

# THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)

England & Wales · Charity number 1123418

## Details

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**Other names** THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 2008-04-03

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING- TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY OF SOUTH AFRICA IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND HELP MEET THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY.RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP- THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN SOUTH AFRICA BY PROVIDING SUCH PERSONS WITH GOODS/SERVICES WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD THROUGH LACK OF MEANS.- THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP EITHER GENERALLY OR INDIVIDUALLY OF PEOPLE LIVING IN SOUTH AFRICA BY WORKING GRANTS OF MONEY FOR PROVIDING OR PAYING FOR ITEMS OR FACILITIES.- THE RELIEF OF SICK - POOR LIVING IN SOUTH AFRICA EITHER GENERALLY OR INDIVIDUALLY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF GRANTS, GOODS OR SERVICES.

**Activities:** In partnership with Gumboots SA we fund 5 projects in South Africa, 4 in Alexandra Township, Johannesburg:1) Sigya Sonke - youth dance group 2) Leratong - pre-school for children 3) Ratang Bana - supporting children orphaned by AIDS4) The Caitlin Fund - supports disadvantaged young women with their education5) Phetoho- supporting individual children with school fees, uniforms.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE, THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES
- South Africa

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£67,955	£52,261	-	-
2024-02-29	£59,514	£65,879	-	-
2023-02-28	£48,670	£46,092	-	-
2022-02-28	£53,871	£66,421	-	-
2021-02-28	£60,217	£53,513	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Dyer		2007-11-21
David Lightfoot		2018-05-21
MARK IRVING ESCOLME		2007-11-21
Margaret Green		2018-05-21
ROBERT MARCUSON		2022-11-24

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# Gumboots



## The 2025 Annual Report

### THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)

1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 - 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1123418



*Helping to educate and empower some of South Africa's most disadvantaged children and young people*



# OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY



**THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION'S** mission is to address poverty and aids related issues in South Africa by improving education, nutrition, employment and wellbeing.

**Our objectives are:**

1. To empower children through education, both formal and informal, whilst also ensuring that their basic needs are met by providing food, shelter, healthcare and recreation.
2. To strengthen and support local home grown projects with local leadership and to secure a sustainable long term solution.
3. To help strengthen local communities both through financial assistance and by fostering a mutual understanding.
4. To provide individuals with an opportunity to be directly involved financially and personally in community development projects.
5. To provide honest and informative feedback on the progress of the projects and transparency on the use of donor money.
6. To seek partnership rather than dependency, with the focus being to uplift all involved through building relationships between donors, Gumboots and beneficiaries.

## **Statutory Declaration:**

In arriving at these objectives the Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.





# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Registered address:

1 Station Avenue, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 9SZ

Managing trustees at 28th February 2025 were:

Angela Dyer (Secretary)

Mark Escolme

Margaret Green

David Lightfoot

Robert Marcuson

Methods for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees are as outlined in the Essential Trustee document CC3 regulations from the UK Charity Commission.

Governing document:

The Gumboots Foundation (UK) is constituted as a charitable trust by way of a Trust Deed/Charity Commission Application, dated 1st March 2008.

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Areas of operation and main activities:

Gumboots Foundation (UK) is a charity founded for the purpose of fundraising, promotion and decision making in the UK for the benefit of projects operating in South Africa.



# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

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Projects operating in South Africa apply to the **Gumboots Foundation (UK)** for grants. Each application is approved or rejected by the board of UK Trustees. The Board will only approve grants which fulfil the criteria and further the aims of the charity as set out in our objectives.

Our partner organisation in South Africa, **Gumboots (SA)**, which works together with the projects below, and which mainly operates within Alexandra Township. Township residents who are attending educational institutions elsewhere in South Africa also benefit. These projects apply for grants from Gumboots (UK) via Gumboots (SA)

- LERATONG PRE-SCHOOL
- SIGIYA SONKE DANCE GROUP
- PHETOHO EDUCATION FUND
- RATANG BANA FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE
- THE CAITLIN FUND
- KIDLINKS USA

## Our wider network

Kidlinks World is our sister organisation in the USA which also supports some of the Alexandra Township projects, (in addition to other initiatives in rural parts of South Africa), whilst the Kadey Family Charitable Corporation (KFCC) in Canada supports the Kadey House Orphanage which is based at the same site as Leratong Pre-school. KFCC has also been a generous donor to Sakhimfundo, the new home for the Sigiya Sonke Dance Group



## Role of volunteers

The trustees of Gumboots Foundation UK, and the directors of Gumboots South Africa and Kidlinks USA, offer their services on an entirely unpaid basis. All three organisations are assisted by a small but dedicated group of local volunteers without whose assistance operation of the projects and fundraising would not be possible.



# DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS



This year we distributed the sum of **£51,140** to fund the following projects

## LERATONG PRE-SCHOOL £24,682 granted



Under the guidance and supervision of Dimakatso Aphane, the senior teacher, Leratong continues to provide a vital nurturing and supportive environment for 67 of some of the most vulnerable children.

Leratong, unlike the government run pre-schools, provides all day care and two meals a day. This prevents young children going hungry and roaming the busy streets of Alexandra Township in the afternoons where they are exposed to many dangers.

Our grant this year has again funded teachers' and support staff salaries, helped provide food for children's breakfasts and lunches, as well as provisions and maintenance of the centre.

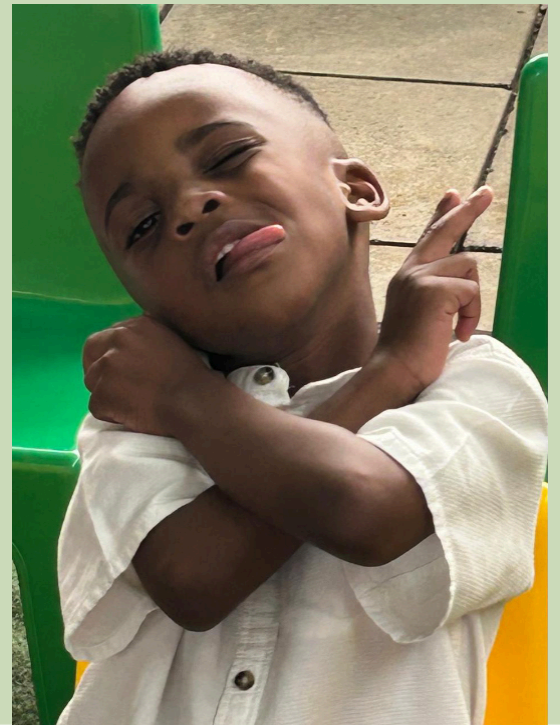
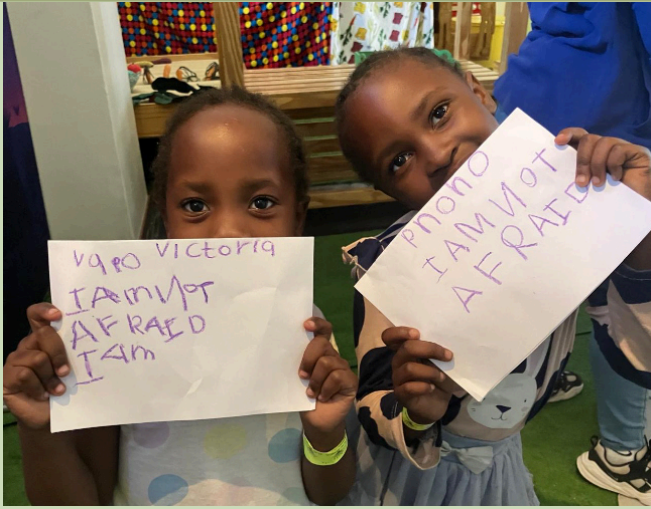
We are particularly indebted to the *Brita Foundation* for their continuing support in funding all the salaries. From this year's Gumboots (UK) grant to Leratong Pre-School of £24,682 of which £24,000 was donated by the *Brita Foundation* for salaries and Gumboots (UK) donated a further £682 for school outings.





