

# LAO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1115944

## Details

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2006-08-29

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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Leighton Buzzard  
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## Activities

**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN LAOS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE OR SUCH OTHER BENEFICIAL PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

**Activities:** Raising money to benefit people in Laos, and to support them to attend College or University in their home country or abroad. The operation of the LEOT school in Luang Prabang and the support of the local community through community projects.

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LAOS
- Laos

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-06-30 | £234,307 | £219,644    | -      | -         |
| 2024-06-30 | £173,567 | £184,925    | -      | -         |
| 2023-06-30 | £150,428 | £186,345    | -      | -         |
| 2022-06-30 | £128,839 | £115,523    | -      | -         |
| 2021-06-30 | £57,941  | £60,040     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                     | Role  | Appointed  |
|--------------------------|-------|------------|
| Kevin Edward Heath       | Chair | 2019-09-16 |
| Dianne Marie Di Palma    |       | 2023-12-15 |
| Graeme William Spedding  |       | 2023-12-15 |
| Janet Clare Conway       |       | 2019-02-15 |
| Jeannette Margaret Tyler |       | 2020-11-16 |
| PETER BANWELL            |       | 2013-01-07 |

**LAO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1115944

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# Accounts

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**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From                                      Period start date    To                                      Period end date

Charity name:

Charity registration number:

## Objectives and Activities

|                                                                                                                                                                      | SORP reference     |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | Para 1.17          |  |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 |  |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit                                         | Para 1.18          |  |

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                                  | SORP reference |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Policy on grant making                                           | Para 1.38      |  |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38      |  |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | Para 1.38      |  |
| Other                                                            |                |  |



## Achievements and Performance

|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | SORP reference |  |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20      |  |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                              |           |  |
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| Achievements against objectives set                          | Para 1.41 |  |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 |  |
| Investment performance against objectives                    | Para 1.41 |  |
| Other                                                        |           |  |

## Financial Review

|                                                                                  |           |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 |  |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 |  |
| Amount of reserves held                                                          | Para 1.22 |  |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves                                                | Para 1.22 |  |
| Details of fund materially in deficit                                            | Para 1.24 |  |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 |  |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 |  |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 |  |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity                         | Para 1.46 |  |
| Other                                                                           |           |  |

## Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           |  |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 |  |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)                                                                                                  | Para 1.25 |  |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 |  |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | Para 1.51 |  |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 |  |
| Relationship with any related parties                                                     | Para 1.51 |  |
| Other                                                                                     |           |  |

## Reference and Administrative details

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Charity name                |  |
| Other name the charity uses |  |
| Registered charity number   |  |
| Charity's principal address |  |
|                             |  |

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

|    | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Description of the assets held in this capacity                                                                               |  |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects |  |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets                         |  |

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

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Date

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**Lao Educational Opportunities Trust**  
**Accounts and Trustees Report**  
**For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

## Lao Educational Opportunities Trust

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th June 2025

**30th June 2024**

173,385  
173  

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**173,558**

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**548**

**30th June 2025**

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Donations  
Bank Interest

234,190  
117

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**234,307**

Scholarships

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**216**

#### LEOT School

38,361 School Salaries  
62 Staff Cards  
4,779 School Director Expenses  
3,254 Health Care  
485 Electricity  
327 Water  
153 Internet  
204 Bike Repairs  
328 Insurances  
358 Promotion  
1,748 Repairs & Renewals  
Furniture  
Computer Costs  
4,043 Building repairs  
Study Books  
1,838 Office Costs  
126 Student Awards  
288 Cleaning  
204 Refreshments  
38 Misc  
Staff Shirts  
Environment  
Environmental Garden  
73 Hospitality and Dream Catcher  
891 Student Activities  
Staff Activity  
Teacher training expenses

2,199

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**59,759**

50,060  
  
5,135  
3,282  
314  
130  
129  
225  
  
734  
793  
1,971  
2,420  
411  
329  
  
181  
402  
  
303  
131  
5,421  
449  
833  
445  
2,258

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**76,356**

#### Sewing School

16,461 Salaries  
4,065 Materials  
Student Equipment Frants

18,274  
6,189  
5,810



|                |                                   |                |                |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 45             | Training                          |                |                |
| 3,820          | Security                          |                |                |
| 961            | Maintenance                       | 94             |                |
| 1,400          | Equip R & R                       | 857            |                |
| 69             | Internet                          | 69             |                |
| 247            | Office Costs                      | 149            |                |
| 59             | Water                             | 66             |                |
| 171            | Cleaning                          | 210            |                |
| 813            | Recruitment                       | 72             |                |
| 550            | Ceremonies                        | 397            |                |
| 195            | Refreshments                      | 277            |                |
| 116            | Misc                              | 185            |                |
|                | Medical Expenses                  | 1,248          |                |
| 1,130          | Activity                          | 397            |                |
|                | DOES                              | 18             |                |
|                | Awards                            | 72             |                |
| <b>30,102</b>  |                                   | <b>34,384</b>  |                |
|                | Barci                             | <b>248</b>     |                |
| <b>90,966</b>  | Community school building         | <b>105,326</b> |                |
| 2,823          | DOES                              | 2,344          |                |
| 230            | Homeland exp                      | 189            |                |
| 531            | Bank Charges                      | 576            |                |
| -9             | Diff                              | 5              |                |
| <b>3,575</b>   |                                   | <b>3,114</b>   |                |
| <b>-11,358</b> | Excess of Income over Expenditure | <b>14,663</b>  |                |
| <b>173,592</b> |                                   | <b>234,307</b> | <b>234,307</b> |

**Balance Sheet as at the 30th June 2025**

|              |                     |               |               |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 7,345        | HSBC 51574078       | 12,640        |               |
| 778          | BCEL Vientiane      | 10,142        |               |
|              | Transfer in process |               |               |
| 4            | BCEL Luang Prabang  | 9             |               |
| 4            | Cash LP             | 3             |               |
|              | Reserves            |               | 22,794        |
| <b>8,131</b> |                     | <b>22,794</b> | <b>22,794</b> |

Restricted Donations were 7,447

Scholarships 216

School 6,725

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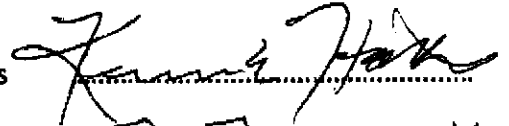
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The enclosed accounts present a true position of the Charities Finances and have been inspected by an independent ex  
who has no  
concerns on their reporting accuracy for the year ended 30th June 2025

Signed

Kevin Heath

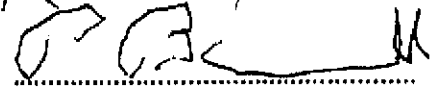
Chair of Trustees



Signed

Peter Banwell

Treasurer



## Trustees Activity Report

### LEOT School

The school year for LEOT students finishes in May. Our teachers remained busy preparing lessons for local Primary School teachers in basic English. This year

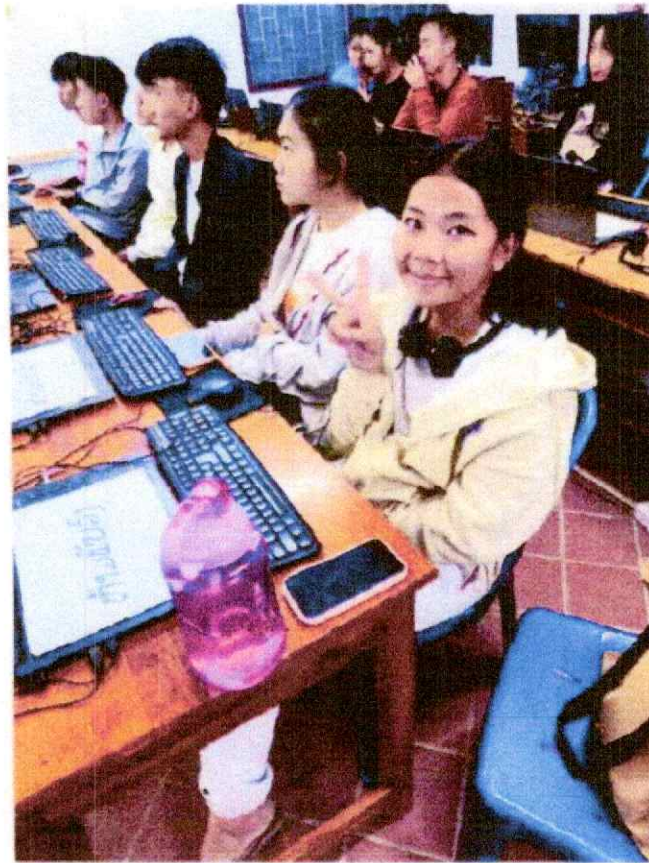


classes were split between the LEOT School and a school in Chomphet District. Our 60 trainee teachers were split into four classes. Lessons were held over four weeks with classes on vocabulary and spoken English. Our teachers enjoyed a five-week break before starting new classes for disadvantaged students in September.

