

# OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS

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## Details

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| Legal form     | Charitable company                                      |
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## Activities

**Objects:** TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 25 LIVING IN TOWER HAMLETS BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS:B) ADVANCING EDUCATION:C) RELIEVING UNEMPLOYMENT:D) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS.

**Activities:** Ocean Youth Connexions has been providing various youth and community activities since 2002, within the London Borough of Tower Hamlets. These have range from youth club sessions, parents and children's evenings, football training, Taekwando, homework clubs, cycle proficiency training and employment support workshops. The organisation also delivers various holiday programmes targeting families.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TOWER HAMLETS
- Tower Hamlets

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-09-30 | £281,393 | £193,371    | -      | -         |
| 2023-09-30 | £231,636 | £227,367    | -      | -         |
| 2022-09-30 | £220,698 | £203,639    | -      | -         |
| 2021-09-30 | £163,824 | £121,737    | -      | -         |
| 2020-09-30 | £110,983 | £91,289     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                | Role | Appointed  |
|---------------------|------|------------|
| Imdadur Rahman      |      | 2022-09-03 |
| Imran Khan          |      | 2020-12-20 |
| MOHAMMED ABDUL AHAD |      |            |
| Mohammed Adnan Miah |      | 2022-09-03 |
| Shahin Noor Ullah   |      | 2020-10-01 |
| Sirajul Islam       |      | 2022-09-03 |

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# Accounts

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***"For Tomorrows Young  
People, Today"***



# **Annual Report**

## **2023/24**

Charity Registration: 1129378

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## Chairs Foreword

As another year draws to a close at Ocean Youth Connexions, there is much that we can celebrate from the past 12 months. It's been another year of fast paced youth delivery to empower and support young people whilst at the same time living in uncertain times.

We continue to sustain our delivery on the Ocean Estate where we deliver four club sessions a week. We've found a gap in service and through feedback from parents we have also piloted two Mother and Younguns sessions – these sessions are supported through the Local Authorities Early Help service and allow parents to attend club sessions with their children and engage with them within this environment.

In addition to this we have also delivered holiday activity food programmes during Christmas, Easter and the summer holidays. These sessions give young people a hot meal for lunch whilst they attend club sessions, the fact that these sessions have been oversubscribed evidences local need. In addition, we have also delivered monthly career support services, supporting young people with devising or updating their CV, support with completing application forms and strengthening their interview techniques. Dr Bike sessions, in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, have also take place.

We continue to deliver services from Caxton Youth Centre, including youth club sessions four days a week, two days of outreach per week, a summer programme and community fun day. With the centre earmarked as part of a Housing Regeneration Scheme, it is uncertain how much longer we can continue to deliver sessions here. With the lack of youth facilities within the Ward, we continue to work with relevant partners to ensure that there is no vacuum once the regeneration works commence.

Away from the youth club sessions our Taekwondo sessions have gained increasing popularity where we now have a waiting list for our Little Dragon, Teen Dragons, Female Tigress and Senior Dragons classes. These classes don't only support with self-defence but also highlight the importance of patience and resilience in an ever-changing world.

We have also started two recent projects which have increased in popularity in the past year. We've developed a 16+ football training programme in partnership with Stepney Youth FC and a fortnightly BAME Adult cycling partnership with Globe Town Cycling club. Both have been set-up through consideration of local need and how to engage with sections of the local community who are in-active.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the OYC family (the management committee and staff) for their continuous dedication to the organisation and passion in wanting to better the local community. A massive thank-you also to all our supporters and funders, without your support we wouldn't be able to deliver the much-needed services to young people and families across the borough.

**Mohammed Abdul-Ahad**  
**Chairperson**

## Board of Directors 2023/24

|                   |                                              |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Chairperson:      | Mohammed Abdul Ahad                          |
| Vice Chairperson: | Sirajul Islam                                |
| Secretary:        | Imran Khan                                   |
| Treasurer:        | Mohammed Adnan Miah                          |
| Trustee:          | Imdadur Rahman (IT/Tech Lead)                |
| Trustee:          | Mohamed Musa                                 |
| Trustee:          | Shahin Noor Ullah (Strategy and Policy Lead) |
| Trustee:          | Mohammed Abdul Gofur                         |
| Member:           | Anwar Hussin (Communication Lead)            |

## Honorary Supporters of OYC

- Brenda Daley and Derek England - Chairperson and Secretary, Ocean Estate Tenants and Leaseholders Association (OTLA)
- Grand Master Bae 7<sup>th</sup> Dan – Team DJB Taekwondo
- Bablu Miah – Head and Founder, Trapped In Zone One
- Junel Uddin – Vallance Community Sports Association
- Ishaque Uddin – TV and Radio Presenter
- Akik Miah – Chairperson, Stepney FC
- Mukthar Ahmed - Chairperson, Stepney Youth FC
- Yousef Miah - Globe Town Cycling Club Lead
- Akbar Hussain - Community Campaigner

# **Ocean Youth Connexions**

## **Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

### **Staff team**

|                          |                                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Mohammed Kamal Ahmed:    | Head of Programmes                       |
| Syed Kadir Ali           | Youth and Projects Administrator         |
| Hobibur Rahman           | Youth Worker In-Charge                   |
| Farhan Ahmed             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Fatima Begum             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Kamrul Islam             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Meryem Day               | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Mozahid Hoque            | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Nicos Antonio Shuttler   | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Shah Abdul Ahad          | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Zurain Hussein           | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Nazuma Bibi              | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Rajmina Begum:           | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Ruma Zaman:              | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Syeda Farjana Ali:       | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Tahida Ali               | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Shujahat Fiaz            | Taekwondo 5 <sup>th</sup> Dan Master     |
| Jun Jian Zheng (Stephen) | Taekwondo 4 <sup>th</sup> Dan Master     |
| Hamza Ahmed              | Taekwondo 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Haengeun Chi             | Taekwondo 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Xhesiola Frroku          | Taekwondo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Aisha Noor               | Taekwondo 2nd Dan Instructor             |
| Elisha Chung             | Taekwondo 2nd Dan Instructor             |
| Mahir Shawon             | Taekwondo 3rd Dan Instructor Volunteer   |
| Juhel Hussain            | Sports Coach                             |
| Mohammed Wajid Ahmed     | Sports Coach                             |
| Samirul Muhit            | Sports Coach                             |
| Abdullah Al-Mamun        | Maths Tutor                              |
| Aneeka Davis             | Science Tutor                            |
| Numan Ahmed              | Maths Tutor                              |

## Programme and activities delivered during 2023/24

- BAME Adult Cycling
- Caxton Hall Youth Club Sessions
- Caxton Outreach & Detached Work Sessions in Bow
- Caxton Hall Summer Project
- Football Training in Partnership with Stepney Youth FC
- Ocean Estates Careers Service
- Ocean Estates Mothers N Young'uns
- Ocean TLA Youth Club Sessions
- Ocean TLA Holiday Activity Food Programmes
- Ocean TLA Study Support & Tuition
- Step to Success Project
- Taekwondo Juniors – Mulberry School Two Sessions
- Taekwondo Girls and Women's – Mulberry School
- Taekwondo Little Dragons – Tarling East Centre
- Taekwondo Teen Dragons – Tarling East Centre
- Taekwondo Senior Dragons – Tarling East Centre

## Recognising 10 Years of Service - Rajmina Begum

We are proud to celebrate Rajmina Begum for her remarkable 10 years of dedicated service to Ocean Youth Connexions. Over the past decade, Rajmina has played an integral role in supporting and empowering young people across our community. Her commitment, compassion, and tireless efforts have left a lasting impact on countless lives. Rajmina's ability to connect with young people, advocate for their needs, and create safe, inclusive spaces has made her a respected and much-loved member of our team. Her contribution embodies the values and spirit of Ocean Youth Connexions, and we are deeply grateful for her continued service.



## BAME Adult Cycling

Funded through the Mayor's Community Grants Programme (MCGP) Sports Fund, the *Ride Along With Us* project was launched to support BAME men aged 25+ by promoting physical fitness, improving mental health, and encouraging sustainable transport.

The programme focused on reducing social isolation and enhancing overall wellbeing through regular cycling sessions. We delivered 31 sessions over the year, with an average of 9 participants attending fortnightly and 14 registered in total.

### Key Outcomes (2023/24):

- 5 participants were recruited from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, and 9 from neighbouring areas.
- All 14 participants reported improvements in mental health, reduced feelings of loneliness, and greater social connection.
- Participants actively shared feedback through consultations and surveys, helping shape future sessions.
- 16 individuals took part in a residential trip, where they successfully completed a challenging cycle route across the Yorkshire Dales—an inspiring milestone for many.