# LERATONG PRE-SCHOOL

(continued)





# RATANG BANA £8,100 granted



Ratang Bana continues to grow and now has well over 10,000 service users and 52 members of staff. Gumboots is one of many organisations who has assisted with the phenomenal growth of this valued service to vulnerable children.



Families are either headed by grandmothers or siblings. A meal is provided on a daily basis to numerous children and most of the food is sourced from Ratang Bana's extensive and prolific food garden.

Children are supplied with school uniforms and equipment and also given medical and HIV counselling. Social workers also aid with counselling and provide home visits and additional support. There is a playground where children can play safely after school.

We continue to pay stipends to two gardeners and other helpers and assist with the purchase of food, clothing and other necessities. In addition Ingrid Moloji runs a safe house for up to 12 children, rescuing them from desperate domestic situations.

Sadly as a result of severe cuts to the USAID budget, Ingrid is now unable to support as many children as previously.





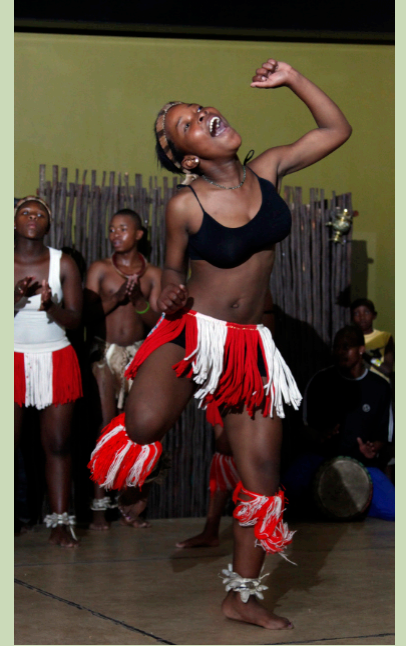
# SIGIYA SONKE DANCE GROUP £7,545 granted



First established in the mid - 1990's the group's main focus has been dance and performance arts but it also provides much more than that. Under the leadership of husband and wife team Jack and Beauty Letsoela, over 80 children each year also receive pastoral support and help with education.



They are still based in the Performing Arts Centre which is part of the *Sakhimfundo Youth Programme*.



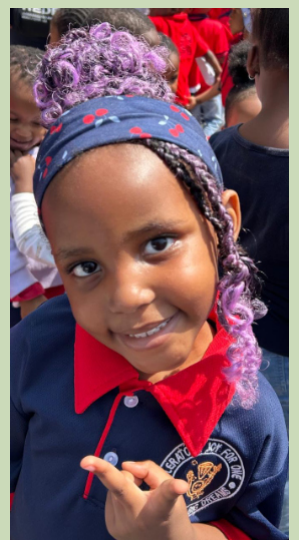
This includes an *After-school Learning Centre* focusing primarily on maths and reading.

In this new spacious venue the dancers have a safe and secure place to rehearse, receive educational support, a daily hot meal and socialise with their friends. This year we provided additional support from Big Give funds to renew the dancefloor and generally improve the facilities.

This year Gumboots (UK) granted Sigiya Sonke £7,545 providing stipends for two group leaders, costumes and musical instruments, competitions, educational activities, food and refreshments.



# SIGIYA SONKE DANCE GROUP





# PHETOHO EDUCATION £11,000



*Note: In the case of the Phetoho Education and Caitlin Fund, the allocated funds were sent at the end of our previous financial year, but used in year ended 28 February 2025*

This project assists children and young people to continue their education and learning and meet their full potential. We provide support and/or stipends to children at school and young people at university/college or just starting their careers.

Four of our alumni have gone onto further education or are gainfully employed.

One other learner is making good progress towards her Education Diploma.



We also support 4 children at the United Church School which has proved to be an excellent pathway for young people getting into further education. We purchase uniforms for these children, provide learning resources, transport to and from school and lunches.

This project has broadened the horizons of numerous learners and shown them life outside Alexandra Township. We have helped them take the steps towards independent and fulfilled lives.



# THE CAITLIN FUND

Refer to note on previous page - PHETOHO EDUCATION



The Caitlin Fund has been supporting young women and girls through primary and higher education for almost 15 years. The fund continues to support 2 girls in Alexandra Township to attend a local school and is also now helping a young woman from the Eastern Cape. She has now matriculated and is applying to universities to further her studies.

Many of the young women who have benefitted from the fund are now employed full-time and we are proud to report success in the education, arts and medical fields.





# KIDLINKS SMALL FARM INCUBATOR (KSFI)

## £10,065 granted

In July 2024, The Gumboots Foundation sponsored the 3- week intensive Youth Exchange course which covers classroom and in-field training, at Kidlinks Small Farm Incubator in the Eastern Cape.



This experience gives youth the skills to start small scale urban and rural organic vegetable farms. Out of this training course have emerged several shining stars who started their business enterprises. Melikhaya is farming one-hectare in the village of Mpincho. He grows a diverse range of crops. In Zikhova village 11 youth farmers led by two Youth Exchange graduates are using neighbor's properties to grow vegetables.

Both farmers supply the KSFI weekly markets with beautiful nutritious produce. In the local rural village of Sandile, Eastern Cape, Sifiso started a garden and a seedling business to sell to his surrounding neighbors. These three projects bring valuable income to support families and youth and are proof of concept that when you offer youth an opportunity, they jump at the chance to change the trajectory of their lives.



