deed dated 04/01/2006 and by Deed dated 15/08/2012.

Diapalante is run by trustees who give of their time freely and no remuneration is paid. Trustees are appointed by the existing trustees and serve for three years after which they may be reappointed. There must always be at least three trustees. At least two ordinary meetings must be held each year to discuss future strategies, projects and fundraising.

The trustees elected to hold their four trustee meetings online. A trustee away day was held in Letchworth on 2nd July to consider succession planning within Diapalante.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had due regard to the commission's guidance on public benefit. We have taken the guidance into consideration when exercising the relevant powers or duties. Our charitable purpose for public benefit is demonstrated by the activities and achievements summarised in this report.

Safeguarding

Diapalante takes seriously its responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of everyone involved in our programmes, particularly children and vulnerable adults. To this end two trustees, Elizabeth Chandler and Pamela Brannigan, together with Mamadou Kane who co-ordinates the Diapalante Community Education Centre successfully completed two Open University Courses: "Introduction to Safeguarding in the International Aid Sector" and "Implementing Safeguarding in the

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International Aid Sector” and are now updating the Centre’s safeguarding practice, training and documentation. When this is finished our safeguarding policy and code of conduct and procedures will be reviewed so both sets of documents are aligned.

Risk Management

The trustees have continued to review the risks the charity faces and acted to mitigate the most likely these. Coronavirus remains a major potential risk to our fundraising in the UK and to our project delivery in Senegal. The risk of inadequate income due the need to cancel planned fundraising events was averted by diversifying our funding streams. The risk of coronavirus impacting on project delivery in Senegal remains high but was reduced by working outdoors where possible and employing extra cleaning and hygiene measures.

Reserves

in establishing a reserves amount and a reserves policy Diapalante is guided by the reserves guidance from the Charity Commission. Diapalante aims to hold a reserve of unrestricted funds which is appropriate to allow us to meet 6 months budgeted expenditure. For a low risk commitment in 2022-23 the six month reserve of unrestricted funds is calculated at £14,000. In line with this policy our unrestricted fund stood at £14,148 at our year end on 31/08/2022.

Administrative Details, Objectives

Charity name: Diapalante
Charity Number 1112875
Address: Kirby Manor
73 High Street
Ashwell
Herts
SG7 5NP

Charity Trustees as at 31st August 2021:

Pamela Brannigan	Caroline Chandler
Elizabeth Chandler	Ian Chandler
Emily Charlton	Orlando Gibbons
Alan Muhr	Carol Muhr

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Diapalante's Objectives

To further charitable purposes which relieve or combat malnutrition, hunger, disease, sickness or distress.

To help prevent or relieve poverty or financial hardship by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and any necessary support, enabling individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

Despite the worsening financial climate Diapalante has had a stable year, thanks to our supporters, who have shown great solidarity and kindness in their financial and practical support of us and our partners. This has enabled us to maintain our outreach and staffing levels at the Diapalante Community Education Centre in Senegal, and also start a small goat herding project for women who are heads of households in a rural village in Mauritania. Both projects bring opportunity and hope. These projects provide us with financial reports, showing how they have spent our money. This is only part of their financial story as we explain below.

The Diapalante Community Education Centre is a typical ground floor apartment, designed for family living. The garage (donated by the upstairs flat who only keep a motorbike in it) and a small corridor are full of chairs, stacked to the ceiling which are hired out to give a modest income. This income covers some expenses, such as those of volunteers who help at the Centre. There is no hire fee for chairs used at funerals as “funerals come after high medical bills and other costs and are unplanned expenditure”. People who attend the Centre are not asked to pay for classes but they contribute what they can - many give their time and skills while others give a small amount of money.

The building layout means the Centre’s classes have to be small. The largest area, a yard accommodating 35 people, has been covered for shade from the sun so it can now be used during the daytime as well as for evening sessions. The computer room accommodates 14 learners, though the younger children double up and share computers. More small groups meet in the library, in another room and in the corridor which runs the length of the building. The staff are very good at stretching the capacity of the building but even they have reached the limits of their ingenuity. They are considering the options for the future: different premises would allow them to reach more people but would this be cost efficient? Would it make the Centre’s future more or less secure ... ?

Accounts



Charity Name Diapalante		No (if any) 1112875		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 01/09/2021	To	Period end date 31/08/2022	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General Funds	6,607	-	-	6,607	8,581
UK Administration	-	503	-	503	-
Community Education Centre, Senegal	-	29,024	-	29,024	14,096
Medical Grants, Senegal	-	1,500	-	1,500	-
Mosquito nets	-	-	-	-	228
South Africa, Hillcrest Advice and Bursary Fund	-	3,500	-	3,500	8,759
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,607	34,526	-	41,133	31,664
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,607	34,526	-	41,133	31,664
A3 Payments					
General Funds	-	-	-	-	-
UK Administration	-	390	-	390	155
Community Education Centre, Senegal	7,323	25,020	-	32,342	19,741
Medical Grants, Senegal	-	1,506	-	1,506	2,616
Mauritania, Goat Project	1,425	-	-	1,425	-
South Africa, Hillcrest Advice and Bursary Fund	-	3,500	-	3,500	8,759
Gifts	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,748	30,416	-	39,164	31,271
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,748	30,416	-	39,164	31,271
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,141	4,110	-	1,969	394
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,148	6,422	-	20,571	20,177
Cash funds this year end	12,007	10,533	-	22,540	20,571

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		12,007	10,533	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,007	10,533	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Diapalante

On accounts for the year
ended

30th August 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1112875

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/08/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Jacques Pritchard

Date:

31/12/2022

Name:

JACQUELINE PRITCHARD

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACMA, CGMA, BLOMM

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Section B

Disclosure

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

Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.

N/A

Please consider donating to our work

Every donation counts, every £1. Please help us to support The Diapalante Community Education Centre as it enables and encourages adults and children gain the skills needed to secure better futures for themselves and their families.

However, if you can give a little every month, this allows us to plan ahead responsibly and ensures that The Diapalante Community Education Centre can continue to help people today, tomorrow and into the future.

400 supporters giving £5 per month would provide this income or
200 supporters giving £10 per month or
100 supporters giving £20 per month

If you feel more comfortable giving one off donations then please do that.

We are grateful for every penny, and all the people who help Diapalante in many different ways. If you can support us financially – please do. If this isn't for you then keep in touch, **all** support and encouragement is valued by us.

To donate

- Go to <https://diapalante.org/donate> or
- Use our bank details:
Name: Diapalante, sort code: 40-28-14, account no: 51576712
- Or post a cheque to our address below.

Gift Aid – UK tax payers – grow your donation by 25p for every £1 donated at no cost to yourself. A gift aid form is available online.



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