



## **Annual Report 2020-2021**

**Charity Name: Deaf-SELF Charity Reg. No: 1122817**

Address: 18 Leather Lane, London, EC1N 7SU.

**Report period:** This report covers the period up until our AGM in Dec 2019

### **Trustees:**

Chair: Ms Jessica Kerry Wilde

Treasurer: Miss Annie O'Shea

Secretary: Miss Ela Yilmaz

Ms Lorraine Robinson

Trustees are voted in on a yearly basis at the AGM. All members have a right to vote, to appoint a trustee, and to second the appointment.

Membership of a trustee is terminated if:

The member dies or the organisation ceases to exist,

The member resigns by written notice.

Any sum due from a member to the charity is not paid in full within 6 months of due date.

The member is removed in the best interests of the charity

The member has been given 21 days notice in writing.

### **Our objective:**

To run a Play Scheme for Deaf children allowing them access to positive deaf role models. We also aim to reduce social isolation.

### **Our structure:**

Trustees

Coordinator & Play Leader

Play Workers

1-1 mentors & Volunteers

### **Aims and achievements of Deaf-SELF:**

Our aims remain the same for 2019: To give the deaf child the opportunity to develop through play and leisure experiences.

- To identify deaf children as "Children in Need" in accordance with the Children Act (1989) and to offer opportunities in accordance with those needs. We feel that we continue to achieve this. Our children, youths and parents give us regular feedback, so that we may address any problems and strive to better our charity play scheme.
- To reduce isolation and build up confidence of deaf children and youths.
- To improve deaf children's quality of life by giving them social opportunities and choices.
- To enable deaf children to access activities and opportunities to reduce the stress of communication difficulties.
- To recognise that the deaf child is part of a family and to support the needs of the whole family in offering respite.
- To continue to provide a secure environment in which deaf children can enjoy similar play and leisure opportunities to their peers.

- To continue to provide workshops that educate
- To continue to recognise the UN Charter on the rights of the child and to make available opportunities in accordance with those needs.

### **Trustee changes:**

Davut has decided to step down after many years of being a trustee for Deaf-SELF. We wish him all the best with his future ventures. We have now been joined by Ela Yilmaz. We feel that Ela will make a great addition to our team. Annie O'Shea has changed her role, and has returned to the position of treasurer.

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### **Deaf-SELF Playscheme:**

Playscheme has had another good year, with many new arrivals! Sadly, we were forced to close two of our playscheme holiday clubs due to the pandemic, however we instead offered sessions on Zoom, to ensure that the children were not isolated. We then reopened at a limited capacity, however we hope to be able to fully open our doors again, in the very near future. The pandemic has caused a really negative impact on the young Deaf community, therefore it is important that we can return with a "full steam ahead" approach, as soon as permissible.

Activities – The children have enjoyed a fun assortment of activities, including a trip to quasar, bowling, Thorpe Park and many other exciting places. The children have also been developing their creative skills as we have been hosting many more arts and crafts session in our venue.

### **Youth Leadership Project**

The YLP project is for ages 13-25. We use this as a follow on from Playscheme so that they can attend workshops and continue to develop their skills. The numbers have been steady, seeing both local independent youths as well Remark! Living clients. The aim for this project is to build up their confidence, give them all important life skills as well encourage independent living. We have been on a couple of trips as well as hosting workshops and sports sessions. The trips included our annual trip to Brighton for a day of beach volleyball, bowling, a team building adventure and Leeds Castle, which has become a new favourite!

### **Football Club:**

2020 was of course, quite unpredictable. Due to the pandemic, the football club was closed for quite some time, due to the facilities not being open, and their staff being furloughed. Once permitted, we reopened with such enthusiasm, in order to restore fitness for the young people that we support, since many of them have not left their houses, meaning that their overall health has been severely impacted.

### **Finances & Funds:**

*Policy on reserves: Due to our size, we don't have a reserve policy. We rely on ongoing funding and have no assets. All reserve monies travel on to the next financial year, to be used in maintaining staff and activities for our children.*

### **Sponsors list:**

*Children in Need*

*Garfield Weston*

*Attendance money from Deaf children attending the play scheme*

*Staff, members and members of the general public, from sponsored events throughout the year*

***Plans for the future:***

We have reapplied for a continuation of our BBC Children in Need funding. We are hoping that this will be a success, enabling us to continue with our playscheme project for the next 3 years. We also plan to host a series of fun, fundraising events, enabling us to build on our unrestricted funds. We will be applying for a variety of small "project specific" grants, in order for us to safely continue the projects that we provide, without the concern of financial stability always looming at the forefront of every decision. We also plan for 2021-2022 to be a much more positive year than 2020! Here's hoping!

# **Deaf-SELF**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**31 March 2021**

**Charity Registration Number 1122817**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of**

**Deaf-SELF**

**Registered Charity No 1122817**

I report on the accounts of Deaf-SELF for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2012 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

**It is my responsibility to:**

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;  
to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and  
to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:  
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and  
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Gillespie's Accountants

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Deaf-SELF		Charity Registration Number 1122817			
Receipts and payments accounts		For the year ended 31 March 2021			
		2021			2020
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Grants received		0	40,376	40,376	34,958
Donations and attendance fees		1,824	0	1,824	10,413
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>1,824</b>	<b>40,376</b>	<b>42,200</b>	<b>45,371</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Professional fees		0	5,052	5,052	19,846
Activities and Project costs		0	6,894	6,894	19,664
Venue hire		0	0	0	8,172
Volunteers expenses		0	62	62	578
Equipment		1,091	0	1,091	0
Training		0	0	0	1,009
Independent Examiner's fee		0	375	375	375
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>1,091</b>	<b>12,383</b>	<b>13,474</b>	<b>49,644</b>
<b>Net payments</b>		<b>733</b>	<b>27,993</b>	<b>28,726</b>	<b>(4,273)</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>		<b>28,144</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,144</b>	<b>32,417</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<b>28,877</b>	<b>27,993</b>	<b>56,870</b>	<b>£ 28,144</b>
<b>Deaf-SELF</b>					
<b>Statement of assets and liabilities</b>					
<b>At the end of year 31 March 2021</b>					
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
		Funds	Funds	Funds	
		£	£	£	
<b>1 Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank		28,877	27,993	56,870	
<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>28,877</b>	<b>27,993</b>	<b>56,870</b>	
<b>2 Grants received - over £1,000</b>					
Children in Need		Restricted		32,876	
Garfield Weston		Restricted		7,500	
				<b>40,376</b>	
<b>3 Restricted Funds</b>					
		At 1 April 2020	Income	Outgoing	Transfers
			Resources	Resources	
	Projects				
Children in Need	Playscheme and YLP	0	32,876	10,460	0
Garfield Weston	Football Club	0	7,500	1,923	0
		<b>0</b>	<b>40,376</b>	<b>12,383</b>	<b>0</b>
					<b>27,993</b>
<b>4 Donated services and facilities</b>					
Nine volunteers provided an average of 15 days a year and worth £1,350 and Community Limited gave free provision of facilities worth £4,800.					
A total of £6,150					
<b>Signed on behalf of all trustees</b>					
Name -	Mrs J.Wilde	Signature			
Date of Approval -	11.06.2021				