We were pleased to run a total of 8 daily courses for beginner and elementary English and IT studies together with lunchtime courses in hospitality English and our Dream Catcher career development course. We also invested 5,000 dollars in a new course making an Environmental garden as part of a new Environmental course. We also recognised the need to run weekend courses for students unable to attend school during the week and successfully ran



courses in both English and IT at the weekend. School facilities were also improved with the creation of a small classroom in the entrance hall.



Computer lesson



Jeannette holds a workshop  
Environmental Group



## Community Building



Jok handover

The community School building programme had another successful year with the completion of Xang School and the building of schools for Hoana and Jok villages. We also built a fence for Hadpang School and completed repairs to Samphan Sai and Siegman Schools.

A grant was given to Chomphet District to support an emergency following the loss of the rice crop due to flooding.



## Sewing

It was a year of highs and great lows for our sewing school. We ran a total of four classes at beginner and advanced level for our students and made equipment grants of over 5,800 dollars to students setting up their own workshops. We considered our courses were very successful with our students gaining improved skills, jobs and opening small workshops. Sadly, the Department of Education did not like the methods of our manager Noy and decided the school must close unless she was replaced. The LEOT Trustees did not agree and considered Noy to be a very talented leader delivering exceptional results. The school was required to close at the end of June 2025, removing a very important resource for disadvantaged women and leaving our five staff without work.



*The LEOT Sewing Team*





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name LAO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST

On accounts for the year  
ended

30/6/2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1115944

Set out on pages

1/2

(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 30/06/2025

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Michael Rowland

Date:

2/3/2026

Name:

Michael John Stuart Rowland

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

A.C.I.B.

(if any):

Address:

153 Marley Fields  
Heighton Buzzard  
LU7 4WJ

## Section B

### 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.

N/A.



**LAO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1115944

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# Accounts

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR  
ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 Period start date To 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 Period end date

Charity name:Lao Educational Opportunities Trust

Charity registration number:1115944

### Objectives and Activities

|                                                                                                                                                                      | SORP reference                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Summary Of the purposes Of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | Para 1.17                     | To advance the education of young disadvantaged students in Laos through the provision of material assistance or such other beneficial purposes as the Trustees decide.                                                |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19Rural Prima | Operation of the LEOT School, providing English Language and IT courses. Operation of the LEOT Vocational Sewing School teaching beginner and intermediate sewing courses. Building and Repairing Rural Prima Schools. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit                                         | Para 1.18                     | The Trustees have taken regard to the Commissions public benefit guidance when exercising their powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant and have complied to its requirements.                             |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                        | SORP reference |  |
|------------------------|----------------|--|
| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38      |  |

|                                                                  |           |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 |  |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | Para 1.38 |  |
|                                                                  |           |  |
| Other                                                            |           |  |

## Achievements and Performance

|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | SORP reference |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1 .20     | <p><b>LEOT School</b></p> <p>The school provided classes for over 300 students giving skills to enable them to access further education, or vocational training more widely in ASEAN Countries. It also benefited them in finding jobs locally or in Vientiane.</p> <p><b>LEOT Sewing School</b></p> <p>The school provided places for 60 disadvantaged women to learn tailoring skills. Students have a high degree of success in obtaining jobs following their courses. Where appropriate LEOT provides basic equipment for women to start micro businesses in their own homes</p> <p><b>Community School Building</b></p> <p>During the year LEOT built 2 large rural Primary Schools and repaired 5 otherø Our programme has benefited over 3,000 young children with vastly im roved school facilities.</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You ma choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set                          | Para 1.41 |  |
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| Investment performance against objectives                    | Para 1.41 |  |
| Other                                                        |           |  |

## Financial Review

|                                                                                  |            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1 .21 | The charity held cash balances of E8,131 at the year end with donations exceeding E21,000 in July. This is a time of low activity due to school holidays and the monsoon season. Trustees consider funding is adequate as it is underwritten b the Board. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves statin wh the are held      | Para 1 .22 | Reserves are held to meet short term requirements. The longer term is uaranteed b the Trustees.                                                                                                                                                           |
| Amount of reserves held                                                          | Para 1.22  | E8,131 the LEOT School and equipment is owned by LEOT.THE Sewing School is owned by the Lao government and is used rent free b LEOT.                                                                                                                      |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves                                                | Para 1.22  | Not Applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| N the Charities budget until Details of fund materially in deficit               | Para 1 .24 | No deficits or liabilities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23  | The charity is negotiating a new MOU for a further 3 years together with a long term partnership agreement with a large NGO.                                                                                                                              |

Additional information (optional)

You ma choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 |  |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 |  |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity                         | Para 1.46 |  |
| Other                                                                           |           |  |

## Structure, Governance and Management

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           | The Charity is a single operational Trust                                                            |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                    | Para 1.25 | Trust Deed                                                                                           |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | Unincorporated Association                                                                           |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Trustees are selected by the board following interview from suitable applicants with relevant skills |

### Additional information (optional)

|                             |                                                                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Charity name                | Lao Educational Opportunities Trust                                         |
| Other name the charity uses | LEOT                                                                        |
| Registered charity number   | 1115944                                                                     |
| Charity's principal address | Heath Park<br>House<br>291 Heath Road<br>Leighton Buzzard<br>Beds<br>LU73AX |
|                             |                                                                             |



You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | Para 1.51 |  |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 |  |
| Relationship with any related parties                                                     | Para 1.51 |  |
| Other                                                                                     |           |  |

Reference and Administrative details

| Trustee name    | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole ear | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee if an |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kevin Heath     | Chair           | Whole Year                       |                                                            |
| Peter Banwell   | Treasurer       | Whole Year                       |                                                            |
| Janet Conroy    | Secretary       | Whole Year                       |                                                            |
| Jeannette Tyler | School Director | Whole Year                       |                                                            |
| Julie Williams  |                 | 1/7/2023 to 31/7/2023            |                                                            |
| Dianne Di Palma |                 | 15/12/2023 to 30/06/2024         | Board of Trustees                                          |
| Graeme Spedding |                 | 15/12/2023 to 30/06/2024         | Board of Trustees                                          |
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Corporate trustees — names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name |  |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| None          |  |  |
|               |  |  |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year |  |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| None         |                                   |  |
|              |                                   |  |
|              |                                   |  |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

| Description of the assets held in this capacity                                                                               |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects |  |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets                         |  |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of Name Address adviser

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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|                                     |                                                                      |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Signature(s)                        | <i>Kevin E Heath</i> <div>Verified by pdfFiller<br/>04/08/2025</div> | <i>Peter Banwell</i> |
| Full name(s)                        | Kevin Heath                                                          | Peter Banwell        |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair                                                                | Treasurer            |
| Date                                | 8 April 2025                                                         |                      |