KSFI is exceptionally grateful to **Gumboots** for sponsoring these youth to succeed in life.



For more information,  
please visit the  
KSFI website:  
[www.ksfi.co.za](http://www.ksfi.co.za)



**THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)**  
**STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**PERIOD FROM 1ST MARCH 2024 TO 28TH FEBRUARY 2025**

	unrestricted funds	restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>			<b>2025</b>
<b>Net of Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
<b>Personal and Corporate Income</b>			
Unrestricted Corporate donations	2,612	0	2,612
Unrestricted Personal donations	11,182	0	11,182
Restricted donations - Caitlin Fund	0	240	240
Restricted Corporate donations - Leratong	0	24,000	24,000
HMRC - Gift Aid	6,622	0	6,622
<b>Total Personal and Corporate</b>	<b>£20,416</b>	<b>£24,240</b>	<b>£44,656</b>
<b>Incoming Resources from charitable activities</b>			
Unrestricted Fundraising events	23,299	0	23,299
<b>Total Events Income</b>	<b>23,299</b>		<b>23,299</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£43,715</b>	<b>£24,240</b>	<b>£67,955</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Administration costs	0	0	0
Event Expenses	(843)	0	(843)
Governance costs	(278)	0	(278)
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(£1,121)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(£1,121)</b>
<b>Net amount available for Distribution</b>	<b>£42,594</b>	<b>£24,240</b>	<b>£66,834</b>
Grants distributed	(26,458)	(24,682)	(51,140)
Transfers unrestricted to restricted	0	0	0
<b>Net Cash Movement</b>	<b>£16,136</b>	<b>(£442)</b>	<b>£15,694</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward	20,281	711	20,992
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>£36,417</b>	<b>£269</b>	<b>£36,686</b>



# FINANCIAL REPORT 24/25

Our income, at £67,955 was higher compared to £59,514 for the previous year

The unrestricted corporate donations this year totalled £2,612

Our fundraising events including the Christmas Craft Market & donations to The Big Give brought in £23,299

Personal unrestricted donations totalled £11,182 plus £6,622 Gift Aid.

Donations including Gift Aid to the Caitlin Fund produced £240

Our event expenses and administration costs totalled £1,121

The grants to projects in South Africa totalled £51,140 compared to £64,772 for the previous year.

Cash at year end was £36,686 compared to £20,992 for the previous year.



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FOR SOME OF  
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POOREST CHILDREN*





The Trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signed by:

David Lightfoot (Treasurer)

Dated: 10 December 2025



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The 2024 Annual Report

**THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)**

1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 - 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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## Role of volunteers

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# DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

This year we distributed the sum of **£64,772** to fund the following projects:

## LERATONG PRE-SCHOOL £25,167 granted

Under the guidance and supervision of Dimakatso Aphane, the senior teacher, Leratong continues to provide a vital nurturing and supportive environment for 50 of some of the most vulnerable children.

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Our grant this year has again funded teachers' and support staff salaries, helped provide food for children's breakfasts and lunches, as well as provisions and maintenance of the centre.

We are particularly indebted to the *Brita Foundation* for their continuing support in funding all the salaries. From this year's Gumboots (UK) grant to Leratong Pre-School of £25,167, £24,000 was donated by the *Brita Foundation* for salaries and Gumboots (UK) donated a further £1,167 for food and provisions.



# RATANG BANA £8,735 granted



Ratang Bana continues to grow and now has well over 10,000 service users and 74 members of staff. Gumboots is one of many organisations who has assisted with the phenomenal growth of this valued service to vulnerable children. Families are either headed by grandmothers or siblings. A meal is provided on a daily basis to numerous children and most of the food is sourced from Ratang Bana's extensive and prolific food garden.

Children are supplied with school uniforms and equipment and also given medical and HIV counselling. Social workers also aid with counselling and provide home visits and additional support. There is a playground where children can play safely after school.

We continue to pay stipends to two gardeners and other helpers and assist with the purchase of food, clothing and other necessities.



# SIGIYA SONKE DANCE GROUP £5,668 granted

First established in the mid - 1990's the group's main focus has been dance and performance arts but it also provides much more than that. Under the leadership of husband and wife team Jack and Beauty Letsoela, over 50 children each year also receive pastoral support and help with education.



Having a permanent home for the group has long been a difficulty, but in April this year we saw the completion of the new Performing Arts Centre. The Centre now forms part of the *Sakhimfundo Youth Programme* which includes an After-school Learning Centre focusing primarily on maths and reading.

In this new spacious venue the dancers have a safe and secure place to rehearse, receive educational support, a daily hot meal and socialise with their friends.

This year Gumboots (UK) granted Sigya Sonke £5,668 providing stipends for two group leaders, costumes and musical instruments, competitions, educational activities, food and refreshments.



# SIGIYA SONKE DANCE GROUP



# PHETOHO EDUCATION £14,720 granted

This project assists children and young people to continue their education and learning and meet their full potential. We provide support and/or stipends to children at school and young people at university/college or just starting their careers.

We are excited to report that Fifi Moyo has graduated from the University of the Witwatersrand and is now a trainee electrical engineer working for Eskom.

Two other learners are making good progress towards their degrees via the University of South Africa



We also support 3 children at the United Church School which has proved to be an excellent pathway for young people getting into further education.

We purchase uniforms for these children, provide learning resources, transport to and from school and lunches.

This project has broadened the horizons of numerous learners and shown them life outside Alexandra Township. We have helped them take the steps towards independent and fulfilled lives.



# THE CAITLIN FUND    £1,215 granted

The Caitlin Fund has been supporting young women and girls through primary and higher education for almost 15 years. The fund continues to support 2 girls in Alexandra Township to attend a local school and is also now helping a young woman from the Eastern Cape complete her studies. She is in her final year of school and doing exceptionally well.

Many of the young women who have benefitted from the fund are now employed full-time and we are proud to report success in the education, arts and medical fields.



# KIDLINKS SMALL FARM INCUBATOR (KSFI)

## £9,267 granted

Initiated by our sister organisation KSFI is a training farm based in the Eastern Cape. Working with young aspiring farmers, local communities and schools it offers advice and training in regenerative farming techniques. Tackling food insecurity and youth unemployment are its main aims.



This year we funded 12 young people from Alex to stay on the farm. The first group of 7 spent a month learning about soil replenishment, organic vegetable growing and livestock management.



A second group of five visited in December 2023 and participated in the KSFI Annual Youth Event. Fired up they returned to Alexandra township determined to set up their own vegetable garden. After a number of set backs identifying and clearing a suitable piece of land, they eventually settled on a site which Kidlinks USA funded. It is now fenced and secured.

Our grant also funded one of the farm staff to travel up to Johannesburg and spend a week advising and helping the group sow their first crops. The site is on loan at present but Kidlinks USA is looking to raise the funds to purchase it for the long term development of a food garden.