This project not only supported physical and mental health but also fostered a sense of community, confidence, and long-term commitment to active lifestyles.



## Caxton Hall

### Caxton Hall Youth Centre – Annual Report Summary

Thanks to funding from Action For Bow, Tower Hamlets Homes, and the National Lottery Community Fund, the Caxton Hall Youth Centre remained open four days a week, providing vital support and safe spaces for young people in the community.

This year, we observed a shift in our age demographics. While attendance among 13–15-year-olds increased, participation from our usual 16+ cohort declined. We also continued to run activities for children aged 8+, now in its second year, which resulted in a noticeable rise in younger children attending the centre.

In response to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, we introduced a small-scale food initiative offering hot drinks, toast, and snacks. This simple provision had a powerful impact—many young people began attending regularly, sharing that they were

skipping meals or had limited food choices at home. This service has become a popular and essential part of our offer, and we aim to continue it.



We remain deeply concerned about the vulnerability of many of our young people, particularly the growing risk of involvement in petty crime, theft, and organised activities. We've seen several being referred to pupil referral units, assigned social workers, or placed in hostels. Our outreach and detached work, which operates two days a week, has faced challenges in re-engaging those not visibly active in community spaces like estates or MUGA pitches.

Despite these difficulties, we continue to focus on positive outcomes and meaningful interventions.

### **Key Outcomes (2023/24):**

- 42 young people registered
- 24 personal development outcomes achieved
- 13 referrals made for specialist support
- 8 participants completed the *Mental Health UK: Money & Me* workshop
- 1 participant earned an accredited certificate
- 1 participant received the *Jack Petchey Outstanding Achievers Award*

The Caxton Hall Youth Centre remains a vital hub for engagement, support, and positive development for local young people

## Caxton Outreach & Detached Work Sessions in Bow

This year, we were commissioned to deliver targeted outreach in the Bow Tower Hamlets Homes estate areas. Working in partnership with the Tower Hamlets Park Guards and the Tower Hamlets Homes ASB Team, we focused on responding to concerns about young people gathering in stairwells, creating noise, smoking, and disturbing residents.

Engagement in the Bromley-by-Bow area presented challenges, as many boys in our target age group remained indoors, often occupied with gaming consoles or mobile devices. However, we saw a noticeable presence of under-11s playing outside, engaging with each other, and responding positively to our team's presence.

Our outreach efforts were recognised by residents, including one from Malmesbury Estate who shared, "thank you for keeping the centre open for the youngsters."

### Key Outcomes (2023/24):

- 46 young people engaged through outreach
- 31 referrals made to access support services and local youth programmes
- 44 certificates awarded through training, online courses, and knife crime awareness workshops

This work continues to be vital in building trust, redirecting vulnerable youth, and promoting safer, more connected communities.



## Caxton Hall Summer Project

This year, we delivered a five-week intensive summer programme that engaged over 74 young people in a variety of activities, outdoor adventures, and trips. The highlight of the programme was our annual community fun day, designed to showcase our organisational work and offer a fun, inclusive experience for all.

The event attracted approximately 300 attendees and featured a range of activities, including affordable food options, burgers, mojitos, a 360 camera, horse and cart rides, bouncy castles, face painting, mehndi art, and a variety of stalls offering perfumes, snacks, and cultural food. The weather was perfect—mild, sunny, and comfortable—creating a wonderful atmosphere for the day.

This year's event marked the final one at Caxton Hall, as the area will undergo redevelopment in 2025. The dedication and collaboration between Caxton and TLA staff ensured the success of this action-packed day, which brought the community together in a meaningful way.



### **Key Outcomes (2023/24):**

- 13 young people attended a trip to Chessington World of Adventures
- 12 young people enjoyed a trip to Stratford's Westfield Bowling & Cinema
- 4 young people planned and delivered the community fun day

## **Football Training in Partnership with Stepney Youth FC**

Ocean Youth Connexions partnered with Stepney Youth FC to support their development in football training and league participation. Weekly sessions were held at George Green's School, providing a structured environment where young people could train, play, and build team spirit. The initiative aims to divert young people from gang involvement, exploitation, and other risky behaviours by promoting discipline, teamwork, and positive aspirations.

Through a structured training programme, players developed technical skills, game strategies, and resilience. The team reached the semi-finals of the Super 7s tournament—an encouraging result that has motivated them to push harder for the next season.



Beyond football, participants took part in a weekend residential trip to Wales, where they deepened friendships and explored the natural landscape through walking trails, waterfall visits, and team activities—enhancing both social and emotional development.



**Key Outcomes (2023/24):**

- 36 young people registered onto the programme
- 28 attended a community iftar social meal
- 17 completed the Level 2 Prevent Awareness course
- 40 training sessions delivered, with an average attendance of 21

This partnership has fostered positive youth development both on and off the pitch.

# **Ocean Estates Tenants & Leaseholders Association**

## **Careers Service**

A monthly Careers services was started in September 23, we saw 36 young people and adults access this service throughout the year. Through accessing this service 6 people got into part-time employment.

The volunteer advisor directed young people to apply for work in the retail industry, one to look into youth work as it was suitable for them as their lived experiences will make an impact in the youth work field.

A case study in tells a young woman who became a psychology ambassador last year and now has progressed into part time employment as an administrator at a college. All participants were told to update their CV and attend sessions to develop their soft skills via interview workshops. Referrals to job fairs and networking events were advised.

We hope young people continue to access this service on a regular basis to support their career pathway to work and professional development.

## **Mothers N Young'uns**

We were commissioned to deliver a Mothers and Children project by Tower Hamlets Homes from September 2023 – March 2024 and Tower Hamlets Family Hubs from January 2024 – June 2024, providing a place where mothers sought respite from household chores and activities and having a space to breathe. It started off with three mothers and grew to 21 mothers making our sessions very busy twice a week.

The space has allowed them to meet up, talk, discuss, share information and contribute to the TLA by attending their open meetings about the estate, community safety meetings and sending our children to the youth centre.

Through our one-to-one discussion we have seen many mothers suffering mentally, psychology and physically, many are exhausted especially those with SEND children demanding higher needs than normal children.

They became more active, involved and engaged and slowly started to plan more social activities to make the group more recognised within the Ocean Estates and deliver activities that people can attend and learn more from each other.

We registered 21 mothers, 31 young children, aged 0-8 years old including 3 children with special needs. We made referrals for parents to access the Family Hubs services; soft play room, laundry room, kitchen facility and those families with babies could get nappies and much more for free.

## Key Outcomes (2023/24):

- Over 40 people attended a social gathering
- 27 people visited the Sea Life London Aquarium
- 2 volunteers created
- Two social gatherings
- Two community fundays, planned and delivered by the group
- Two trampoline park trips

## Youth Club Sessions

This year, our youth provision maintained steady engagement, with an average of 13 young people attending each session and a total of 91 young people registered. We welcomed 38 new members and delivered 184 sessions across the year.

Our cohort included 54 males (59%) and 37 females (41%), reflecting an increase of 19 males and 11 females compared to the previous reporting period.

While overall attendance remained consistent, we observed a dip during the winter months due to school-based interventions and exam preparation for mocks and GCSEs. Nevertheless, young people continued to engage in recreational activities such as table tennis and pool competitions. Older members particularly benefited from our monthly careers service project, designed to support their transition into further education or employment.

Throughout the year, we conducted regular consultation sessions to shape our quarterly programmes based on young people's interests and needs. Many expressed aspirations to enter the tertiary education sector or develop skills relevant to future careers. Participants engaged in accredited courses, attended a weekend residential, and took part in enriching extracurricular activities.



In response to interest in the hair and beauty industry, we launched a *Barber Project*, enabling young people to explore haircare as a social enterprise. A professional barber delivered a hands-on masterclass, and we provided equipment and accessories to support their learning. Young people practised techniques with friends and family, building both confidence and skill.

To further enhance employability, participants completed a range of qualifications, including the *Mental Health UK: Money & Me Co-production Workshop*, *QNUK Level 3 Emergency First Aid at Work*, and *Level 2 Prevent Awareness* training, helping to strengthen their CVs and job readiness.



Our half-term programmes also successfully brought in new attendees, offering safe, engaging spaces for young people to spend their leisure time constructively.