# **Lao Educational Opportunities Trust**

**Accounts for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Lao Educational Opportunities Trust**  
**Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2024**  
**Receipts and Payments**

|               |                               |        |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| 150276        | Donations                     | 173385 |
| 152           | Bank Interest                 | 173    |
| <b>150428</b> |                               |        |
| 5051          | Scholarships                  | 548    |
| 29361         | School Salaries               | 38361  |
| 76            | Staff cards                   | 62     |
| 712           | School Director Expenses      | 4779   |
|               | Health Care                   | 3254   |
| 268           | Electricity                   | 485    |
| 106           | Water                         | 327    |
| 223           | Internet                      | 153    |
| 354           | Insurances                    | 328    |
|               | Promotion                     | 358    |
| 76            | Small equipment               | 238    |
|               | Bike Repairs                  | 204    |
| 6638          | Repairs & Renewals            | 1510   |
| 101           | Building repairs              | 4,043  |
| 160           | Office Costs                  | 1838   |
|               | Library Books                 | 45     |
|               | Student Awards                | 126    |
| 67            | Cleaning                      | 71     |
| 128           | Consumables                   | 217    |
| 552           | Refreshments                  | 204    |
| 183           | Misc                          | 38     |
|               | Hospitality and Dream Catcher | 73     |
| 2001          | School trips                  | 891    |
| 4334          | Teacher training expenses     | 2199   |

**Sewing School**

|       |                      |       |
|-------|----------------------|-------|
| 11211 | Salaries             | 16461 |
| 6418  | Materials            | 4065  |
|       | Training             | 35    |
|       | Security             | 3820  |
| 2528  | Equip R & R          | 1400  |
| 588   | Buildint Maintenance | 961   |
| 217   | Office Costs         | 247   |
| 64    | Water                | 59    |
| 184   | Cleaning             | 74    |
| 115   | Consumables          | 97    |



|        |                                  |        |        |
|--------|----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| 85     | Recruitment                      | 813    |        |
| 1303   | Ceremonies                       | 550    |        |
| 455    | Refreshments                     | 195    |        |
|        | Hospitality                      | 1130   |        |
| 778    | Misc                             | 116    |        |
| 106650 | Community school building        | 90966  |        |
| 2842   | DOES                             | 2823   |        |
| 1896   | Homeland exp                     | 230    |        |
| 613    | Bank Charges                     | 531    |        |
| 7      | Exchange difference              | 9      |        |
|        | Excess of Payments over Receipts | 11358  |        |
| 186345 |                                  | 184925 | 184925 |

### Balance Sheet as at the 30th June 2024

|       |                            |       |      |
|-------|----------------------------|-------|------|
| 4031  | HSBC                       | 7345  |      |
| 433   | BCEL                       | 778   |      |
| 12    | BCEL LP                    | 4     |      |
| 13    | CASH                       | 4     |      |
| 15000 | Cash in transit            |       |      |
|       | RESERVES B/F               | 19489 |      |
|       | Less excess of expenditure | 11358 |      |
| 19489 |                            | 8131  | 8131 |

Signed  
Kevin Heath Chair of Trustees

*Kevin E Heath*

Signed  
Peter Banwell Treasurer

*Peter Banwell*  
peterbanwell

### Notes

10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Restricted Income

|                     |        |  |
|---------------------|--------|--|
| Scholarships        | 548    |  |
| Community           | 4395   |  |
| Sewing              | 9305   |  |
| LEOT School         | 13627  |  |
|                     | 27875  |  |
| Unrestricted Income | 145510 |  |
|                     | 173385 |  |

### Restricted Income c/f

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| Sewing | 4561 |
|--------|------|

## Activity Report

### LEOT School

I am thrilled to report another amazing year for LEOT. We are so excited to welcome Childs Dream from Switzerland as our major sponsor and partner for the LEOT School. They bring significant experience of working with charities and will challenge us to work even harder for the future.



*Dreamcatcher Inspirational Workshop*

All our evening classes are well subscribed and we continue to offer special classes with Hospitality English and our Dream Catcher development courses. We are delighted to extend our teaching week to include weekend English and IT classes with more to come in the future



**School Director Jeannette continues to be busy with regular library classes to extend student skills.**



**Jeannette is also keen to support students and very excited to donate a laptop to one of our students preparing for exams.**

**Sadly, the number of students available for daytime classes has reduced to non-viable numbers and in the short term we have closed daytime teaching. The good news is that we have increasing demand for weekend classes and we plan to extend the number of weekend classes for English, IT and Environmental Studies.**

**Life is always exciting at LEOT as we look forward to the future and a new MOU.**

**We are proud we are a free school and have places for all disadvantaged students**

### **Community School Building**

**LEOT Community Manager Niew has enjoyed another successful year building 2 rural Primary Schools in Pak Ou District and repairing a further 5 schools with new roofs and painting, inside and out. We have now built 14 primary schools and plan to build more in the next year. The stock of buildings in rural Lao is poor. We are proud of our work to date,**





*Hadpang School*



*Presents*



**Sadly, we are limited to the funds we have available. With more funding we could make a larger difference to villages with inadequate schools. Please help us with your donations.**

**At the end of every project, we have a handover event and present every child with a bag of presents. It makes a great deal of difference to very poor families and gives children a school uniform, shoes and books.**

## **LEOT Sewing School**



**Our Sewing School and is unique in caring for disadvantaged women. The school has a beginner class and a workroom for advanced students to practice garment making and extend their skills to more advanced clothing production.**

**Our courses run for 5 months and give students the skills to find a job or start their own workrooms. Our beginner class is for 20 students and teaches the skills of dying, pattern making, machine sewing and making of handicraft items for the tourist trade. Our advanced course is smaller with 10 students. They require more space as they spend most of their time making orders for customers.**

**Each year we run 4 courses teaching a total of 60 women. We give them life changing skills to improve their lives.**

**We also give additional help to students setting up their own small workshops, providing them with essential equipment from sewing machines to button hole machines.**

**Our sewing courses are provided free of any charge. Please help us change more lives by making donations.**



*Graduation*



*Dying*

LEOT Sewing Manager Noy and her team of teachers are doing a wonderful job in changing lives and teaching students in a wonderful environment.

Remember that

**EDUCATION CHANGES DESTINY**

|                                |                                                                        |                     |         |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Report to the trustees         | Charity Nan-I?<br>Lao Educational Opportunities Trust                  |                     |         |
| On accounts for the year ended | 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024                                             | Charity no (if any) | 1115944 |
| Set out on pages               | 1 and 2<br><div>(remember to include the page numbers of sheets)</div> |                     |         |

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

Independent examiner's statement



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND  
WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

|           |                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| Section A | Independent Examiner's Report |
|-----------|-------------------------------|

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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: |                             | Date: | 1/4/2025 |
| Name:   | Michael John Stuart Rowland |       |          |



Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

A.C.I.B.

NER

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Oct 2018

(if any):

Address:

153 Marley Fields

Leighton Buzzard

LU74WT

## Section B

## 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.



**LAO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1115944

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# Accounts

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 Period start date To 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Loo Educational Opportunities Trust

Charity registration number: 1115944

## Objectives and Activities

|                                                                                                                                                                      | SORP reference     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | Para 1.17          | To advance the education of young disadvantaged students in Laos through the provision of material assistance or such other beneficial purposes as the Trustees decide                                                                                                   |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | Operation of the LEOT School, providing English language and IT courses. Operation of the LEOT Vocational sewing School, teaching beginner an intermediate sewing courses to disadvantaged women. Building rural Primary Schools. Provision of Educational Scholarships. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit                                         | Para 1.18          | The Trustees have taken regard to the commissions public benefit guidance when exercising their powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant and have complied to its requirements.                                                                               |

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                                  | SORP reference |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Policy on grant making                                           | Para 1.38      |  |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38      |  |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | Para 1.38      |  |
|                                                                  |                |  |

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|-------|--|--|
| Other |  |  |
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## Achievements and Performance

|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | SORP reference |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20      | <p><b>LEOT School</b></p> <p>The school has provided English Language and Computer lessons to over 200 students giving them the skills to allow them to further their education or obtain work locally in the hospitality Industry or more widely in Laos or the ASEAN community of countries in a broader spectrum of jobs.</p> <p><b>Community School Building</b><br/>During the year LEOT built 4 rural Primary Schools to provide greater capacity for teaching children aged from 6 to 11 to learn in more appropriate facilities. These schools were given to their communities where teachers were provided by the Department of Education and Sport.</p> <p><b>LEOT Sewing School</b><br/>LEOT continued its work to provide training for women who had received only basic education to become tailors in our specialist Sewing School and Workroom. During the year a total of 60 women graduated from our beginner and advanced courses. Over 90% of graduates from our advance courses have secured employment.</p> |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                              |           |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Achievements against objectives set                          | Para 1.41 |  |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 |  |



|                                              |           |  |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Investment performance<br>against objectives | Para 1.41 |  |
| Other                                        |           |  |