# ACCOUNTS 23/24

<b>THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)</b>			
<b>RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>			
<b>PERIOD FROM 1ST MARCH 2023 TO 29TH FEBRUARY 2024</b>			
	<b>unrestricted funds</b>	<b>restricted funds</b>	<b>total funds</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Personal and Corporate Income			
Unrestricted Corporate funds	850	0	850
Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid	9,044	0	9,044
Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid	0	1,444	1,444
Restricted Corporate Leratong	0	26,000	26,000
Restricted Alexandra Youth Project	0	0	0
<b>Total Personal and Corporate</b>	<b>£9,894</b>	<b>£27,444</b>	<b>£37,338</b>
<b>Events Income</b>			
Unrestricted Fundraising events	22,176	0	22,176
Total Events Income	22,176	0	22,176
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£32,070</b>	<b>£27,444</b>	<b>£59,514</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administration costs	-482	0	-482
Event Expenses	-625	0	-625
Paid UK invoice for restricted events	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£-1,107</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>£-1,107</b>
Net amount available for Distribution	30,963	27,444	58,407
Grants distributed	-39,557	-25,215	-64,772
Transfers unrestricted to restricted	0	0	0
*Transfers from restricted to unrestricted	2,000	-2000	0
<b>Net Cash Movement</b>	<b>-6,594</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>-6,366</b>
Cash funds at 1st March 2023	26,875	482	27,357
Cash funds at 29/02/2024	20,281	711	20,992
* This item reverses a transfer made last year whereby unrestricted funds had to be used temporarily to support a restricted grant project whilst awaiting the receipt of an overdue restricted grant.			

# FINANCIAL REPORT 23/24

Our income, at **£59,514** was higher compared to (**£48,670**) for the previous year

The unrestricted corporate donations this year totalled **£850**

Our fundraising events including the Christmas Craft Market & donations to

The Big Give brought in **£22,176**

Personal unrestricted donations totalled **£9,044** including Gift Aid.

Donations including Gift Aid to the Caitlin Fund produced **£1,444**

Our event expenses and administration costs totalled **£1,107**

The grants to projects in South Africa totalled **£64,772**

compared to (**£45,264**) for the previous year.

Cash at year end was **£20,992** compared to (**£27,357**) for the previous year.



# DECLARATION 23/24

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signed by:



Graham Allibone (Treasurer)

Dated: 13 August 2024

# The Gumboots Foundation UK

## Receipts and Payments Account

Period from 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Personal and Corporate Income</b>			
Unrestricted Corporate funds	850	0	850
Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid	9044	0	9044
Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid	0	1444	1444
Restricted Corporate Leratong	0	26000	26000
Restricted Alexandra Youth Project	0	0	0
<b>Total Personal and Corporate</b>	<b>£9,894</b>	<b>£27,444</b>	<b>£37,338</b>
<b>Events Income</b>			
Unrestricted Fundraising events	22176	0	22176
<b>Total Events Income</b>	<b>22176</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22176</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32070</b>	<b>27444</b>	<b>59514</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administration costs	-482	0	-482
Event Expenses	-625	0	-625
Paid UK invoice for restricted events	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-1107</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1107</b>
Net amount available for Distribution	<b>30963</b>	<b>27444</b>	<b>58407</b>
Grants distributed	-39557	-25215	-64772
Transfers unrestricted to restricted	0	0	0
*Transfers from restricted to unrestricted	2000	-2000	0
<b>Net Cash Movement</b>	<b>-6594</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>-6366</b>
Cash funds at 1st March 2023	26875	482	27357
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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)

On accounts for the year ended

29/2/2024

Charity no (if any)

1123418

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Signed:

Date:

9/8/2024

Name:

Ian Hamilton Currie

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

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# The Gumboots Foundation UK

## Receipts and Payments Account

Period from 1st March 2023 to 29th February 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Personal and Corporate Income</b>			
Unrestricted Corporate funds	850	0	850
Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid	9044	0	9044
Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid	0	1444	1444
Restricted Corporate Leratong	0	26000	26000
Restricted Alexandra Youth Project	0	0	0
<b>Total Personal and Corporate</b>	<b>£9,894</b>	<b>£27,444</b>	<b>£37,338</b>
<b>Events Income</b>			
Unrestricted Fundraising events	22176	0	22176
<b>Total Events Income</b>	<b>22176</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22176</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>32070</b>	<b>27444</b>	<b>59514</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administration costs	-482	0	-482
Event Expenses	-625	0	-625
Paid UK invoice for restricted events	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-1107</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1107</b>
Net amount available for Distribution	<b>30963</b>	<b>27444</b>	<b>58407</b>
Grants distributed	-39557	-25215	-64772
Transfers unrestricted to restricted	0	0	0
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**THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1123418

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# Accounts

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The Annual Report of The  
Trustees of Gumboots  
Foundation UK for the  
period  
1st March 2022 – 28th  
February 2023

Registered charity no: 1123418



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# Structure, governance & management

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1 Station Avenue, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 9SZ

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Mark Escolme

Margz Green

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David Lightfoot

Robert Marcuson (appointed 24th November 2022)

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- Ratang Bana Family Support Centre
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The trustees of Gumboots Foundation UK, and the directors of Gumboots South Africa and Kidlinks USA, offer their services on an entirely unpaid basis. All three organisations are assisted by a small but dedicated group of local volunteers without whose assistance operation of the projects and fundraising would not be possible.

# Distribution of Grants

**This year we distributed the sum of £45,264 to fund the following projects:**

# Leratong Pre-School

£25,800 granted

This year our grant has funded the salaries of teachers and support staff, and has helped to provide food for children's breakfasts and lunches, plus general provisions and maintenance.

Leratong has provided 50 children with high quality pre-school education and care, helping to fill the gap in state provision.

We are particularly indebted to the Brita Foundation for their continuing support in funding the entirety of the the salaries.



# Ratang Bana

£8,000 granted

Ratang Bana is a project which has gone from strength to strength every year of its existence but this year has surpassed all expectations by reaching 10,000 beneficiaries!

Ratang Bana supports children and their families with education, health and welfare support, in particular by providing hot and nutritious food, helping facilitate access to education by providing school uniforms and transport to school; offering health education and support particularly in the field of AIDS/HIV and support following social services intervention in families in crisis. The physical environment of Ratang Bana is a safe and stimulating space with a play area and prolific vegetable gardens which provide nutritious fresh food to the community.

This project attracts funds from a variety of sources. This year our grant funded the stipends of two gardeners, a caretaker and various general helpers. We also helped to provide food, clothing and general provisions.