### **Key Outcomes (2023/24):**

- 8 young people completed a professional barber masterclass
- 11 young people participated in the *Mental Health UK: Money & Me* workshop
- 13 young people took part in a weekend residential
- 12 young people qualified in *QNUK Level 3 Emergency First Aid at Work (RQF)*
- 13 young people completed *Level 2 Prevent Awareness* training

These achievements reflect the positive impact of our youth provision and the continued commitment to supporting young people's personal and professional development.

## **Half-term Holiday programmes**

In October 2023, we successfully relaunched our one-week half-term programme, offering a variety of engaging activities for young people. Participants took part in arts and crafts, including colouring, sewing, and creative games in the garden space such as the fast-paced “60 Seconds” challenge and a gold treasure hunt. Football tournaments were held at two MUGA sites — Shandy Park and Trafalgar Gardens — encouraging physical activity and teamwork. Thanks to Jack Petchey Foundation funding, we also organised a cinema trip to see *Paw Patrol* and a fun-filled bowling outing.

In February 2024, our holiday programme centred on the theme *Sea World*, raising awareness about the impact of plastic pollution on marine life. Young people participated in educational and environmental activities, including planting sessions at our community beds in Stepney City Farm. The programme concluded with a lively fun day featuring bouncy castles, face painting, and a showcase of creative work displayed on themed boards. This week saw an average of 34 young people attending daily, with a total of 44 enrolled.



By May 2024, our final one-week half-term programme saw a notable increase in engagement. We enrolled 70 young people, with an average daily attendance of 38. With favourable weather, we maximised outdoor activities, returning to our community beds for planting and enjoying extended time in local parks and green spaces. The programme also included cultural visits to the V&A Museum and Whitechapel Idea Store, enriching the learning experience for participants.

## Holiday Activity Food Programme

During the December two-week holiday programme, our theme focused on *healthy lifestyles*. Young people took part in a wide range of activities including circuit training, arts and crafts, sewing, canvas painting, lolly-stick creations, and creating a themed display board. New board games brought added excitement, with friendly competitions in chess, Connect 4, and Jenga. We also hosted a local football tournament at Shandy Park, and for many, a memorable first-time experience walking over the "yellow bridge" to Mile End and exploring the scenic canal routes. A group outing to watch the film *Wonka* — a modern remake of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* — was a highlight. This holiday food programme averaged 30 participants daily, with a total of 58 young people enrolled.



In April, our two-week Easter holiday programme centred on the *environment*. Activities included visits to the Whitechapel Idea Store, Spitalfields City Farm, and Allen Gardens, along with a treasure hunt and cinema trip. As Eid coincided with the holidays, young people created handmade Eid cards and practiced henna art. Despite it being Ramadan, we averaged 39 attendees per day and enrolled 65 young people — an impressive turnout during a month of fasting and celebration.



Our five-week *summer holiday programme* was packed with outdoor fun, supported by consistently good weather. Highlights included trips to a local farm, planting in community beds, and participating in the Tower Hamlets Funday. Outdoor games such

as duck-duck-duck, stuck in the mud, and stretching exercises kept everyone active. We also played tennis on local estate pitches and ventured to Greenwich, travelling through the famous foot tunnel and visiting the Maritime Museum.

A new and much-loved initiative was our London city tour. We visited the London Eye, walked to Big Ben, Trafalgar Square, and Buckingham Palace — for many, a first-time visit to these iconic landmarks. Creative sessions included learning how to make Play-Doh, glass jar art, personalised T-shirt designs, and book reading. Younger participants especially enjoyed making and taking home their own Play-Doh. We also explored Mile End Pavilion Park, Biscay Play Area, and took a trip to Whipsnade Zoo. A memorable seaside visit to Southend-on-Sea added to the summer excitement. We ended the summer with an Achievement Ceremony, where Huthaifah received a bicycle in recognition of outstanding attendance and commitment. The programme exceeded expectations, averaging 50 young people per day — surpassing our daily target of 45 — and enrolling a total of 86 participants.

## **Study Support Sessions**

Thanks to funding from the Ocean Regeneration Trust, we were able to deliver our weekly study support sessions. Although the funding was reduced, we introduced a small cost contribution from beneficiaries to help sustain the programme.

Over the year, 29 students participated. Among them were 18 learners from Years 7 to 9, with an average daily attendance of six. We also supported 11 students from Years 10 and 11, who attended at an average of eight per session.

The majority of participants were highly motivated to improve their performance, particularly for mock exams in December and their final assessments. This focus translated into improved attainment and higher predicted grades.

Notably, our 2024 results showed that Year 11 students who regularly attended our sessions exceeded their predicted grades. Many expressed their appreciation for the guidance and support provided, crediting the programme as a key factor in their success.

## **Jack Petchey**

### **Jack Petchey Foundation Impact Summary**

As part of the Bronze Scheme, we utilised Jack Petchey funding to enhance our youth club environment and increase participation. Purchases included a loud Bluetooth speaker, a trampoline to promote physical activity, a fridge freezer to store food for our cooking sessions, and a new PS4 console with controller to support social interaction. The funding also enabled us to host a social gathering. These upgrades significantly improved our play facilities, encouraging more young people to attend sessions, engage in group discussions, take part in food-related activities, and join in organised trips and debates.

## Leader Award

Mozahid Hoque received the Jack Petchey Leader Award. The associated funding supported a variety of enrichment trips, including an educational and environmental visit to Cambridge Central Mosque, a return trip to Southend-on-Sea, and a fishing and beach day in Eastbourne, where Mozahid shared his expertise. A visit to Chessington World of Adventures and a celebratory group meal at Shish Turkish restaurant capped off the year's successes.

## Young People's Awards

- Hafsa Uddin – Taekwondo equipment (June 2024)
- Maddie O'Callaghan – PS4 and BBQ (April 2024)
- Kifayet Rahim – Thorpe Park trip (September 2024)
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## Educational Award

Through Jack Petchey's Educational Fund, 13 young people finally attended a residential at London Youth's Hindleap Warren Outdoor Centre. After three years of preparation, this experience greatly boosted their teamwork, independence, and confidence—receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback.

## Taekwondo

### Celebrating a Decade: 10 Years of Taekwondo Martial Arts & Self-Defence

This year marked the tenth anniversary of our Taekwondo Martial Arts and Self-Defence programme—a significant milestone that reflects a decade of dedication, growth, and community impact. With continued support from key partners—ANT-Fonden (Teen and Senior Projects), the London Marathon Trust (Junior and Little Dragons sessions), and StreetGames' Us-Girls initiative (Female Tigress Project)—we've remained committed to providing inclusive, structured, and empowering opportunities for young people.



## Participation Highlights

In 2024, we registered a total of **153 participants**, achieving a near-equal gender balance (**80 males and 73 females**). This reflects not only the programme's inclusivity but also its growing appeal across different age groups and genders.

| Session          | Registered | Average attendance |
|------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Little Dragons   | 25         | 14                 |
| Juniors Dragons  | 69         | 43                 |
| Teens Tigers     | 18         | 14                 |
| Seniors Dragons  | 10         | 10                 |
| Females Tigress  | 31         | 19                 |
| Total Registered | 153        | -                  |
| Gender           | Male: 80   | Female: 73         |



Responding to strong parental demand, we successfully reintroduced the self-sustaining **Junior and Little Dragons sessions** for 5–10-year-olds on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This strategic move paid off: Saturday classes expanded to two

sessions, attracting **68 registered children** and averaging **55 weekly attendees**. Our Wednesday session, relaunched in January 2022, now sees **10 regular participants**.

Our **Female Tigress class** also saw meaningful growth, increasing from 27 to 33 participants by year-end—a significant step forward in promoting female empowerment through martial arts.

### Key Outcomes (2023/24):

Throughout the year, we saw consistent engagement across age groups:

- **Female Tigress:** 33 registered | 19 average attendance
- **Junior Dragons:** 67 registered | 43 average attendance
- **Little Dragons:** 25 registered | 16 average attendance
- **Teens Dragons:** 15 registered | 14 average attendance
- **Seniors Dragons:** 12 registered | 10 average attendance

These numbers reflect a strong and active community of learners who are benefitting from the programme's structured environment and values-based approach.

### Achievement & Progression

A total of **120 belts** were awarded in recognition of student progress across skill levels:

**Yellow tag 8**

**Yellow 32**

**Green Tag 11**

**Green 22**

**Blue Tag 16**

**Blue 13**

**Reg Tag 11**

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These achievements reflect the sustained dedication of our young people and the high-quality instruction provided by our coaches.

### Broader Impact

Beyond physical skills, the programme has had a clear and lasting impact on personal development. Regular attendance has led to improved discipline, stronger peer relationships, and greater courtesy among participants. Students demonstrate enthusiasm to learn, support one another, and progress through the ranks.