## Financial Review

|                                                                                  |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 | The charity held cash balances of £19,489.at the 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023. This was considered adequate as the charity was waiting a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Education in Laos. A LEOT Trustee continues to under write the charities budget until the 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 | See above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Amount of reserves held                                                          | Para 1.22 | £19,489                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves                                                | Para 1.22 | Not Applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Details of fund materially in deficit                                            | Para 1.24 | No Deficits or liabilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | The charity requires the issue of a new MOU to continue its work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                                                 |           |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 |  |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 |  |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity                         | Para 1.46 |  |
| Other                                                                           |           |  |

## Structure, Governance and Management

|                                                                                                                                                                           |           |                                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           | The charity is a single operational trust to assist education in Laos                                                     |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | Trust Deed                                                                                                                |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)                                                                                                  | Para 1.25 | Unincorporated Association                                                                                                |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | Trustees are selected by the board of Trustees by interview from suitable volunteers and supporters with relevant skills. |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                                                           |           |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | Para 1.51 |  |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 |  |
| Relationship with any related parties                                                     | Para 1.51 |  |
| Other                                                                                     |           |  |

## Reference and Administrative details

|                             |                                                                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Charity name                | Lao Educational Opportunities Trust                                      |
| Other name the charity uses | LEOT                                                                     |
| Registered charity number   | 1115944                                                                  |
| Charity's principal address | Heath Park House<br>291 Heath Road<br>Leighton Buzzard<br>Beds<br>LU73AX |
|                             |                                                                          |

### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

|    | Trustee name    | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Kevin Heath     | Chair           | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 2  | Peter Banwell   | Treasurer       | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 3  | Janet Conroy    | Secretary       | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 4  | Jeannette Tyler | School Director | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 5  | Julie Williams  |                 | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 6  |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
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| 12 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 13 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 14 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 15 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 16 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 17 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 18 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 19 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
| 20 |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Director name                                                                   |  |  |
| None                                                                            |  |  |
|                                                                                 |  |  |
|                                                                                 |  |  |
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|                                                                                 |  |  |

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

|                                                                                                                               |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Description of the assets held in this capacity                                                                               | None |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | NA   |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets                         | NA   |

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
|                 |      |         |
|                 |      |         |
|                 |      |         |
|                 |      |         |

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

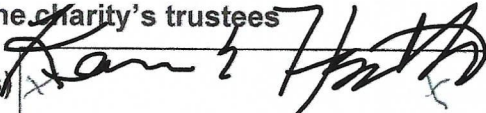
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|                                     |                                                                                   |                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Signature(s)                        |  |  |
| Full name(s)                        | Kevin Heath                                                                       | Peter Denis Banwell                                                                 |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair                                                                             | Treasurer                                                                           |

Date x 30-12-2023x

**Lao Educational Opportunities Trust**

**LEOT**

**Accounts for the Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

## Lao Educational Opportunities Trust

### **2022 Receipts and Payment Account for the year ended 30th June 2023**

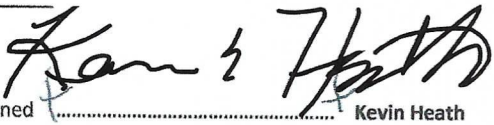
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|----------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>1,000</b>   | Restricted donations                   | Scholarships       | <b>1035</b>   |
| <b>5,000</b>   |                                        | LEOT School        |               |
| <b>7,337</b>   |                                        | Sewing Workroom    |               |
| <b>12,665</b>  |                                        | Community Building | <b>14331</b>  |
| <b>26,002</b>  |                                        |                    | <b>15366</b>  |
| <b>102,605</b> | Unrestricted donations                 |                    | <b>134910</b> |
| <b>232</b>     | Bank interest                          |                    | <b>152</b>    |
| <b>128,839</b> |                                        |                    | <b>150428</b> |
| <b>500</b>     | Restricted Scholarship payments        |                    | <b>1035</b>   |
| <b>3799</b>    | Unrestricted scholarship payments      |                    | <b>4016</b>   |
| <b>4299</b>    |                                        |                    | <b>5051</b>   |
|                | <b><u>Sewing operational costs</u></b> |                    |               |
| <b>9072</b>    | Salaries                               |                    | <b>11211</b>  |
| <b>4462</b>    | Materials                              |                    | <b>6418</b>   |
| <b>2776</b>    | Equipment                              |                    | <b>2528</b>   |
| <b>322</b>     | Office costs                           |                    | <b>217</b>    |
| <b>219</b>     | Consumables                            |                    | <b>115</b>    |
| <b>137</b>     | Cleaning                               |                    | <b>184</b>    |
| <b>230</b>     | Repairs                                |                    | <b>588</b>    |
| <b>806</b>     | Ceremonies                             |                    | <b>1303</b>   |
| <b>22</b>      | Book                                   |                    |               |
| <b>41</b>      | Water                                  |                    | <b>64</b>     |
|                | Recruitment                            |                    | <b>85</b>     |
|                | Refreshments                           |                    | <b>455</b>    |
|                | Misc other exp                         |                    | <b>693</b>    |
| <b>18087</b>   |                                        |                    | <b>23861</b>  |
|                | <b><u>School operational costs</u></b> |                    |               |
| <b>18247</b>   | Salaries unrestricted                  |                    | <b>29361</b>  |
| <b>7080</b>    | Restricted                             |                    |               |
| <b>248</b>     | Electricity                            |                    | <b>268</b>    |
| <b>5784</b>    | Computers                              |                    | <b>6440</b>   |
| <b>387</b>     | Print and staty                        |                    | <b>160</b>    |
| <b>499</b>     | Equipment repairs                      |                    | <b>198</b>    |
| <b>877</b>     | Building repairs                       |                    | <b>101</b>    |
| <b>17</b>      | Telephone                              |                    |               |
| <b>83</b>      | Water                                  |                    | <b>106</b>    |
| <b>458</b>     | Refreshments                           |                    | <b>552</b>    |
| <b>302</b>     | Internet                               |                    | <b>223</b>    |
| <b>359</b>     | Insurances                             |                    | <b>354</b>    |
| <b>220</b>     | Consumables                            |                    | <b>128</b>    |
| <b>565</b>     | Barci                                  |                    |               |
| <b>26</b>      | Misc                                   |                    | <b>183</b>    |
| <b>309</b>     | Teachers shirts                        |                    |               |
| <b>759</b>     | Ceremonies                             |                    |               |
|                | Staff cards                            |                    | <b>161</b>    |
|                | Small Equip                            |                    | <b>76</b>     |
|                | Cleaning                               |                    | <b>67</b>     |
|                | Primary teacher course expenses        |                    | <b>4334</b>   |
|                | School trips                           |                    | <b>2001</b>   |
|                | School Director Expenses               |                    | <b>712</b>    |
| <b>36220</b>   |                                        |                    | <b>45425</b>  |
| <b>7337</b>    | Workroom restricted                    |                    |               |
| <b>19809</b>   | Workroom unrestricted                  |                    |               |
| <b>12665</b>   | Community building restricted          |                    | <b>19831</b>  |
| <b>12648</b>   | Community building unrestricted        |                    | <b>86819</b>  |
| <b>553</b>     | Government costs                       |                    |               |
| <b>2748</b>    | MOU and DOES costs                     |                    | <b>2842</b>   |
| <b>392</b>     | Homeland directors costs               |                    | <b>1896</b>   |
| <b>424</b>     | Bank charges                           |                    | <b>613</b>    |
| <b>-65</b>     | Cash account difference                |                    |               |
| <b>406</b>     | Exchange difference                    |                    | <b>7</b>      |

|               |                                               |                |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>56917</u>  |                                               | <u>112008</u>  |
| <u>115523</u> | Total expenditure                             | <u>186,345</u> |
| <u>13,316</u> | Excess of receipts over payments for the year | <u>-35,917</u> |

