



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	
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:

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	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:

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
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (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 House 291 Heath Road Leighton Buzzard Beds LU73AX

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

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

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		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

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


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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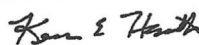


## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	  	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Kevin Heath	Peter Banwell
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Treasurer
<b>Date</b>	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*  
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### 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
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## 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? 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 <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



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A	Independent Examiner's Report
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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.

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Oct 2018

(if any):

Address:

153 Marley Fields

Leighton Buzzard

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## 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.