# Sigiya Sonke

£4,850 granted

Sigiya Sonke is a youth project, mainly focussed around dance and performance but also providing pastoral support and help with education. Approximately 50 children and young people were involved this year. Our grant funded the stipends of the two project leaders, and paid for outings, events and competition entries; costumes, musical instruments and the sound system; refreshments for the participants and rental of temporary premises for 6 months, pending the group's move to its permanent home at Sakhimfundo Arts Centre.

The South African youth dance championships were held in Johannesburg this year with two of the Sigiya Sonke dance groups selected to go through to the finals when the Pantsula dancers received first prize and the Traditional dancers were runners-up!



Phetoho, (meaning "change"), is a project designed to assist children and young people to access education and make the best of their opportunities in order to bring about change for the better in their futures.

- This year we paid the school fees of 3 children who were selected on the basis of their ability to benefit from a private education
- We also provided funds to support a number of children attending state schools including paying for their uniforms, (an essential requirement for all children attending state school in South Africa), learning resources, transport to and from school, and lunches
- We also helped to fund the living expenses of three learners at university or undergoing internships.



Alongside our mission to assist children and young people to access and benefit from formal education, we recognise that by broadening their horizons beyond the confines of life within an inner city Township, we can introduce them to experiences that will not only enrich their lives now, but better place them to support themselves and their families in the future.

One such initiative, (see page 10), was grant funded this year with plenty in the pot to fund further trips next year!



The Caitlin Project is a sister project to Phetoho - set up to honour the memory of the daughter of one of our Trustees - in order to help girls and young women to realise their educational and career aspirations.

This year our grant has funded the school fees of two young girls who are orphans living in the Ratang Bana safe house.



# Kidlinks Small Farm Incubator (KSFI)

£1,800 granted

KSFI is an ambitious project initiated by our sister organisation Kidlinks. Its demonstration farm will share efficient systems of small-scale farming; shared resources such as tools, equipment, harvesting and packing infrastructure; coaching in sales, marketing, and financial management with access to shared office support. With the focus on agricultural education and training KSFI will be uniquely positioned to serve this need because they are targeting (a) the production of high value crops grown utilising regenerative organic methods, (b) currently underserved young farmers with small-scale farmland and (c) the sales of good quality hand tools and non-GMO organic seed.

Although KSFI is serving a rural agricultural community, the skills being taught are transferable to an urban community such as Alexandra Township where affordable nutritional food is scarce. This year our grant funded a group of 7 young people from Alex to go to KSFI to learn the skills needed to cultivate sustainable "allotment" style gardens within their own community which will help feed themselves and their families going forward.



# Accounts

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<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Personal and Corporate Income</b>			
Unrestricted Corporate funds	975	0	975
Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid	12378	0	12378
Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid	0	299	299
Restricted Corporate Leratong	0	22000	22000
Restricted Alexandra Youth Project	0	0	0
<b>Total Personal and Corporate</b>	<b>13,353</b>	<b>22,299</b>	<b>35,652</b>
<b>Events Income</b>			
Unrestricted Fundraising events	13018	0	13018
<b>Total Events Income</b>	<b>13018</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13018</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>26371</b>	<b>22299</b>	<b>48670</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administration costs	-413	0	-413
Event Expenses	-415	0	-415
Paid UK invoice for restricted events	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-828</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-828</b>
Net amount available for Distribution	<b>25543</b>	<b>22299</b>	<b>47842</b>
Grants distributed	-20186	-25078	-45264
Transfers unrestricted to restricted	-2000	2000	0
Transfers from restricted to unrestricted	0	0	0
<b>Net Cash Movement</b>	<b>3357</b>	<b>-779</b>	<b>2578</b>
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Restricted Leratong		0	
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# Financial report

Our income, at £48,670 was lower than the previous years (£53,871), due mainly to 2 large unexpected corporate donations last year. We also only received £22,000 of our regular £24,000 corporate donation for the Leratong project due to a glitch in the donors payment system. This will be made up during year 23/24.

The unrestricted corporate donations this year totalled £975.

Our fundraising events including the Christmas Craft Market and donations to The Big Give brought in £13,018. Personal unrestricted donations totalled £12,378 including gift aid. Donations including gift aid to the Caitlin Fund produced £299.

Our event expenses and administration costs totalled £828.

The grants to projects in South Africa totalled £45,264 compared to £65,330 for the previous year, which was exceptionally high due to the need to complete the Sakhimfundo project before the year end.

Cash at year end was £27,357 compared to £24,779 for the previous year.



# Declaration

**The Trustees declare that they have approved this report.**

**Signed by:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Allibone', written over a faint horizontal line.

**Graham Allibone (Treasurer)**

**Dated: 7th September 2023**


# The Gumboots Foundation UK

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**Section A**

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On accounts for the year  
ended

28/2/2023

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Date:

7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Name:

Ian Hamilton Currie

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

FCA

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**THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1123418

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# Accounts

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**Gumboots**

**Foundation UK**

Registered charity no: 1123418



## **Trustees' Annual Report 2022**

(1st March 2021 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022)



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## Distribution of Grants

This year we distributed the sum of £65,330 to fund the following activities:

## Leratong Pre-School Project –

Providing a stimulating and safe space in the heart of Alexandra Township in which children can play and learn

This year we gave a grant of £24,868.72 to be spent on staff remuneration (5 teachers, 1 assistant, 2 caregivers and 1 cook); teachers' medical care and retirement fund; food, provisions and maintenance and internet costs

The school reopened its doors in 2021 following a prolonged period of closure due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The number of children registered this year was 60 – still much lower than capacity due to the ongoing struggle parents are facing to pay fees in the face of unemployment and poverty in an economically challenged post pandemic South Africa.

The majority of the funding (£24,000) comes from Brita Filters UK who maintained their commitment to paying salaries and ensuring staff were looked after even during periods when the school was closed.



We thank **Brita Filters UK** for their continued support for this project

# Sigiya Sonke (meaning “Youth Stand Together”)

## Youth Dance Project – giving children and young people a purpose through dance, music and performance and offering pastoral care and guidance

This year approximately 90 children and young people participated in the activities organised by Sigiya Sonke

We made grants totalling £4,633.20 which were used to pay the stipends of the two project leaders.

During this year the group was able to move into their brand new purpose built facility at the Sakhimfundo Centre having struggled over a number of years to make do with the backyard of the Project Leaders’ home. They are able to attend the Centre every afternoon interspersing dance practice with time spent in the learning facility (see later). On Saturdays the group use the space for rehearsals for dance performances and competitions.



## The Caitlin Fund –

Established in 2010 by Margz Green, a Gumboots trustee, in memory of the life and achievements of her daughter Caitlin, the fund aims to improve the lives of disadvantaged young South African women through education

This year the fund made grants of £1,523.16 which supported the education of two young sisters, (orphaned refugees from Zimbabwe). We funded the private school fees of one sister who attends the United Church School and we funded the costs of a computer decoding course for the other sister (the Phetoho Fund pays for her school fees). Both girls are very bright and doing well!