### Balance Sheet as at the 30th June 2023

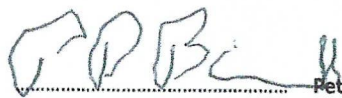
#### Assets

|                |                        |              |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| 42,273         | HSBC bank account      | 4031         |
|                | Transfer in transit    | 15000        |
| 13,116         | BCEL Vientiane         | 433          |
| 15             | BCEL Luang Prabang     | 12           |
| 3              | Cash                   | 13           |
| <u>55,407</u>  |                        | <u>19489</u> |
| Represented by |                        |              |
| 5,500          | Restricted donations   |              |
| <u>49,907</u>  | Unrestricted donations | <u>19489</u> |
| <u>55,407</u>  |                        | <u>19489</u> |

Signed  Kevin Heath

Chair of Trustees

Date... 15-10-2023

Signed  Peter Banwell

Treasurer and Trustee

Date... 19-11-2023

### **LEOT Activity Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

The LEOT Trustees and team are pleased to report a busy and active year as our activities return to a more traditional levels following the pandemic. Student numbers at the LEOT School are still at a much lower level for daytime students as tourism is still to recover to their previous high levels. This caused a shortage of jobs for rural students with many potential students remaining in their villages.

#### **The LEOT School**

Evening classes at the LEOT School were very well attended with students studying at both beginner and elementary levels. We are sorry to report that daytime classes attracted poor numbers with a high dropout rate. School was pleased to run both hospitality English and Dreamcatcher courses, these courses being supported by Jeannette our School Director, volunteers and local businesses. We plan to extend these courses in the next year.

Computer courses were very popular with our students. Classes were provided for all students teaching them basic computer skills, how to use a computer safely and essential elements of office products. Additional demand from students allowed us to provide Weekend. Students continued to attend other activities at the end of the year with visits to the waterfall, National Museum, TAEC museum. and Ock Pop Tok weaving Centre. We were unable to organise a School Show as Jeannette returned home before the end of the school year.

The Department of Education and Sport asked us to run summer English Classes for Primary Teachers. Thanks to the support of all the LEOT teachers' classes for 60 teachers were held during July. We are pleased to report the success of the project with all classes being well attended. A final celebration was held at the completion of the course and was enjoyed by all.

We are proud to announce we are in discussions with Swiss NGO Childs Dream on a possible partnership to fund the LEOT School for a minimum of twelve months.

#### **Scholarships**

Scholarships was the foundation of LEOT on its formation in 2006. In recent years it has become the smallest part of our activities with the support of 12 students attending university in Luang Prabang during the year. We are pleased to report that 9 students graduated in August. The remaining 3 students continue their studies with our support and will graduate in the next 2 years. We do not plan currently to support further students and will review the situation again in a years' time. We send our best wishes to all our students graduating this year.

#### **LEOT Sewing School**

Laos offers very few opportunities for women with very little education. LEOT is very proud of our sewing school which offers opportunities for such women. Each year we offer 60 places in our sewing school divided into a beginner's course for 40 women and an advanced course for 20 women.



Centre manager Noy and her team of teachers richly deserve our congratulations for their dedication and superb results. Over 90% of advanced students have obtained work on completing their studies. All our students report their courses have changed their lives.

Students in the beginner's class learn a wide range of skills including dying, pattern making, hand sewing, machine sewing and handcrafts. As part of their courses, they make a range of dresses, skirts, shorts, top, children's and men's clothing and items suitable for sale in markets.

Students in our advanced class concentrate on more complicated work which is sold in the LEOT shop or the local community. Students are supported by teachers and Noy and are encouraged to plan for the future. At the end of their courses LEOT helps them find work or setup small home workshops. Where necessary we buy them a commercial sewing machine to enable them to work from home.

At the end of each course, we host a graduation ceremony and celebration meal which is attended by colleagues from the Department of Education and Vocational training school.

### **Community School Building Project**

Northern Laos is still short of many rural Primary Schools. Many schools are old and poorly maintained. LEOT works in partnership with Sao Bien an Austrian NGO, The Department of Education and Sport, local officials and a builder to build and repair schools. In the year we built 4 rural schools and provided additional facilities at 6 others. We would like to congratulate our Project manager Bounniew Somsak for his exceptional performance in managing the project. Today we are building 5 room schools to provide modern facilities for up to 140 children. Each school is fully equipped with furniture, electricity and toilets. Where necessary we also build fences and retaining walls to prevent landslips. Over the last 3 years our projects have grown from building a remote 2 room schools to 3 room schools and today most of our schools have 5 classrooms.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name LAO EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST

On accounts for the year  
ended

30th JUNE 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1115944

Set out on pages

1 + 2

(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 JUNE 2023

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Michael Rowland

Date:

5/8/2023

Name:

MICHAEL JOHN STUART ROWLAND

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

A.C.I.B.

(if any):

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| Leighton Buzzard  |
| LU7 4WT.          |

**Section B**

**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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| None |
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# Accounts

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**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Charity name Lao Educational Opportunities Trust**

**Charity registration number 1115944**

## **Objectives and Activities**

|                                                                                                                                                                      | SORP reference     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | Para 1.17          | <b>To advance the education of young people in Laos through the provision of material assistance or such other beneficial purposes as the Trustees decide.</b>                                                                                                    |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <b>Operation of the LEOT School teaching English language and Computing.<br/>Operation of the LEOT Vocational Sewing school teaching tailoring and handicraft skills to women.<br/>Building rural Primary schools.<br/>Provision of Educational Scholarships.</b> |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit                                         | Para 1.18          | <b>LEOT is diligent in following the Commissions requirements on public benefit and is mindful in making sure that all its activities are of benefit to the Lao community</b>                                                                                     |

## **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                                  | SORP reference |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Policy on grant making                                           | Para 1.38      |  |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38      |  |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | Para 1.38      |  |
| Other                                                            |                |  |



## Achievements and Performance

|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | SORP reference |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20      | <p><b>The main achievements of the charity were,</b></p> <p><b>Providing English language courses for 250 disadvantaged students. English is the standard language of the ASEAN community of countries in S.E. Asia.</b></p> <p><b>Providing vocational tailoring courses for disadvantaged women from the community. Commencing the building of a workroom extension to the sewing school to enable women to gain more experience and further develop their skills.</b></p> <p><b>As the effects of the pandemic reduce tourism will return offering work opportunities for women with tailoring and handicraft skills.</b></p> <p><b>LEOT continued its support of rural communities with the building of Primary schools in remote villages.</b></p> <p><b>LEOT provided 17 educational scholarships to disadvantaged students to enable them to continue further education.</b></p> |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                              |           |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Achievements against objectives set                          | Para 1.41 |  |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 |  |
| Investment performance against objectives                    | Para 1.41 |  |
| Other                                                        |           |  |

## Financial Review

|                                                                                  |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 | <b>At the year end the charity held funds of £55407 in the UK and Laos. The Trustees considered this to be adequate for normal operations. The Trustees continue to guarantee future funding requirements.</b> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 | <b>Reserves are held to meet the short term needs of the charity and are held in bank current accounts.</b>                                                                                                    |
| Amount of reserves held                                                          | Para 1.22 | <b>£55407</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves                                                | Para 1.22 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Details of fund materially in deficit                                            | Para 1.24 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | <b>The main uncertainties for the future are the difficulties in obtaining MOU's from the Lao government and security of future funding.</b>                                                                   |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                                                 |           |                                                                                                |
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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 | <b>The charities main funding is provided by the Trustees and two International Charities.</b> |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | <b>The charity holds all its funding in bank current accounts</b>                              |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity                         | Para 1.46 | <b>The principal risk of the charity is due to the age of the Trustees</b>                     |
| Other                                                                           |           |                                                                                                |



## Structure, Governance and Management

|                                                                                                                                                                           |           |                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           | <b>The Charity has a single operational trust to assist education in Laos.</b>                                      |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | <b>Trust deed</b>                                                                                                   |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)                                                                                                  | Para 1.25 | <b>Unincorporated Association.</b>                                                                                  |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | <b>Trustees are selected by the Board of Trustees from suitable volunteers and supporters with relevant skills.</b> |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                                                           |           |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | Para 1.51 |  |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 |  |
| Relationship with any related parties                                                     | Para 1.51 |  |
| Other                                                                                     |           |  |

