

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY VENTURE

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 03/2021

CHARITY NUMBER:

1115105

OUR AIMS

We seek to provide a structured educational environment that develops our pupils' capabilities, competences and skills. We promote the academic, moral and physical development of our pupils through our academic curriculum, pastoral care, sporting and other activities. We provide an educational environment where each student can develop and fulfil his or her potential, building their self-confidence and inculcating a desire to contribute to the wider community. In so doing, we prepare our pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experience of later life.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are set to reflect our educational aims and the ethos of the school. It is important to us that we maintain and enhance the academic success of the school. This objective is, however, set in the context of the broader goals we set for the school and its pupils. In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. Our key objectives for the year included:

- To broaden our academic curriculum and extend the range of KS4 options
- To enhance and improve the co-curricular provision for pupils
- To continue to develop the first class pastoral care we provide for pupils
- To increase pupil numbers at our school
- To provide continuing support of our pupils already enrolled
- To play our part in the life of our local community through our community access and service programmes.
- To provide young people with a holistically supportive alternative education experience
- Ensure that the specific personal, social and academic needs of pupils are properly identified and achieved
- To raise achievement and attainment of young people irrespective of their academic status
- Raise pupil motivation through attendance, punctuality, self-confidence and engagement
- To improve young people's commitment to learning
- To provide on-going professional advice and support to families
- To change disruptive behaviour and attitudes
- To ensure post 16 objectives including reintegration into mainstream education, further education or employment are achieved

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The total number of referrals for the academic year was 20. The previous year was a total number of 3 young people. This clearly shows the increase in the number of referrals due to the fact that we have after

covid-19 pandemic we have made relationships and extended our service to external sources other than just Birmingham City Council.

This is still very low compared to previous years. Whereby we had between 60-90 Pupils thus we have increased our costs in order to continue with our service.

Out of the 20 referrals many of these were for ESOL, newly arrived young people, as well as SEN. This has been a new experience for us as each year we normally have an increase in the number of young people.

CURRENT AND FUTURE PLANS

Birmingham Community Venture has had a reasonably good year, however there have been many external factors that have impacted on our work and the number of referrals we are receiving. We have experienced a decline in EBD/ SEN young people referrals and feel that this year we have just about managed to make ends meet due to the effects of the pandemic and City Councils responses. As a result, the plans we had for the Bourneville Building we had secured have now have come to an end and will not be pursued as we feel that this is not the right way forward. Also, in regards to Progress 8, as mentioned in the previous annual report, after lengthy discussions, meetings, research on the curriculum we feel that we will not be adopting this as we feel this is not suitable for the young people we work with.

Some of the reasons that may have affected our referrals is there have been several new free schools that have emerged, and this has resulted in mainstream schools referring children there as it is a cheaper option. One of the other factors we have considered is there is a greater emphasis on mainstream schools to retain and manage exclusion in house by regulating authorities. Lastly, we have found that Birmingham City Councils budget has been cutback and they will no longer be placing children in settings like ours after this academic year.

Ofsted inspectors visited 165 schools and 448 of the alternative providers they used. The survey reveals that:

- more schools are refusing to use alternative provision if they do not think it is of a good enough standard
- schools have developed in-house alternatives when good quality provision is not available locally
- more schools are working together to find and commission good quality alternative provision
- providers are usually safe, with reasonable accommodation and resources available to students
- a small number of providers are contravening regulations regarding registration, and schools are not always checking providers' registration status

The report also finds that, although schools are more aware of their responsibilities when selecting a provider than they were in 2011, they still lack clear guidance regarding safeguarding. The absence of such specific guidance leaves schools uncertain about what is considered good practice with regard to safeguarding checks on potential providers. Providers also lacked guidance on the use of social media and general e-safety.

Sean Harford, Ofsted's National Director for Education, said:

It's good news that that awareness around alternative provision has improved since 2011, but there is still much to be done.

Schools are voting with their feet when it comes to poor providers. More and more often we see schools working together to identify and commission better alternative provision.

FUTURE PLANS

If we are to continue to operate we will need to look at changing our strategy and reviewing our service and reach out to other service users. The curriculum will need to be reviewed and policies will need to be changed and updated.

Some of the future plans will include:

- purchase additional minibus- to provide a service for those travelling from further away
- Review the curriculum - provide alternative qualifications other than GCSEs, Functional as well as skill based courses.
- Have an ever-changing curriculum policy to find out what suits our pupils best to get them to progress and achieve qualifications.
- Provide vocational subjects
- Make changes to the building to tailor the needs of the qualifications review the use of Oakland Young Peoples Centre as ESOL will no longer be operating due to lack of referrals
- Promote the service provides- look at updating the prospectus, website, directories

CHAIR PERSON

BARKET HUSSAIN

FINANCIAL DECLARATION

Declaration

We hereby verify that the following accounts prepared by the independent examiner for the period (01/04/20 to 31/03/21) for Birmingham Community Venture has been prepared from records and receipts kept by the organisation and that it is a true and fair statement for this accounting period.

B.Hussain

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(Trustee)

A.Hussain

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(Trustee)

**Name: Barket
Hussain**

**Name:
Aftaab
Hussain**

Date: 1/02/22

**Date:
3/02/22**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT



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Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Sign:

Name of the Company:

Registered Company Number:

Birmingham Community Venture

Company's registered address:

1115105

Accounts for the year:

Hockley Port, All Saints Street,
Hockley, Birmingham.

Brief statement about the
Company's reserves at bank.

B18 7RL.

April 01, 2020 – March 31, 2021

Further Financial review Details:

Currently BCV has £50,000.00
surplus funds

The Company's principal sources of
funds.

Company's main areas of
expenditure.

The main source of funding for
Company this year has been the
grant funding. Company mostly
relies on the local schools and
Birmingham City Council for its
continuing support.

Company Annual accounts made
by: Angelika Bober

Most of the available funds are
allocated to the Company's
premises expenses and staff costs.
Most of the staff is seasonal rather
permanent to keep staff costs
down.

Name of the independent examiner:
Zahra Ammate

Professional Qualification:
Accountant

BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY VENTURE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT (01/04/15 TO 31/03/16)

INCOME

Opening Balance		£	9500.00	
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Future First	£			
	163,000.00	£	£	
	0		272,500	

EXPENDITURE

BCC Child in Need	£			
Other TC consultancy	-	£		
Other AD	£	£		
	2,500.00			
Bank Charges	70,000.00			
	£	£		
	16,000			
Maintenance	30,000.00			
Barclays	-	£		
	11,649.80			
Petty Cash	-	£		
	9,500.00			
Rates	-	£		
Deposit	2,460.76	£		
	-	£		
Utility Bill / Specialised Wi-fi	12,344.62			
Petrol/Fuel	13,960.00			
Insurance	2,600.00			
Food/Refreshment	1,000.00			
Alf ICT	4,150.00			

Car Repairs	£
	2,035.00
Leisure Equipment/Activity	£
	4,800.00
Office Equipment	£
	2,650.57
Legal Fees	£
	700.00
Training	£
	6,000.00
Sundries	£
	633.25
Staff Wages	£
	45,000.00

Total Expenditure	£ 222,000.00
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SURPLUS/DEFICIT (Inc - Exp)

£50,000.00

**Birmingham Community
Venture
Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2021**

2020
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CURRENT ASSETS

Bank	£9,000.00
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<u>NET ASSETS</u>	£18,000.00
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FINANCED BY:

Restricted funds	£18,000.00
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<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>	£18,000.00
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For the year ending 31 March 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities;

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by: Aftaab Hussain

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Name: Aftaab Hussain

Date: 3/02/22