## Phetoho Education Fund – helping individual children meet their educational costs and fees

This year we made a grant of £2,678.33 to help cover the costs of a number of children attending state schools, (such as learning materials, uniforms and transport) and also to fund the fees of two children attending the United Church School



# Ratang Bana Family Support Centre

Ratang Bana directly supports 500 children and their families through a variety of initiatives including a food programme and health education. The project supports a remarkable 5000 children affected by HIV/AIDS with care and monitoring under a programme that operates from the centre. In total the project now has a staff of 72, three of which are funded by Gumboots UK.

This year we made a grant of £7,722 which pays the salaries of a caretaker and two gardeners, as well as the expenses of a number of volunteers.



An event to promote awareness of Ratang Bana's food programme

## Sakhimfundo Arts & Education Centre

Sakhimfundo is an umbrella project which will consist of two purpose built facilities; one housing a Performing Arts Centre (Phase 1) and the other an Education Centre (Phase 2). This year we made grants totalling £23,904.59 which enabled the completion of Phase 1. Together with grants made last year this means that Gumboots UK has been the majority provider of Phase 1 capital costs.

By the close of this reporting year the Sigiya Sonke Dance Group had made the centre their new permanent home. Pending completion of the purpose build Education Centre, the Performing Arts Centre has doubled as a place of learning too with quiet spaces, equipped with laptops and staffed by tutors, available every weekday. Learners can attend after the school day to do their homework and to supplement their state school education with some good quality tailored tutoring. This temporary learning facility is funded by a private foundation. This foundation is also taking over funding of the entire costs of Phase 2 – the permanent Education Centre. In collaboration with the Sakhimfundo Board of Directors, the foundation are finalising architects plans and funding requirements. It is envisaged that the Centre will also become an important community hub, open for use and hire by other community organisations. It is an exciting prospect for the residents of Alex Township and very reassuring for all concerned to have secure, long-term funding in place.

# Sakhimfundo

Phase 1 finished and in use!



## Statement regarding the effect of the Covid 19 pandemic on the work of our charity

As the pandemic progressed through 2021 the circumstances of the beneficiaries of The Gumboots Foundation continues to be negatively impacted.

Whilst the new strain of Omicron which emerged in late 2021 was less dangerous to health and less deadly, the inability of Township residents to keep their distance in such crowded conditions meant the virus spread unchecked. However it is the financial fallout of the pandemic that continues to have a devastating impact on an already severely challenged South African economy, resulting in high levels of unemployment and poverty amongst Township populations.

Nevertheless every one of the projects we support reopened its doors and gave the best service possible under circumstances where more people were even more in need, whilst at the same time donations and resources were in even shorter supply. Given the high incidence of HIV/AIDS in the population many people have to be extra careful when mixing with others so some of the interaction, so important especially to children, had to be carefully handled. But, as the following photos show, our resilient and energetic project teams still managed to offer so much of value to a population in crisis and deserve our huge respect, appreciation and continued support.



Christmas gift time at Leratong



Showtime for Sigiya Sonke!



The Sakhimfundo team even managed to establish a flourishing vegetable growing plot in the grounds!



# Annual Accounts

## The Gumboots Foundation UK

### Receipts and Payments Account

Period from 1st March 2021 to 28th February 2022

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<b>Personal and Corporate Income</b>			
Unrestricted Corporate funds	6229	0	6229
Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid	13344	0	13344
Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid	0	728	728
Restricted Corporate Leratong	0	24000	24000
<b>Total Personal and Corporate</b>	<b>19,573</b>	<b>24,728</b>	<b>44,301</b>
<b>Events Income</b>			
Unrestricted Fundraising events	9570	0	9570
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>29143</b>	<b>24728</b>	<b>53871</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administration costs	-545	0	-545
Event Expenses	-546	0	-546
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-1091</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1091</b>
Net amount available for Distribution	<b>28052</b>	<b>24728</b>	<b>52780</b>
Grants distributed	-39807	-25523	-65330
<b>Net Cash Movement</b>	<b>-11755</b>	<b>-795</b>	<b>-12550</b>
Cash funds at 1st March 2021	33273	4056	37329
<b>Cash funds at 28/02/22</b>	<b>21518</b>	<b>3261</b>	<b>24779</b>
<b>Statement of assets and liabilities as at 28/02/22</b>			
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General Fund	21518		
Caitlin Fund		3261	
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## Comments on our finances and fundraising

At the start of the financial year 21/22 our concern was again the effect that the pandemic was going to have on both our fundraising in the UK and our beneficiaries in South Africa.

In the event, our income, at £53,871 was lower than the previous year of £60,217 due in some degree to The Big Give not supporting us as much as in previous years. Our corporate income increased to £30,229, the increase being due to the employer of a donor donating £5229 in July 2021 to match the employees' donation of £5000 in February 2021 and also the company of another donor also donating £1000. We also received our regular £24,000 corporate donation for the Leratong project. Our fundraising events including an online Christmas Craft Market brought in £9,570. Personal unrestricted donations totalled £13,344 including gift aid. Donations including gift aid to the Caitlin Fund produced £728.


The grants to projects in South Africa are detailed in the report above and totalled £65,330. This compares to £53,167 granted in the previous year, with the increase this year mainly being due an additional grant made towards the end of the reporting year to enable Sakhimfundo Phase 1 to be completed on time.

Cash at year end was £24,779 compared to £37,329 for the previous year.

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.....

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Graham Clifford Allibone

Position held

Treasurer

Date

8<sup>th</sup> August 2022

The Trustees offer their sincere thanks to all our donors, both known to us and anonymous, without whose generous and continued support our work would not be possible. We hope that this report has given you an insight into the valuable contribution you have made.

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

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Gumboots Foundation (UK)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1123418

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Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets!

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28 February 2022.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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

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

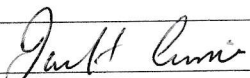
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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:** 

**Date:** 8/8/2022

**Name:** Ian Hamilton Currie

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

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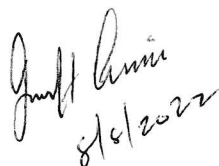
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Trustee and Treasurer

8<sup>th</sup> August 2022



**THE GUMBOOTS FOUNDATION (UK)**

England & Wales - Charity number 1123418

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# Accounts

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**Gumboots**

**Foundation UK**

Registered charity no: 1123418



## **Trustees' Annual Report 2021**

(1st March 2020 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021)



**Helping to educate and empower some of South Africa's most disadvantaged children and young people**

# Objectives of the charity

The Gumboots Foundation's mission is to address poverty and AIDS related issues in South Africa by improving education, nutrition, employment and wellbeing.