## Reference and Administrative details

|                             |                                                                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Charity name                | Lao Educational Opportunities Trust                              |
| Other name the charity uses | LEOT                                                             |
| Registered charity number   | 1115944                                                          |
| Charity's principal address | Heath Park House<br>291 Heath Road<br>Leighton Buzzard<br>LU73AX |
|                             |                                                                  |

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

|    | Trustee name    | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Kevin Heath     | Chair           | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 2  | Peter Banwell   | Treasurer       | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 3  | Janet Conway    | Secretary       | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 4  | Julie Williams  |                 | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 5  | Jeannette Tyler | School Director | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 6  |                 |                 |                                   |                                                               |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

|                                                                                                                               |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Description of the assets held in this capacity                                                                               |  |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects |  |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets                         |  |

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

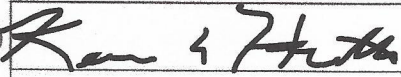
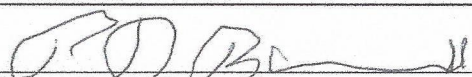
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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|                                     |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Signature(s)                        |  |  |
| Full name(s)                        | Kevin Heath                                                                       | Peter Denis Barwell                                                                |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair                                                                             | Treasurer                                                                          |

Date 4 / 1 / 2023

**Lao Educational Opportunities Trust**  
**Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2022**

**UK Office**  
**291 Heath Road**  
**Leighton Buzzard**  
**Beds**  
**LU73AX**

**Lao Office**  
**LEOT School**  
**Ban Phanluang**  
**Luang Prabang**  
**Lao PDR**

**Trustees**  
**Kevin Heath Chair**  
**Peter Banwell Treasurer**  
**Clare Conway Secretary**  
**Jeannette Tyler**  
**Julie Williams**

# Lao Educational Opportunities Trust

## 2021 Receipts and Payment Account for the year ended 30th June 2022

|              |                                                      |                    |                |                |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 25614        | Restricted donations                                 | Scholarships       | 1,000          |                |
|              |                                                      | LEOT School        | 5,000          |                |
|              |                                                      | Sewing Workroom    | 7,337          |                |
|              |                                                      | Community Building | 12,665         |                |
|              |                                                      |                    | <u>26,002</u>  |                |
| 32177        | Unrestricted donations                               |                    | 102,605        |                |
| 150          | Bank interest                                        |                    | 232            |                |
| <u>57941</u> |                                                      |                    | <u>128,839</u> |                |
| 600          | Restricted Scholarship payments                      |                    | 500            |                |
| 3252         | Unrestricted scholarship payments                    |                    | 3799           |                |
| <u>3852</u>  |                                                      |                    | <u>4299</u>    |                |
|              | <u>Sewing operational costs</u>                      |                    |                |                |
|              | Salaries                                             | 9072               |                |                |
| 6727         | Materials                                            | 4462               |                |                |
|              | Equipment                                            | 2776               |                |                |
|              | Office costs                                         | 322                |                |                |
|              | Consumables                                          | 219                |                |                |
|              | Cleaning                                             | 137                |                |                |
|              | Repairs                                              | 230                |                |                |
|              | Ceremonies                                           | 806                |                |                |
|              | Book                                                 | 22                 |                |                |
|              | Water                                                | 41                 | 18087          |                |
|              | <u>School operational costs</u>                      |                    |                |                |
| 24450        | Salaries unrestricted                                | 18247              |                |                |
|              | Restricted                                           | 7080               |                |                |
| 460          | Electricity                                          | 248                |                |                |
|              | Computers                                            | 5784               |                |                |
| 395          | Print and staty                                      | 387                |                |                |
| 496          | Equipment repairs                                    | 499                |                |                |
|              | Building repairs                                     | 877                |                |                |
| 25           | Telephone                                            | 17                 |                |                |
| 172          | Water                                                | 83                 |                |                |
| 373          | Refreshments                                         | 458                |                |                |
| 305          | Internet                                             | 302                |                |                |
| 488          | Insurances                                           | 359                |                |                |
| 193          | Consumables                                          | 220                |                |                |
|              | Baci                                                 | 565                |                |                |
| 394          | Misc                                                 | 26                 |                |                |
|              | Teachers shirts                                      | 309                |                |                |
|              | Ceremonies                                           | 759                | 36220          |                |
|              | Workroom restricted                                  |                    | 7337           |                |
|              | Workroom unrestricted                                |                    | 19809          |                |
| 18534        | Community buiding restricted                         |                    | 12665          |                |
|              | Community building unrestricted                      |                    | 12648          |                |
|              | Government costs                                     |                    | 553            |                |
| 3146         | MOU and DOES costs                                   |                    | 2748           |                |
|              | Homeland directors costs                             |                    | 392            |                |
| 97           | Bank charges                                         |                    | 424            |                |
| -67          | Cash account difference                              |                    | -65            |                |
|              | Exchange difference                                  |                    | 406            |                |
|              |                                                      |                    | <u>93137</u>   |                |
| <u>60040</u> | <b>Total expenditure</b>                             |                    |                | <b>115,523</b> |
| <u>-2099</u> | <b>Excess of receipts over payments for the year</b> |                    |                | <b>13,316</b>  |

# Balance Sheet as at the 30th June 2022

## Assets

|              |                    |               |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 36556        | HSBC bank account  | 42,273        |
| 2116         | BCEL Vientiane     | 13,116        |
| 1757         | BCEL Luang Prabang | 15            |
| 239          | Cash               | 3             |
| <u>40668</u> |                    | <u>55,407</u> |

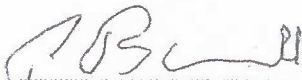
## Represented by

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|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 750          | Restricted donations   | 5,500         |
| 39918        | Unrestricted donations | 49,907        |
| <u>40668</u> |                        | <u>55,407</u> |

Signed  Kevin Heath

Chair of Trustees

Date 4/11/2023

Signed  Peter Banwell

Treasurer and Trustee

Date 4/11/2023



## **Activity Report**

### **LEOT School**

The year started with a new enthusiasm as LEOT was granted a new MOU, even though it was not possible for Jeannette to join the team as foreign borders remained closed.

Our teachers were delighted to be asked by the Department of Education to hold English classes during the Summer holidays for local Primary school teachers. Successful classes were enjoyed by a group of 60 teachers by the LEOT teachers monitored by local officials.

Student registration took place in early September followed by interviews over the next few days. Student numbers were a little reduced as many students from rural villages were unable to afford to join classes in Luang Prabang.

10 classes of about 250 students commenced their classes in mid-September with Computer studies and English classes being held for beginner and elementary classes. As foreigners were unable to travel to Lao it was not possible to hold our normal conversation classes with native speakers or special activity classes in late afternoons or evenings.

Overall it was a major step in returning to a more normal environment with the expectation of our foreign visitors returning for the following year.

### **Educational Scholarships**

LEOT was formed in 2006 to provide educational scholarships. Much has changed since these times, LEOT, however was delighted to continue its support of local students attending further educational courses in colleges or universities. Students must have studied at LEOT for a minimum of 1 year to be considered for a scholarship. LEOT was delighted to grant 17 students with scholarships for the year.

### **LEOT Sewing School**

Following a period of closure as LEOT negotiated a new MOU it was wonderful to see the sewing school reopen under the leadership of Noy assisted by her new team. During the year the school welcomed 2 cohorts of women students for their studies in tailoring and handicrafts.

It was also a time for expansion as a major investment took place to build a Sewing Workroom for further training. Designs, planning and tendering took some time and the workroom was completed in time to welcome its first students in July 22



## Community Support

LEOT received fantastic news with the renewed contact of Thomas from Austrian Charity Sao Bien and their offer to work with LEOT in partnership to build rural schools. Sao Bien having already worked with LEOT to build 2 schools prior to the pandemic.