Participants are also gaining valuable life skills including **teamwork, communication, and leadership**. Parents have reported noticeable improvements in their children's **self-confidence, behaviour, and emotional resilience**.

Importantly, students are beginning to learn foundational South Korean terminology and cultural practices, fostering respect and cultural awareness alongside martial arts training.

## Steps for Success - Globe Town and Limehouse Outreach Programme

This year, we successfully engaged and registered 28 young people through our targeted outreach work, including several identified as at-risk. Referrals were made to appropriate youth services and support networks to ensure they received the help they needed.

Our continued outreach in Globe Town reached its third cohort of young people. Known for anti-social behaviour, organised crime, and youth-on-youth violence, the area remains a priority in Tower Hamlets. We regularly engaged with young people socialising around residential blocks, building trust and offering positive alternatives.

Several participants completed accredited training and awareness programmes, including *Level 1 Child Criminal Exploitation and County Lines* and workshops led by the MET Police. To celebrate their progress, the group took part in a rewarding enrichment trip to Golf World Stansted.

In parallel, we expanded our outreach to the Limehouse area. Young people there also engaged in a series of enrichment activities, including visits to Whipsnade Zoo, Southend-On-Sea, and Chessington World of Adventures.

A highlight of the Limehouse programme was a fully funded residential trip, supported by The Henry Smith Charity, to London Youth's Hindleap Warren Outdoor Centre. Twelve young people and three youth workers attended. For many, it was their first experience away from home, where they developed essential life skills including teamwork, independence, and communication.

These outreach programmes continue to make a meaningful difference by providing safe, structured opportunities for young people to grow and thrive.

## Appendix 1: Annual Stats

### Number of registered young people 2023/24: 518

#### Project Participant Breakdown

| Gender | Caxton | MYN's | S2S | SYFC | TKD | TLA | Tuition | GTCC | Total |
|--------|--------|-------|-----|------|-----|-----|---------|------|-------|
| Male   | 32     | 13    | 28  | 36   | 80  | 95  | 14      | 14   | 305   |
| Female | 10     | 39    | 0   | 0    | 73  | 69  | 15      | 0    | 186   |
| Total  | 42     | 52    | 28  | 36   | 153 | 164 | 29      | 14   | 518   |

## Ethnicity Table

| <b>Ethnicity</b>   | <b>Caxton</b> | <b>MYN's</b> | <b>S2S</b> | <b>SYFC</b> | <b>TKD</b> | <b>TLA</b> | <b>Tuition</b> | <b>GTCC</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>African</b>     | 2             | -            | -          | 4           | 13         | 7          | 2              | -           | <b>28</b>    |
| <b>Afghan</b>      | -             | -            | -          | -           | 2          | -          | -              | -           | <b>2</b>     |
| <b>Arab</b>        | -             | -            | -          | 1           | 1          | -          | -              | -           | <b>2</b>     |
| <b>Bangladeshi</b> | 12            | 50           | 28         | 29          | 123        | 147        | 26             | 14          | <b>429</b>   |
| <b>Caribbean</b>   | 1             | -            | -          | -           | -          | 1          | -              | -           | <b>2</b>     |
| <b>Chinese</b>     | -             | -            | -          | -           | 4          | -          | -              | -           | <b>4</b>     |
| <b>European</b>    | 1             | -            | -          | -           | 1          | 2          | -              | -           | <b>4</b>     |
| <b>Mixed Asian</b> | 1             | -            | -          | -           | 1          | 3          | 1              | -           | <b>6</b>     |
| <b>Mixed Other</b> | 11            | 2            | -          | 2           | 4          | 4          | -              | -           | <b>23</b>    |
| <b>White</b>       | 14            | -            | -          | -           | -          | -          | -              | -           | <b>14</b>    |
| <b>Vietnamese</b>  | -             | -            | -          | -           | 4          | -          | -              | -           | <b>4</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>42</b>     | <b>52</b>    | <b>28</b>  | <b>36</b>   | <b>153</b> | <b>164</b> | <b>29</b>      | <b>14</b>   | <b>518</b>   |

## Ages Breakdown

| <b>Ages</b>     | <b>Caxton</b> | <b>MYN's</b> | <b>S2S</b> | <b>SYFC</b> | <b>TKD</b> | <b>TLA</b> | <b>Tuition</b> | <b>GTCC</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| <b>0-4</b>      | -             | 15           | -          | -           | -          | -          | -              | -           | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>5-7</b>      | -             | 9            | -          | -           | 42         | 51         | -              | -           | <b>102</b>   |
| <b>8-12</b>     | 5             | 7            | 2          | -           | 78         | 80         | 9              | -           | <b>181</b>   |
| <b>13-19</b>    | 37            | -            | 26         | 36          | 33         | 33         | 20             | -           | <b>185</b>   |
| <b>20-30</b>    | -             | 6            | -          | -           | -          | -          | -              | 2           | <b>8</b>     |
| <b>31-40</b>    | -             | 13           | -          | -           | -          | -          | -              | 4           | <b>17</b>    |
| <b>41-50</b>    | -             | 2            | -          | -           | -          | -          | -              | 8           | <b>10</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>42</b>     | <b>52</b>    | <b>28</b>  | <b>36</b>   | <b>153</b> | <b>164</b> | <b>29</b>      | <b>14</b>   | <b>518</b>   |
| <b>SEND</b>     | 1             | 3            | -          | 1           | 3          | 13         | -              | -           | <b>20</b>    |
| <b>Refugees</b> | -             | -            | -          | -           | -          | 2          | -              | -           | <b>2</b>     |

## Appendix 2: Acknowledgments

- Ant Foden for supporting our Teens, Seniors and Girls Taekwondo sessions
- Action for Bow for funding two youth club provisions and a summer programme
- Stronger Futures Project, (VRU) for funding the teens, senior and girls' taekwondo project plus the Ocean TLA youth club
- Garfield Weston Foundation for funding two youth club sessions at Ocean TLA
- Jack Petchey Foundation for funding trips, minibuses and equipment
- LBTH Holiday Activity Food programme enabling us to provide hot meals during the half term of December 22, Easter 23 and Summer 23
- Tower Hamlets Homes for funding the Bow Outreach work
- Tesco for supporting our Female tigress sessions and the Little Dragons Taekwondo Project
- Ocean Regeneration Trust for funding the Study Support sessions and three half term activity programmes in October 22, February 23 and May 23
- Streetgames and DCMS Youth Justice Board funding the Stepney Youth FC partnership for weekend football sessions
- London Youth for funding the steps to success and the Stepney Youth FC partnership football project
- DCMS – Million Hours funding supporting the Stepney Youth FC partnership football summer programme
- London Marathon Community Trust for supporting our Junior and Little dragons Taekwondo Project
- Most importantly we would like to thank the residents, parents and young people of the Ocean Estates and Malmesbury Estate Community who have supported us to ensure we deliver positive activities and have made the projects a success
- The MET Police outreach team to support our bike projects and getting young people cycling
- Ocean Tenant Leaseholders Association and Malmesbury Community Projects for allowing us to use their venue to deliver all of our activities

## Appendix 3: Funders and sponsor's logo



**Company Registration Number - 04543565**

**The Charity Registration Number is :- 1129378**

**OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD**

**Report and Accounts**

**30 September 2024**

# **OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD**

**Report and accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024**

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## **OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD**

Company Registration Number - 04543565

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2024**

The Trustees presents his Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024, which also comprises the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Reference and administrative details**

##### ***The charity name.***

The legal name of the charity is:- OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD

##### ***The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.***

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1129378

##### ***Legal structure of the charity***

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Acts . The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association establishing the company under company legislation.

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

By operation of law, all trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation.

The trustees are all individuals.

##### **The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-**

Tower Hamlets Community Transport  
25-27 Newell Street  
London, E14 7HP

The registered office of the charity for Companies Act purposes is the same as the operating address shown above.