Our objectives are:

1. To empower children through education, both formal and informal, whilst also ensuring that their basic needs are met by providing food, shelter, healthcare and recreation.
2. To strengthen and support local home grown projects with local leadership and to secure a sustainable long term solution.
3. To help strengthen local communities both through financial assistance and by fostering a mutual understanding.
4. To provide individuals with an opportunity to be directly involved financially and personally in community development projects.
5. To provide honest and informative feedback on the progress of the projects and transparency on the use of donor money.
6. To seek partnership rather than dependency, with the focus being to uplift all involved through building relationships between donors, Gumboots and beneficiaries.

## Statutory Declaration

In arriving at these objectives the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.



# Structure, governance and management

**Registered address:**

1 Station Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 9SZ

**Managing trustees at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 were:**

Angela Dyer (Secretary)

Graham Allibone (Treasurer)

Mark Escolme

Karen Beard

Margz Green

David Lightfoot

There were no changes to the Board of Trustees during the reporting year

Methods for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees are as outlined in the Essential Trustee document CC3 regulations from the UK Charity Commission.

**Governing document:**

The Gumboots Foundation UK is constituted as a charitable trust by way of a Trust Deed/Charity Commission Application, dated the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

Decision making is via Trustee Board Meetings which are held quarterly and at least one of which is held face to face annually, save in this year when due to Covid 19 pandemic restrictions all meetings were held remotely by video link.

**Areas of operation and main activities**

Gumboots UK is a charity founded for the purpose of raising money in the UK for the benefit of projects operating in South Africa.



## Structure, governance and management (continued)

Projects operating in South Africa apply to Gumboots Foundation UK for grants. Each application is approved or rejected by the board of UK Trustees. The Board will only approve grants which fulfil the criteria and further the aims of the charity as set out in our aforementioned mission statement.

We have a partner organisation in South Africa, Gumboots SA, which works together with the projects below which operate either within Alexandra Township or benefit township residents who are attending educational institutions elsewhere in South Africa. These projects apply for grants from Gumboots UK via Gumboots SA:

- Leratong Pre-school
- Sigiya Sonke Youth Group
- Phetoho Education Project (including learners supported by The Caitlin Fund)
- Alexandra Youth Project (renamed Sakhimfundo during this year)

### Our wider network

Kidlinks World is our sister organisation in the USA which also supports some of the Alexandra Township projects, (in addition to other initiatives in rural parts of South Africa), whilst the Kadey Family Charitable Corporation in Canada supports the Kadey House Orphanage which is based at the same site as Leratong Preschool.

### Role of volunteers

The trustees of Gumboots Foundation UK, and the directors of Gumboots South Africa and Kidlinks USA, offer their services on an entirely unpaid basis. All three organisations are assisted by a small but dedicated group of local volunteers without whose assistance operation of the projects and fundraising would not be possible.

## Distribution of Grants

This year we distributed the sum of £53,167 to fund the following activities:

## Leratong Pre-School Project –

Providing a stimulating and safe space in the heart of Alexandra Township in which children can play and learn

This year we gave grants of £27,281 to be spent on staff remuneration (5 teachers and 1 cook); teachers' medical care and retirement fund; food, provisions and maintenance and internet costs

In 2020 the school was closed except for the last term for the 15-20 who were graduating to primary school. Numbers registered generally were down to 60 this year due to many parents being unable to afford the fees because they'd lost their job due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Strict safety measures were applied and no-one involved has contracted Covid 19.

The majority of the funding (£24,000) comes from Brita Filters UK who maintained their commitment to paying salaries and ensuring staff were looked after even though the school was closed.



We thank **Brita Filters UK** for their continued support for this project

# Sigiya Sonke (meaning “Youth Stand Together”)

## Youth Dance Project – giving children and young people a purpose through dance, music and performance and offering pastoral care and guidance

This year 60 children and young people participated in the activities organised by Sigiya Sonke

We made grants totalling £4,967 which were used to pay the stipends of the two project leaders and to pay for the internet.

This year has proved extremely challenging for these young dancers and their families due to the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic. Many parents have lost jobs and families are short of food and the basic necessities. The project workers provide the dancers with a daily meal and a place to practise in their own backyard (whilst still managing to maintain virus protection safety measures).

Despite these challenges the group still managed to put on two performances – complete with masks! The show must go on!



## Phetoho (meaning “change”) Education Project

— helping children and young people maximise their opportunity to access and benefit from education

This year we made grants totalling £5,131

We helped 2 children to benefit from good quality private education provided by the United Church School in Johannesburg. We helped to meet the costs of uniforms, books, stationery, transport and packed lunches for a number of children attending state schools in Alexandra Township. We supported one child, who has lost both his parents and who was living in the safe house at Ratang Bana Project, with his school attendance. We made a small grant to provide emergency Covid 19 poverty relief for school age children known to us through various Gumboots supported projects.



## The Caitlin Fund –

Established in 2010 by Margz Green, a Gumboots trustee, in memory of the life and achievements of her daughter Caitlin, the fund aims to improve the lives of disadvantaged young South African women through education

This year the fund made grants of £1,376 which supported the attendance at Alex state schools of two young sisters, (orphaned refugees from Zimbabwe), and also paid a support allowance to a young woman, (a previous recipient of Gumboots education support), whilst she completed her teaching internship at the United Church School.



One of the orphaned Zimbabwean girls kitted out in her new uniform and ready for the school day!

# The Activities and Recreation Club

(involving children and young people drawn from the various projects supported by Gumboots UK)

Activities planned for this year were unable to go ahead due to Covid 19 pandemic restrictions. Funds allocated in the budget were diverted to other projects in order to carry out emergency relief work, predominantly providing free food parcels, clothing and PPE.



## **Sakhimfundo (meaning “Building Education”) - formerly known as Alexandra Youth Project)**

This year we made a grant of £14,412 to fund some of the capital costs of building Phase 1; principally shower, toilet and changing blocks and laying the concrete base for the dance floor.

In the last report we were very pleased to report that we had helped to buy and fence the land on which this exciting new community resource centre will be built. Phase 1 is a purpose built performing arts centre which will, amongst other things, be a home to Sigiya Sonke Youth Dance Project.

At the end of 2019 building work began on Phase 1 but was abruptly halted in early 2020 when the pandemic struck.

However from the point where work was able to recommence remarkable progress has been made and Phase 1 is almost complete and the dance group hope to fully move in by July 2021.

In the meantime the newly formed Sakhimfundo Board of Directors, together with the young leaders who will in the future head up this project, have been planning for the work ahead.