With the completion of planning for the workroom Niew turned his attention to community projects and the building of rural schools. Systems had changed with responsibility being taken by the Provincial education team in Luang Prabang. Niew was delighted to complete the building of a 5-room school in Hoiykanh village and 30% of a school in Huey Luang village. We Plan to complete 2 additional schools by the end of 2022.







# 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: Lao Educational Opportunities Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

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Independent  
examiner's statement

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- ~~the accounts do not accord with the accounting records~~

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Signed:

Michael Rowland

Date:

28/11/2022

Name:

Michael John Stuart Rowland

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
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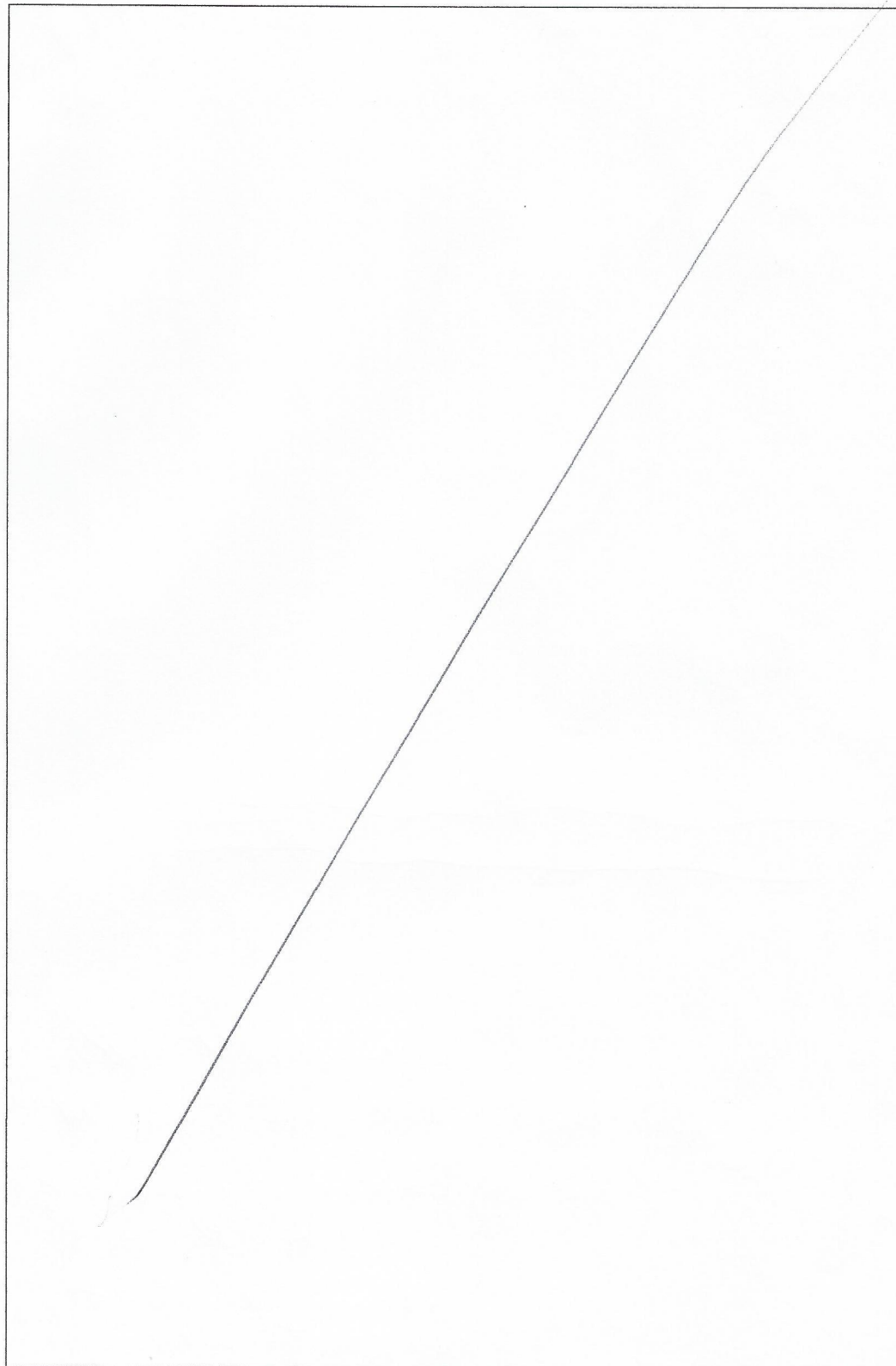
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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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# Accounts

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**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 **Period start date** **To** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 **Period end date**

**Charity name:** Lao Educational Opportunities Trust

**Charity registration number:** 1115944

**Objectives** To advance the young people in Laos through the provision of assistance

**Activities** Operation of the LEOT ENGLISH SCHOOL, Operation of the LEOT Sewing School, Granting of educational scholarships to enable students to attend University or Colleges of Further Education, Building rural Schools.

|                                                                                                                                                                      | SORP reference     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document                                                                                          | Para 1.17          | To advance the education of young people in Laos through the provision of material assistance or such other beneficial purposes as the Trustees decide.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <b>Operation of the LEOT SCHOOL.</b><br>Teaching of beginner English language and introduction to Computing.<br><b>Operation of the LEOT Vocational Sewing School</b><br>Teaching of sewing to disadvantaged women to enable them to earn a living as seamstresses.<br><b>Building of rural schools</b><br>Many villages have dilapidated schools that fail to meet basic standards to allow education of children<br>LEET works with the Department of Education to build new 3 and 5 room Schools<br><b>Educational Scholarships</b><br>LEOT continues to provide basic scholarships to enable disadvantaged students to attend /University or Colleges of further education. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit                                         | Para 1.18          | LEOT is diligent in following the Commissions requirement on Public benefit and is mindful in making sure that all of its activities are of benefit to the Lao disadvantaged community together with the wider community.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

|                                                                  | SORP reference |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Policy on grant making                                           | Para 1.38      |  |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38      |  |
| Contribution made by volunteers                                  | Para 1.38      |  |
| Other                                                            |                |  |

**Achievements and Performance**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | SORP reference |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20      | <p><b>The main achievements of the charity were the completion of courses at the LEOT School and the LEOT Sewing school.</b></p> <p><b>154 students graduated at the LEOT School and 20 students graduated at the LEOT Sewing School</b></p> <p><b>LEOT Granted 24 educational School to enable disadvantaged students to continue further education at University or Colleges of Further Education</b></p> <p><b>LEOT Completed the construction of Namhang rural Primary School.</b></p> |

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 |  |
|                                     | Para 1.41 |  |



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| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set |           |  |
| Investment performance against objectives                    | Para 1.41 |  |
| Other                                                        |           |  |

## Financial Review

|                                                                                  |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period              | Para 1.21 | <b>At the year end the charity held £42,768 in current funds in the UK and Laos. The Trustees considered this to be adequate for the next six months of activity. A Trustee has offered to support the charity as and when required.</b> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held   | Para 1.22 | <b>Reserves are held to meet the short term needs of the Charity. Reserves are held in current accounts.</b>                                                                                                                             |
| Amount of reserves held                                                          | Para 1.22 | <b>£42,768</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves                                                | Para 1.22 | <b>N/A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Details of fund materially in deficit                                            | Para 1.24 | <b>No fund is in deficit.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | <b>The long term uncertainty of the Charity is due to the difficulty in negotiating MOU's with the Laos government and further support from Trustees.</b>                                                                                |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)            | Para 1.47 | <b>The Charities main funding is provided by Trustees and two international Charities.</b>                                               |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | <b>The Charity holds all its funds in bank current accounts, it does not hold short- or long-term investments</b>                        |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity                         | Para 1.46 | <b>The principal risks of the charity are. The age of its Trustees and the difficulty in negotiating MOU's with the Laos government.</b> |
| Other                                                                           |           |                                                                                                                                          |



## Structure, Governance and Management

|                                                                                                                                                                           |           |                                                                                       |
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| Description of charity's trusts:                                                                                                                                          |           | <b>The charity has a single operational trust to assist education in Laos</b>         |
| Type of governing document<br>(trust deed, royal charter)                                                                                                                 | Para 1.25 | <b>Trust deed</b>                                                                     |
| How is the charity constituted?<br>(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)                                                                                                  | Para 1.25 | <b>Unincorporated association</b>                                                     |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | <b>Trustees are selected by the Trustees from suitable volunteers and supporters.</b> |