##### **The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-**

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Mohammed Ahad  | Chairman   |
| Sirajul Islam  | Vice Chair |
| Mohammed Miah  | Treasurer  |
| Imran Khan     | Trustee    |
| Shahin Ullah   | Trustee    |
| Imdadur Rahman | Trustee    |
| Mohamed Musa   | Trustee    |

##### **The following persons served as Trustees during the year ended 30 September 2024 :-**

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Mohammed Ahad  | Chairman   |
| Sirajul Islam  | Vice Chair |
| Mohammed Miah  | Treasurer  |
| Imran Khan     | Trustee    |
| Shahin Ullah   | Trustee    |
| Imdadur Rahman | Trustee    |
| Mohamed Musa   | Trustee    |

## OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD

Company Registration Number - 04543565

### Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2024

#### Objects and activities of the charity

##### *The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.*

To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in tower hamlets by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of: a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals; b) advancing education; c) relieving unemployment; d) providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

##### *The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.*

During the year, the charity engaged in a wide range of activities aligned with its core charitable aims. In the area of education and training, the charity delivered various support sessions designed to prepare young people for the world of work. These included workshops on CV writing, interview skills, and other employability-focused topics.

The charity also provided open, club-based sessions where young people could engage, learn, and develop in a safe and supportive environment.

A key focus of the charity's work is sport and physical activity. Regular sessions were delivered in football and taekwondo, and a new bicycle club was established to further engage young people in healthy, active lifestyles.

Additionally, the charity ran a number of holiday club sessions, each including a hot meal for participants. These sessions were particularly important in addressing holiday food poverty, a significant issue in the local community. This work contributed directly to the charity's objective of preventing or relieving poverty among young people.

##### *The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.*

In terms of specific activities delivered during the year, these are detailed below:

###### Activities at Ocean Estates TLA

- Four youth club sessions
- Two Mother and Young'uns sessions
- Weekend Study support in Maths and Science
- Holiday Activity Food programme during Christmas, Easter and the Summer holiday
- Three one-week adventure holiday programmes in October, February and May
- Residentials and outdoor trips with exploration of different towns and cities
- Monthly careers service
- Dr Bike sessions in partnership with MET Police

###### Activities at Caxton Youth Club

- Four-day youth club
- Two days of outreach
- Summer programme
- Community fun day

###### Taekwondo sessions

- Little dragons
- Teen dragons
- Senior dragons
- Junior dragons
- Female Tigress (Girls and women's only)

###### Other sports activities

- Weekend 16+ Football training programme in partnership with Stepney youth FC
- Fortnightly Cycling - BAME Adult cycling in partnership with Globe Town Cycling Club

##### *The degree to which the achievements and performance during the year have benefited wider society.*

The charity evaluates its performance primarily through its ability to meet the specific targets set by its funders. These targets serve as clear indicators of progress and impact. The organisation has consistently met all funding requirements and has never been in a position where funds needed to be returned, reflecting strong delivery and accountability.

In addition, the charity uses the local council's annual resident survey as a benchmark to assess its broader social impact.

Within the borough and wards where the charity operates, there has been a noticeable improvement in key social indicators—such as increased social cohesion, evidenced by more positive perceptions of people from different backgrounds getting along, and a significant reduction in the fear of crime.

These improvements align closely with the charity's core aims, demonstrating that its activities are contributing positively to the wider community and fostering a safer, more inclusive environment.

## OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD

Company Registration Number - 04543565

### Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2024

#### Structure, governance and management of the charity

##### *The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.*

The charity is organised with a committee (Board of Trustees) elected by the members to oversee the overall activities and one of the committee members is nominated as chairperson, to monitor the day to day running of the charity.

Bankers HSBC, 1-3 Bishopsgate, City of London, EC2N 3AQ

Accountants Z.S.N Accountancy Services, 321 - 323 High Road, Romford, RM6 6AX

#### Financial review

##### *The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 30 September 2024*

The financial position of the charity at 30 September 2024 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

|                                                                              | 2024           | 2023           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                                              | £              | £              |
| Net income                                                                   | 88,022         | 4,269          |
| Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity | 196,261        | 147,785        |
| <b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>                                              | <b>196,261</b> | <b>147,785</b> |
| Restricted Revenue Funds                                                     | 119,837        | 80,291         |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                                                           | <b>316,098</b> | <b>228,076</b> |

##### *Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 30 September 2024 .*

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been very good.

##### *Policies on reserves.*

It is the organisations policy to maintain a balance to meet its short-term operational costs, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

##### *Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds*

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfill its obligations in respect of each fund.

#### Details of The Independent Examiner

Nasir Ahmed

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## OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD

Company Registration Number - 04543565

### Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2024

#### Statement of the Directors' and Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), .

In particular, the Companies Act 2006 and charity law require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that , on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

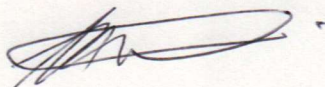
#### Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

The financial statements are set out on pages 7 to 8.

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 10 April 2025.



Mohammed Ahad  
Director and Trustee

## **OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD**

### **Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 7 to 8 to 11 for the year ended 30 September 2024 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 10.

#### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report**

As described on page 2 to 4, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken**

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. 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 setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

## OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD

### Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

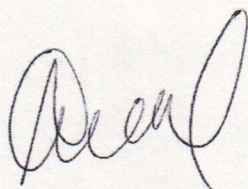
accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP).

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 financial statements to be reached.



Nasir Ahmed - Independent Examiner  
Association of Accounting Technicians  
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This report was signed on 10 April 2025

# **OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2024**

*Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 September 2024, as required by the Companies Act 2006)*

|                                      | SORP<br>Ref  | Current year<br>Unrestricted<br>Funds | Current year<br>Restricted<br>Funds | Current year<br>Total Funds | Prior Year<br>Total Funds |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                      |              | 2024<br>£                             | 2024<br>£                           | 2024<br>£                   | 2023<br>£                 |
| <b>Income &amp; Endowments from:</b> |              |                                       |                                     |                             |                           |
| Donations & Legacies                 | A1           | 49,785                                | 229,936                             | 279,721                     | 231,636                   |
| Investments                          | A4           | 1,672                                 | -                                   | 1,672                       | -                         |
| <b>Total income</b>                  | <b>A</b>     | <b>51,457</b>                         | <b>229,936</b>                      | <b>281,393</b>              | <b>231,636</b>            |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>               |              |                                       |                                     |                             |                           |
| Charitable activities                | B2           |                                       | 190,390                             | 190,390                     | 227,367                   |
| Governance and support expenses      | B3           | 2,981                                 | -                                   | 2,981                       |                           |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>             | <b>B</b>     | <b>2,981</b>                          | <b>190,390</b>                      | <b>193,371</b>              | <b>227,367</b>            |
| <b>Net income for the year</b>       |              | <b>48,476</b>                         | <b>39,546</b>                       | <b>88,022</b>               | <b>4,269</b>              |
| <b>Net income after transfers</b>    | <b>A-B-C</b> | <b>48,476</b>                         | <b>39,546</b>                       | <b>88,022</b>               | <b>4,269</b>              |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>         |              | <b>48,476</b>                         | <b>39,546</b>                       | <b>88,022</b>               | <b>4,269</b>              |
| <b>Reconciliation of funds:-</b>     | <b>E</b>     |                                       |                                     |                             |                           |
| <b>Total funds brought forward</b>   |              | 147,785                               | 80,291                              | 228,076                     | 228,076                   |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>   |              | <b>196,261</b>                        | <b>119,837</b>                      | <b>316,098</b>              | <b>232,345</b>            |

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

All activities derive from continuing operations

The notes attached on pages 10 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

## OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2024

OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD - Resources applied in the year ended 30 September 2024 towards fixed assets for Charity use:-

|                                                              | 2024<br>£     | 2023<br>£    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Funds generated in the year as detailed in the SOFA          | 88,022        | 4,269        |
| <b>Net resources available to fund charitable activities</b> | <b>88,022</b> | <b>4,269</b> |

The notes attached on pages 10 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts.  
Movements in revenue and capital funds for the year ended 30 September 2024

### Revenue accumulated funds

|                                              | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>2024<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>2024<br>£ | Total<br>Funds<br>2024<br>£ | Last year<br>Total Funds<br>2023<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Accumulated funds brought forward            | 147,785                            | 80,291                           | 228,076                     | 228,076                               |
| Recognised gains and losses before transfers | 48,476                             | 39,546                           | 88,022                      | 4,269                                 |
|                                              | <b>196,261</b>                     | <b>119,837</b>                   | <b>316,098</b>              | <b>232,345</b>                        |
| <b>Closing revenue funds</b>                 | <b>196,261</b>                     | <b>119,837</b>                   | <b>316,098</b>              | <b>232,345</b>                        |

The notes attached on pages 10 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

# **OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD - Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2024**

|                                                       | Notes | SORP<br>Ref | 2024<br>£      | 2023<br>£      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       | B           |                |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |       | B4          | 325,660        | 237,718        |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                           |       |             | <u>325,660</u> | <u>237,718</u> |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 4     | C1          | <u>(9,561)</u> | <u>(9,642)</u> |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       |             | 316,098        | 228,076        |
| <b>The total net assets of the charity</b>            |       |             | <u>316,098</u> | <u>228,076</u> |

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

|                            |  |  |                |                |
|----------------------------|--|--|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Restricted funds</b>    |  |  |                |                |
| Restricted Revenue Funds   |  |  | <u>119,837</u> | <u>80,291</u>  |
|                            |  |  | 119,837        | 80,291         |
| Unrestricted Revenue Funds |  |  | <u>196,261</u> | <u>147,785</u> |
|                            |  |  | 316,098        | 228,076        |
| <b>Designated Funds</b>    |  |  |                |                |
| <b>Total charity funds</b> |  |  | <u>316,098</u> | <u>228,076</u> |

The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 6.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



**Mohammed Ahad**

Trustee

Approved by the board of trustees on 10 April 2025

The notes attached on pages 10 to 11 form an integral part of these accounts.

# OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD

## Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024

### 1 Accounting policies

#### *Policies relating to the production of the accounts.*

##### **Basis of preparation and accounting convention**

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , effective January 2016, , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in February 2016), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

##### **Going Concern**

The charitable activities are entirely dependent on continuing grant aid and voluntary donations as well as trading revenues. As a consequence, the going concern basis is dependent on the future flow of these uncertain funding streams. Accordingly, the Trustees have obtained forecasts and, after reviewing the financial forecasts for future periods to 30th September 2023, the Trustees are satisfied that, at the time of approving the financial statements, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Other than these matters, the Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Risks and future assumptions**

The charity is a public benefit entity.

#### *Policies relating to categories of income and income recognition.*

##### **Nature of income**

Gross income represents the value, net of value added tax and discounts, of goods provided to customers and work carried out in respect of services provided to customers.

##### **Categories of Income**

Income is categorised as income from exchange transactions (contract income) and income from non-exchange transactions (gifts), investment income and other income.

**Income from exchange transactions** is received by the charity for goods or services supplied under contract or where entitlement is subject to fulfilling performance related conditions. The income the charity receives is approximately equal in value to the goods or services supplied by the charity to the purchaser.

**Income from a non-exchange transaction** is where the charity receives value from the donor without providing equal value in exchange, and includes donations of money, goods and services freely given without giving equal value in exchange.

##### **Income recognition**

Income, whether from exchange or non exchange transactions, is recognised in the statement of financial activities (SOFA) on a receivable basis, when a transaction or other event results in an increase in the charity's assets or a reduction in its liabilities and only when the charity has legal entitlement, the income is probable and can be measured reliably.

Income subject to terms and conditions which must be met before the charity is entitled to the resources is not recognised until the conditions have been met.

All income is accounted for gross, before deducting any related fees or costs.

##### **Recognition of liabilities and expenditure**

A liability, and the related expenditure, is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, and when it is more likely than not that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and when the amount of the obligation can be measured or reliably estimated..

Liabilities arising from future funding commitments and constructive obligations, including performance related grants, where the timing or the amount of the future expenditure required to settle the obligation are uncertain, give rise to a provision in the accounts, which is reviewed at the accounting year end. The provision is increased to reflect any increases in liabilities, and is decreased by the utilisation of any provision within the period, and reversed if any provision is no longer required. These movements are charged or credited to the respective funds and activities to which the provision relates.

##### **Allocating costs to activities**

Direct costs that are specifically related to an activity are allocated to that activity. Shared direct costs and support costs are apportioned between activities.

The basis for apportionment, which is consistently applied, and proportionate to the circumstances, is :-

**Staffing** - on the basis of time spent in connection with any particular activity.

**Staffing** - on a per capita basis, based on the number of people employed within any particular activity.

**Premises related costs** - on the proportion of floor area occupied by a particular activity.

**Non specific support costs** - on the basis of the usage of resources, in terms of time taken, capacity used, request made or other measures

## OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD

### Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024

#### 2 The contribution of volunteers

The charity depends on the support of its volunteers, which is much appreciated. The charity had 3 Volunteers who donated 405 hours of their time stewarding events. Without the help of volunteers, the organisation would need to find the equivalent of over £6,000 to obtain similar services. The arrangements with volunteers are difficult to value precisely in monetary terms and have not been recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. The volunteers and the charity accept and agree that no contract of employment is created by these arrangements.

#### 3 Staff costs and emoluments

| <i>Numbers of full time employees or full time equivalents</i> | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|
| The average number of total staff employed in the year was     | 15   | 12   |
| The average number of part time staff employed in the year was | 13   | 10   |
| The average number of full time staff employed in the year was | 2    | 2    |

No employees received emoluments (excluding pension costs) in excess of £60,000 per annum.

| 4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 2024         | 2023         |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                  | £            | £            |
| Accruals                                         | 9,561        | 9,641        |
|                                                  | <u>9,561</u> | <u>9,641</u> |

#### 5 No related party transactions

There were no material transactions with the trustees during the year.

#### 6 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.



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# Accounts

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***“For Tomorrows Young  
People, Today”***



# Annual Report

## 2022/23

Charity Registration: 1129378  
Company Limited By Guarantee: 04543565

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## Chairs Foreword

This year has been extra special for us at Ocean Youth Connexions as we celebrated 20 years since the inception of the organisation. Starting off as a small grassroots organisation on the Ocean Estate, the organisation has now grown into a key service provider in Tower Hamlets, delivering activities across various locations.

Over the past 20 years we have seen the organisations income increase by over 500% to a record £231,000 in 2022/23, our employees have increased by 40% and our service users by 500%. This is testament to the hard work of all those that have been involved with the organisation since it was established. The impact of the organisation is evident in that most of the current management committee were young people using the organisations services when it was first set-up – if we ever wanted to see empowerment in action, this is it!

With the 20-year milestone, the management committee felt it was timely to take an in-depth review of what we do and how we deliver our services to ensure continuous improvement and sustainability. With ever changing legislation and an unpredictable landscape, staff and management committee members embarked on a long weekend away which consisted of various workshops. The outcome from this was a revised business plan and shift to not only support young people but to explore being an organisation that supports families. This has led to us setting up sessions where young people and their parents can meaningfully interact with each other within a safe environment and undertake collective activities – the emphasis here being that to support a young person we can't look at them in silo, but consideration is required in terms of their environment and the family. We have also spent some time refreshing the role and expectations of management committee members and updating the organisations key strategic priorities to ensure they are consistent with local needs.

As well as exploring new projects, the organisation continues to successfully deliver its core existing activities across the borough – ranging from club sessions, study support, careers service, holiday clubs, taekwondo sessions and outreach. Further information, including the impact of these services, are detailed within this annual report.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the OYC family (the management committee and staff) for their continuous dedication to the organisation and passion in wanting to better the local community. A massive thank you also to all of our supporters and funders, without your support we wouldn't be able to deliver the much-needed services to young people and families across the borough. Here's to another 20 years of supporting tomorrow's young people, today!

**Mohammed Abdul-Ahad**  
**Chairperson**

## **Board of directors 2022/23**

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Chairperson:      | Mohammed Abdul Ahad  |
| Vice Chairperson: | Sirajul Islam        |
| Secretary:        | Imran Khan           |
| Treasurer:        | Mohammed Adnan Miah  |
| Trustee:          | Imdadur Rahman       |
| Trustee:          | Mohamed Musa         |
| Trustee:          | Shahin Noor Ullah    |
| Trustee:          | Abdul Mu'min Yahya   |
| Members:          | Anwar Hussin         |
| Members:          | Mohammed Abdul Gofur |

## **Honorary Supporters of OYC**

- Brenda Daley and Derek England - Chairperson and Secretary, Ocean Estates Tenants Leaseholders Association
- Grand Master Bae 7<sup>th</sup> Dan – Team DJB Taekwondo
- Bablu Miah – Head and Founder, Trapped In Zone One
- Junel Uddin – Vallance Community Sports Association
- Mukthar Ahmed - Chairperson, Stepney Foundation FC
- Yusuf Miah – Cycle lead Globe Town Cycling Club
- Akbar Hussain – Community campaigner