Photos on the following page show the artist’s impression of the vision and how the building has progressed to date over the past year. It is a remarkable achievement and the centre will soon be able to provide life-changing opportunities for the youth of Alexandra Township.

# Sakhimfundo

## Progress to date of the Phase 1 building works



Artist's impression

By the beginning of 2020 the frame had gone up!



Later on in 2020 - roof on, containers in place and concrete for the performance floor laid

Early 2021 – the vision comes to life and nearly ready to move in!



## Statement regarding the effect of the Covid 19 pandemic on the work of our charity

The work of all projects supported by Gumboots UK has been curtailed or affected in some way for most of this reporting year.

**The Sigiya Sonke Dance group** had already been rehearsing for some years in cramped conditions in the backyard of the Project Leader's home whilst they await the completion of their purpose built new home (Sakhimfundo). The project leader's household has swelled to seven during the pandemic due to them having to take in family members not able to work. This meant that although some dance practice could still take place it was with very limited numbers due to the need to keep a safe distance.

Nevertheless they still managed to cater for 60 dance students, rehearsing for 3 hours a day in small groups Monday to Saturday, and then breaking off to do their homeschooling with support lessons provided by the Sakhimfundo tutors, (in 3 shifts of no more than 7 learners at a time). A by-product of the pandemic is that due to people losing their paid work, the number of volunteers able to support this project has swelled to nine. Three of these are receiving stipends from Gumboots South Africa with a view to them becoming the core project management staff of the Sakhimfundo Centre, a role for which they are actively planning.

The effect of the pandemic on these young peoples' parents has been catastrophic. Already struggling at poverty level, having lost their jobs they are unable to feed the children properly. Our wonderful Sigiya Sonke project leaders have been providing the dancers with a daily hot meal and clothing, despite the fact that one of the leaders is struggling with his own health needs.

It is therefore hugely gratifying to note that even in such challenging times the Sigiya Sonke project leaders have ensured that all safety and sanitisations procedures are maintained and still managed to put on two sparkling performances!

As aforementioned, progress on building Phase 1 (the performing arts building) of the **Sakhimfundo Centre** was halted for a while, but once recommenced, very good progress has been made with only electrics, plumbing and interior decorations to be completed meaning it's looking hopeful that the Sigiya Sonke Dance project will move in by July 2021.

In the meantime, as aforementioned, Gumboots South Africa have provided stipends from October 2020 which has enabled tutoring for up to 35 learners together with preparations for the work of the new centre to commence. A good interim use of the time and space available.

Fundraising is underway to fund Phase 2 (the education centre) and negotiations to purchase building land adjacent to the Performing Arts Centre are in full swing.

Again it is due to the remarkable energy and resilience of the Directors of our partner project in South Africa that so much progress has been made in such extraordinarily difficult circumstances.

Not surprisingly **Leratong Pre School** had to close its doors completely for most of 2020, save for the final term when up to 20 children who were moving up to primary school in January 2021 attended. Numbers wishing to attend were down anyway due to parents losing their jobs and being unable to afford the fees. Nevertheless due to the generous support of Brita Filters UK salaries have still been paid and jobs retained. Safety was paramount and none attending contracted Covid 19 – an achievement in itself!

No stranger to adversity in life herself, our powerful and resilient Principal maintains, “We won’t allow anything to break the chain of love in this beautiful country. We’ve been together for 20 years with Gumboots”!

Children and young people supported by the **Phetoho Education Project**, (incorporating The Caitlin Fund), have continued to receive support throughout the pandemic.

Individual children supported by Gumboots have still attended school when allowed. Three young people are being supported, both financially and pastorally, to complete their university educations. They are all working extremely hard and determined to achieve their qualifications, (often in extraordinarily challenging personal circumstances), with a view to making a positive contribution in their communities in due course.

Whilst Gumboots UK had no plans to fund **Ratang Bana** family centre during 2020/21, (the project has become entirely self-funded or funded through donations from other sources), funds granted to the Activities and Recreations Project, ( which had to immediately cease), were diverted, with the approval of the UK Trustees, to meet emergency needs created by the pandemic. These services were delivered by Ratang Bana.

This year the centre has supported 1247 individuals, 500 of whom are orphaned children with 747 newly registered HIV children. The pandemic has created great hardship with large numbers of people queuing outside the project premises pleading for basic foodstuffs. Again our remarkable project leader and her staff and volunteers sprang into action, gathering donations of food and bundling it for distribution to individual families at great personal risk to their own health given the initial lack of PPE and the ongoing challenge of keeping people at a safe distance from each other in an overcrowded township.

Sadly as we moved into 2021 the situation has worsened in South Africa with increasing levels of infection, a ruined economy, lost jobs and severe financial hardship.



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<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administration costs	-346	0	-346
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## Comments on our finances and fundraising

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Personal donations were £22,096 including gift aid and donations to the Caitlin fund were £447 including gift aid.

The Big Give Christmas Challenge matched funding event, raising £8,949.

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Cash at year end was £37,328 compared to £30,624 for the previous year.

**The Trustees declare that they have approved this report.**

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.....**

**Signature(s)**



**Full name(s)**

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**Date**

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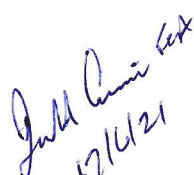
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

*Ian H Currie*

Date:

17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Name:

Ian Hamilton Currie

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

FCA

Address:

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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.

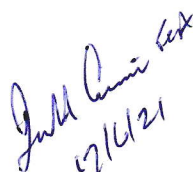
# The Gumboots Foundation UK

## Receipts and Payments Account

Period from 1st March 2020 to 28th February 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Personal and Corporate Income</b>			
Unrestricted Corporate funds	1500	0	1500
Unrestricted Personal inc Gift Aid	22096	0	22096
Restricted Caitlin inc Gift Aid	0	447	447
Restricted Corporate Leratong	0	24000	24000
<b>Total Personal and Corporate</b>	<b>£23,596</b>	<b>£24,447</b>	<b>£48,043</b>
<b>Events Income</b>			
Unrestricted Fundraising events	12174	0	12174
<b>Total Events Income</b>	<b>12174</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12174</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>35770</b>	<b>24447</b>	<b>60217</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Administration costs	-346	0	-346
Event Expenses	0	0	0
Paid UK invoice for restricted events	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-346</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-346</b>
Net amount available for Distribution	<b>35424</b>	<b>24447</b>	<b>59871</b>
Grants distributed	-13379	-39788	-53167
<b>Net Cash Movement</b>	<b>22045</b>	<b>-15341</b>	<b>6704</b>
Cash funds at 1st March 2020	11227	19397	30624
<b>Cash funds at 28/02/2021</b>	<b>33272</b>	<b>4056</b>	<b>37328</b>

  
 TREASURER  
 17/6/21

  
 Jill Annis  
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