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees                | Para 1.51 |  |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 |  |
| Relationship with any related parties                                                     | Para 1.51 |  |
| Other                                                                                     |           |  |

## Reference and Administrative details

|                             |                                                                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Charity name                | Lao Educational Opportunities Trust                              |
| Other name the charity uses | LEOT                                                             |
| Registered charity number   | 1115944                                                          |
| Charity's principal address | Heath Park House<br>291 Heath Road<br>Leighton Buzzard<br>LU73AX |
|                             |                                                                  |

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

|    | Trustee name             | Office (if any)                | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Kevin Heath              | Chair                          | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 2  | Peter Banwell            | Treasurer                      | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 3  | Janet Clare Conway       | Secretary                      | Whole year                        |                                                               |
| 4  | Julie Williams           |                                | 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2020   |                                                               |
| 5  | Jeannette Margaret Tyler | School Director of LEOT SCHOOL | 16 <sup>TH</sup> November 2020    |                                                               |
| 6  |                          |                                |                                   |                                                               |
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| 20 |                          |                                |                                   |                                                               |

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]



**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

|                                                                                                                               |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Description of the assets held in this capacity                                                                               | None |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects |      |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets                         |      |

**Additional information (optional)****Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
|                 |      |         |
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|                 |      |         |

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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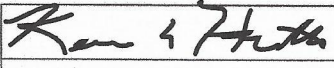
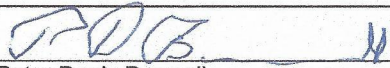
**Other optional information**

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|                                     |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Signature(s)                        |  |  |
| Full name(s)                        | Kevin Heath                                                                       | Peter Denis Banwell                                                                |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair                                                                             | TREASURER                                                                          |
| Date                                | 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022                                                        |                                                                                    |



# LEOT Activity Report y/e 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Operational Background

LEOT in common with the rest of the World suffered from the affects of the COVID 19 Pandemic. Resulting in unplanned closures of our schools with little notice. Our activities were also affected as we negotiated for a new MOU with the Department of Education and Sport.

All foreigners including LEOT Trustees were forced to leave the country by the end of March 2021

A new MOU was signed in early July 21 allowing us to restart our activities.

## LEOT School

Student numbers during the year were considerably reduced as many students returned to their home villages as the departure of tourists affected the economy due to a lack of part time jobs. With little or no income many students were unable to afford to stay in Luang Prabang. We are proud that the LEOT School continued to operate and support students with English and Computer lessons. We would like to thank Bounniew and all our teachers for supporting our students during the year. Sadly, most of our non-educational activities such as visits to temples museums and the ever-popular water falls had to be cancelled. A number of our school high lights such as the school concert and awards day were also lost due to the pandemic rules.

## LEOT Sewing School

The first six months of the year was very successful with 20 women completing their training, the school was then required to close until a new MOU was signed. We send our thanks to Noy and her team for all their efforts in making this possible. Sadly, we lost 2 of our teachers during the period of closure as the Department of Education and sport ruled that we could not pay our staff until a new MOU was signed.

## Scholarships

The provision of scholarships continued as normal with Say providing guidance and support during regular meetings when the LEOT School was open. During the year 10 students graduated after LEOT provided financial support to complete their training.

## Rural School building

During the first part of the school year Niew completed a project to build a Primary school in Namhang village Chomphet District. Projects to build further school were paused while we waited for the signing of our new MOU. As this is probably our most important activity it was disappointing to have our project to build user friendly school buildings to provide a modern environment for student and teachers halted.

## The Future

Trustees are excited to report that an MOU for a further 2 years was signed in early July 2021. All our activities are now up and running. The LEOT School has 250 students and is working normally thanks to the support of our local team. The LEOT Sewing school is working normally and has completed the training of 20 students

thanks to Noy recruiting new teachers. A new course will start shortly. Niew has completed the building of a new workroom extension to give individual support to 10 trainees planning to work as seamstresses. Niew has worked very hard to complete the sewing workroom and expects to start the building of a 5-room rural school next week. The granting of educational scholarships is also continuing wit 17 students registered on the programme. ~~Say~~ continues to support these students with regular meetings and mentoring.

Signed.....

Kevin Heath

Chair of Trustees

27<sup>th</sup> March 2022



TREASURER

27/3/22



Leo Educational Opportunities Trust

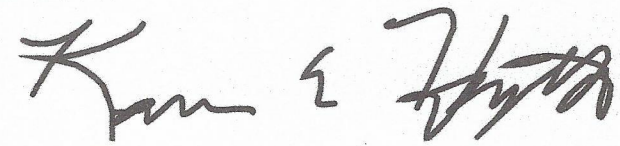
Receipts and payments for the year ended 30th June 2021

| 19/20         |                                  | 20/21        |
|---------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 42520         | Restricted Donations             | 25614        |
| 48342         | Unrestricted Donations           | 32177        |
| 4681          | Student contributions            | 0            |
| 257           | Misc Sales                       | 0            |
| 193           | Bank Interest                    | 150          |
| <b>95993</b>  |                                  | <b>57941</b> |
| 7247          | Scholarship grants               | 3852         |
| 27246         | Salaries                         | 24450        |
| 12954         | LEOT Sewing school costs         | 6727         |
| 3382          | School Directors costs           | 312          |
| 374           | Homeland Directors costs         | 0            |
| 57            | Building maintenance             | 0            |
| 424           | Electricity                      | 460          |
| 350           | Refreshments                     | 373          |
| 538           | Printing, stationery and copying | 395          |
| 481           | Books                            | 0            |
| 114           | Bank Charges                     | 97           |
| 233           | Equipment repairs and renewals   | 496          |
| 292           | Misc costs                       | 0            |
| 14            | Telephone                        | 25           |
| 1062          | Additional Equipment             |              |
| 189           | School Excursions and functions  | 0            |
|               | Cleaning materials               | 28           |
| 162           | Water                            | 172          |
| 351           | Internet                         | 305          |
|               | Insurances                       | 488          |
| 144           | Hospitality English              | 0            |
| 104           | Teachers ID                      | 0            |
| 20            | Emergency fund                   | 0            |
| 229           | Consumables                      | 193          |
| -5            | Differences                      | -67          |
| 183           | MOU costs                        | 1724         |
|               | COVID costs                      | 54           |
| 889           | DOES costs                       | 1422         |
| 835           | MOFA Costs                       | 0            |
| 14            | Operating Permit                 | 0            |
| 1985          | DOES Covid project               | 0            |
| 1376          | DOES thermometers                | 0            |
| 44803         | Community school building costs  | 18534        |
| <b>106047</b> |                                  | <b>60040</b> |
| <b>-10054</b> | Excess of costs over income      | <b>-2099</b> |

Balance sheet as at 30th June 2021

|              |                            |              |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 30920        | HSBC Current Account       | 36556        |
| 11446        | BCEL Vientiane account     | 2116         |
| 64           | BCEL Luang Prabang account | 1757         |
| 338          | Cash                       | 239          |
| <b>42768</b> |                            | <b>40668</b> |
| 844          | Restricted Reserves        | 750          |
| 41924        | Unrestricted Reserves      | 39918        |
| <b>42768</b> |                            | <b>40668</b> |

  
TREASURER

  
CHAIR

Adjusted

Signed

Kevin Heath

Peter Banwell

Chair of Trustees

Treasurer

Date

*Kevin Heath*  
.....  
*P.B.*  
.....  
27th March 2022





# 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

LAD EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TRUST

On accounts for the year  
ended

30 JUNE 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1115944

Set out on pages

(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 DD/MM/YYYY.

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:

*Michael Rowland*

Date:

5/4/2022

Name:

MICHAEL JOHN STUART ROWLAND.

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

(HON) MBA. A.C.I.B.

Address:

153 MARLEY FIELDS  
LEIGHTON BUZZARD  
LU7 4WJ.

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.