# Ocean Youth Connexions

## Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Staff team

|                          |                                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Mohammed Kamal Ahmed:    | Head of Programmes                       |
| Syed Kadir Ali           | Youth Worker In-charge/Administrator     |
| Hobibur Rahman           | Youth Worker In-charge                   |
| Nicos Antonio Shuttler   | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Shah Abdul Ahad          | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Fatima Begum             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Meryem Day               | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Zurain Hussean           | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Mozahid Hoque            | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Farhan Ahmed             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Kamrul Islam             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Syeda Farjana Ali        | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Rajmina Begum            | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Ruma Zaman               | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Nazuma Bibi              | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Tahida Ali               | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Shujahat Fiaz            | Taekwondo 5 <sup>th</sup> Dan Master     |
| Jun Jian Zheng (Stephen) | Taekwondo 4 <sup>th</sup> Dan Master     |
| Hamza Ahmed              | Taekwondo 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Haengeun Chi             | Taekwondo 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Mahir Shawon             | Taekwondo 2nd Dan Instructor Volunteer   |
| Xhesiola Frroku          | Taekwondo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Elisha Chung             | Taekwondo 1st Dan Instructor             |
| Aisha Noor               | Taekwondo 1st Dan Instructor             |
| Juhel Hussain            | Sports Coach                             |
| Samirul Muhit            | Sports Coach                             |
| Numan Ahmed              | Maths Tutor                              |
| Aneeka Davis             | Science Tutor                            |

### Number of registered young people 2022/23: 501

#### Gender

|                 |                 |                    |                  |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>TLA:</b>     | Male:95         | Females:84         | Total:179        |
| <b>TKD:</b>     | Male:90         | Females:66         | Total:156        |
| <b>SYFC:</b>    | Male:41         | Females:0          | Total:41         |
| <b>S2S:</b>     | Male:23         | Females:0          | Total:23         |
| <b>Caxton:</b>  | Male:49         | Females:26         | Total:75         |
| <b>Tuition:</b> | Male:12         | Females:15         | Total:27         |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>Male:305</b> | <b>Females:186</b> | <b>Total:501</b> |

### Ethnicity Breakdown

| <b>Ethnicity</b>   | <b>Caxton</b> | <b>S2S</b> | <b>SYFC</b> | <b>TKD</b> | <b>TLA</b> | <b>Tuition</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| <b>African</b>     | 2             | 1          | 8           | 5          | 4          | 2              | <b>22</b>    |
| <b>Afghan</b>      | -             | -          | -           | 5          | -          | -              | <b>5</b>     |
| <b>Arab</b>        | -             | -          | 2           | 5          | -          | -              | <b>7</b>     |
| <b>Bangladeshi</b> | 22            | 21         | 27          | 136        | 171        | 25             | <b>402</b>   |
| <b>Caribbean</b>   | -             | -          | -           | -          | 2          | -              | <b>2</b>     |
| <b>European</b>    | 6             | -          | 1           | -          | 2          | -              | <b>9</b>     |
| <b>Latino</b>      | -             | -          | -           | 2          | -          | -              | <b>2</b>     |
| <b>Mixed Asian</b> | -             | -          | -           | 2          | -          | -              | <b>2</b>     |
| <b>Mixed Other</b> | 9             | 1          | 2           | -          | -          | -              | <b>12</b>    |
| <b>White</b>       | 36            | -          | -           | -          | -          | -              | <b>36</b>    |
| <b>White Other</b> | -             | -          | 1           | -          | -          | -              | <b>1</b>     |
| <b>Vietnamese</b>  | -             | -          | -           | 1          | -          | -              | <b>1</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>75</b>     | <b>23</b>  | <b>41</b>   | <b>156</b> | <b>179</b> | <b>27</b>      | <b>501</b>   |

### Age Breakdown

| <b>Project</b> | <b>Ages 5-7</b> | <b>Ages 8-12</b> | <b>Ages 13-19</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>SEND</b> |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>TLA</b>     | 78              | 75               | 26                | <b>179</b>   | 10          |
| <b>TKD</b>     | 46              | 77               | 33                | <b>156</b>   | 1           |
| <b>SYFC</b>    | -               | -                | 41                | <b>41</b>    | 1           |
| <b>S2S</b>     | -               | -                | 23                | <b>23</b>    | 1           |
| <b>Caxton</b>  | -               | 33               | 42                | <b>75</b>    | 4           |
| <b>Tuition</b> | -               | 9                | 18                | <b>27</b>    | 0           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>124</b>      | <b>194</b>       | <b>183</b>        | <b>501</b>   | <b>16</b>   |

### Programme and activities delivered during 2022/23

- Four weekly Youth Club Sessions at Ocean TLA
- Study Support at Ocean TLA
- Careers Service
- October, February and May Half term Holiday SPLASH programmes
- December, Easter and Summer, Holiday Activity Food programmes
- Mothers 'N' Young'uns project
- Globe Town Outreach
- Four weekly Youth Club sessions at Caxton Hall
- Outreach & Detached work in Bow
- Summer holiday & Community Fun Day at Caxton Hall
- Six Taekwondo sessions: Three at Mulberry Leisure Centre and three at Tarling East Centre
- Football with Stepney Youth FC
- Dr Bike

# **Ocean Estates Tenants Association (OETA)**

## **Youth Club Sessions**

A year on from the covid pandemic we saw young people trying to get back to some form of normality. We held consultation sessions to empower young people to hear their voices and design a new type of delivery in youth work. Young people engaged in cookery sessions, helped staff make a variety of dishes from pasta, to curries to fried food, young people engaged in fitness, exercise and training sessions and they went on trips.

Young people completed courses on Child Criminal Exploitation and County Lines to help upskill their CVs. A new careers project was created where a local volunteer careers advisor helped young people with applying for work.

Young people took interest in social/ board games such as carrom board competition and engaged with the local Police.

On average 12 young people attend our youth provisions and 61 young people registered during this period. This year we had 35 males to 26 females registered during this period and this showed that girls were starting to show interest in taking part.



Anjuma Ali was awarded for going above and beyond at the club and was awarded with a recognition at the Tower Hamlets Youth Achievement Awards 2022. She was voted by staff as well as her peers who acknowledged her work and commitment to the youth club. Anjuma led the youth panel and attended regularly the safer neighbourhood meetings speaking on behalf of others.



Jack Petchey Foundation funded us to take the young people to a Thorpe Park trip, for most of the young people it was their first experience going to a theme park and getting on a minibus. The young people really enjoyed themselves and had a great laugh. Ismael Ahmed was nominated for an outstanding achiever.

Our half term project has seen new young people accessing our provisions and services but we need to find out why young people are not using youth clubs more than they used to during their social and leisure time.

## **Study Support Sessions**

### **Ocean Estates Tenants Association (OETA)**

Funding was secured from Ocean Regeneration Trust which enabled us to deliver a weekly study support session for 27 students with an average attendance of 16 in both Maths and Science classes.

Our young people focused on getting the best results they could for their mocks in December and their final exams. Our young people excelled in their predicted grades and improved their Score levels.

The 2023 exam results showed that those year 11 students that attended our provisions achieved one or more above their predicted grade and they and their parents were grateful for the support we offered them, we wish them the best in their future.

## **Careers Service**

A monthly Careers services was started in September 23, we saw 10 young people access this service in its first month. The volunteer advisor directed 4 young people to apply for work in the retail industry, one to look into playwork, one went onto becoming a psychology ambassador, whilst the rest were told to update their CV and attend the following month for interview workshops.

This careers service will be established as one of our initiative and we hope that young people will access this service on a regular basis to support their career pathway to work and professional development.

## **Half-term Holiday programmes**

### **October 22, February 23 & May 23**

Funded by the Ocean Regeneration Trust we relaunched our one-week October half term programme where young people participated in arts & crafts, fuseball tournament, garden space team games, board games such as uno, connect 4 and baking sessions. We had an average of 37 young people attending our holiday programme and we managed to enrol 97 young people throughout the holiday scheme. Our young people also engaged in slime making, mechanical construction activities and role plays.



During February Half term programme we saw our attendance levels picking up where we had an average of 41 young people attending our sessions. We held more outdoor adventure activities and ventured around canal routes, Mile End Park and Bethnal Green Gardens. We managed to enrol 60 young people to this holiday scheme.



During May 2023, our average daily attendance reached 46. As the weather started to pick up, we ventured out to wider areas away from the centre to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Greenwich and walks along the canal paths.

# December 22, April 23 & Summer 23

## Holiday Activity Food Programme

HAF Funding for the major half term holidays helps out family being effected by the cost of living and our HAF programme has helped them in many ways. Our December two-week holiday programme saw young people visit the local Stepney City Farm and making a trip to Canary Wharf. Despite living in close proximity to the local areas of interest, we discovered that our young people do not go and make these visits. Visiting Canary Wharf was about learning about the history of the trading docks and what the area is currently is known for and to inspire young people to work in this financial district. On average 37 young people attended and we managed to enrol 68 young people during this holiday scheme.



The Easter holiday programme was designed to venture out more and we visited Greenwich, travelling on the bus, through the foot tunnel, under the Thames River, explored Cutty Sark ship, visited the exhibitions and the National Maritime Museum. We made a visit to Stepney City Farm to pet the animals which was a great experience. Young people got their hands dirty and did some planting around the farm.

Eid-ul-Fitr fell on during the Easter holiday programme so the young people engaged in making Eid decorations for the club. The Easter programme was delivered during Ramadhan and we thought that numbers would drop significantly but we got an average of 39 children attending daily.



Our five-week Summer holiday programme saw young people have a great time and we were fortunate having good weather and this allowed us to visit parks, venture out more and have trips arranged. We organised a football tournament, competitive boards games, role plays, watching movies, garden activities with a trip to Kew

Gardens and cinema. Our popular family seaside trip was attended by over 50 people making this a regular annual voyage in the holiday.

We had an average of 34 young people attending and we managed to register 137 onto the HAF programme. On our last day we concluded the summer programme with a splash funday, a BBQ and Bouncy castle.



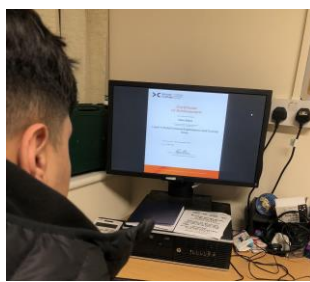
## **Mothers N Young'uns**

Our work with parents led to mothers asking for us to deliver a session for them one day a week, where they can come, watched their children and support the staff and the project. Over time we went about setting up a Chit chat chai session because during the winter we tend not to have a large group of people accessing the services. As funding for the youth club on Wednesdays and Thursdays was not secured we decided to set up a Mothers and Young'uns Club catering for children aged 0-8 years.

This project drew in attention from the local Family Hub service who looked into investing in our programme. Having this connection allowed us to refer mothers to access services such as mental health, digital awareness, soft play sessions, basic essentials for those suffering from the cost of living and having access to a community kitchen and laundry service.

## **Outreach and Detached in the Globe Town area**

Our outreach work in the Globe Town area worked with its third cohort of young people. The Globe Town area is known for its ASB, organised illegal crimes such as drug, youth on youth violence and gangs. We engaged young people mostly hanging around street corners and residential areas into positive activities.



We registered 23 young people including young people at high risk. We provided them with our support, youth information and made referrals to access support services and other youth provisions. Nine of them achieved certificates in Level 2 in Customer Service, Child sexual exploitation and county line we organised awareness workshops on county lines with the MET Police.

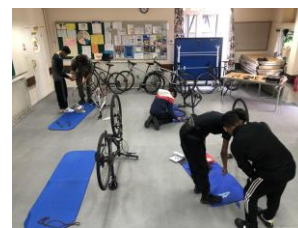


The outreach team and the young people went on many enrichment activities such as: go-karting, social meals to celebrate milestones and achievements, a residential to get them out their comfort zone and explore new areas to develop new skills, and much more

We received additional funding for young people to play football at the weekends to keep them engaged more in positive activities and deter them away from negative risky behaviour. 14 young people registered for these sessions and played for a period of six months



We are still delivering Dr Bike Sessions within our own Youth Centres on the Ocean Estates teaching young people how to repair bikes and making them roadworthy. We were fortunate to receive Eleven free bikes from the MET police and this enabled us to do workshops and cycle rides session with the young people. We are thankful for Lofty's bike mechanic who explained to young people how to remedy minor and major faults.



Those young people that took part in the bike project were taught how to register their bike online. The project helped them to maintain a bike and making it a mode of transport for them to get to work, college and to use for social purposes.



We will continue to deliver free bike maintenance sessions as part of our commitment to get as many people cycling as possible especially during the holiday and summer periods. We have been exploring cycling routes in and around Tower Hamlets especially the park areas.

## **Bow East Project (Caxton Hall)**

Action For Bow, Tower Hamlets Homes and the National Lottery Funded the Caxton Hall youth centre which helped keep the centre open for four days a week and enabled us to do outreach on the estates.

We lost a lot of our older cohort from the previous year and most of our older teens were no longer attending the sessions. We decided to lower the age limit to 8 years old and this saw a rise in younger kids attending the youth centre.

We have seen many young people not come as a result of turning to petty crimes, bike and mobile theft, being part of organised crime gangs and falling into the criminal justice system. Through our data analysis the young people are ending up in pupil referral units, care homes and having social workers attached to them.

In order for us to attract new young people to our provisions during the winter period we set up a hot snack and drinks station as well as to help many of the young people that we work with to support their hunger. As a result, young people started to come in to the club because of this food initiative. We discovered the reality that these young people were hungry, they were skipping meals during the half term holidays, having double lunches during school days and having little options in the evening meal being prepared at home.

We have two days designated for detached and outreach work to attract young people to our centres and activities we used this project to deliver work in the local MUGA pitches and spoke to young people in areas they congregate.

We organised a residential trip to North Devon for most it was the first time they came out and away from the area in which they grew up in. It was a great experience for them and something to be remembered.

Through our work in the Bow West area, we achieved the following:

**75 young people registered**

**34 outcomes were achieved**

**32 people were given advice, information and guidance**

**26 referrals were made**

**12 young people achieved an accredited certificate**

**12 young people went on a residential trip to North Devon**

## **Outreach and Detached in the Bow area**

We were commissioned to deliver outreach work in the Tower Hamlets Homes Estate areas in Bow. We worked closely with the Tower Hamlets Park Guards and the Tower Hamlets Homes ASB Team to respond to young people hanging out in stairwells on the top floors of blocks and making noise, engaging in drugs usage and causing inconvenience to residents. Through our work we noticed that mainly under 11's were out on the streets, playing football in the pitches, socialising and engaging with us.

Through our outreach work we achieved the following:

**70 young people were engaged**

**26 referrals made to access support services and youth provisions**

**20 outcomes achieved in training, online courses and workshops**

## **Summer @ Caxton**

A five-week intensive summer programme was delivered attracting over 41 young people who benefitted and engaged themselves in activities, trips and outdoor adventure. We offered advice and information to 12 young people and 12 young people achieved an outcome.

We organised an inter-club football match with Ocean TLA and our club Caxton FC won. We took 20 young people to our annual theme park trip to Chessington Adventure and this was a great highlight of the year for young people to enjoy and celebrate the participation with the club.

At the end of the summer programme, a community fun day was organised to provide a wonderful experience in order to promote our organisational activities. We attracted 300+ people throughout the day, offering food at below cost price. Our

event offered our famous burger meal, slush & candy, mojitos, tea and cake, horse and cart rides, bouncy castles, face painting, mendhi art, arts and craft stations and stalls selling savoury snacks, biryanis and Bombay mix.

## Taekwondo

This is our sixth year in delivering six Taekwondo classes, we have been fortunate in securing funding from ANT-Fonden, London Marathon Community Trust, London Youth-Getting Active Movement fund and Tesco's.

Below show the annual registration, average attendance throughout the year with a gender split of our those registered.

| Session          | Registered | Average attendance |
|------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Little Dragons   | 24         | 11                 |
| Juniors Dragons  | 67         | 44                 |
| Teens Tigers     | 23         | 18                 |
| Seniors Dragons  | 14         | 10                 |
| Females Tigress  | 28         | 16                 |
| Total Registered | 156        | -                  |
| Gender           | Male: 90   | Female: 66         |

This year shows that females do have an interest in learning the Taekwondo art and our total recruitment of females is 42%. We also noticed that retention of female students is higher than that of males.

The Taekwondo sessions is having a great impact on those that attend, and we can see it in their behaviour, their attitude, their display of humility and courtesy to their teachers and towards each other during the sessions. Many have learnt some basic South Korean terminology of the various patterns.

### Our annual taekwondo belts stats for 2022/23:

Yellow tag 39

Yellow 23

Blue Tag 6

Blue 13

Black Tag 1

Black 2



Green Tag 13

Green 28

Reg Tag 5

Red 7



Total belts issued 136

Taekwondo has helped these young people to work together as a team, improve their communication skills and significantly built their confidence levels. Young people are becoming more creative, active and learning fast the different patterns and styles being taught. The sessions have improved young people's ability to solve problems, improve their resilience, they are able to deal with conflicts and difficult situations and we have seen a vast improvement in their self motivation and an increase in the levels of self esteem they display.



## **Stronger Futures Programme VRU**

This project was a success in its first year and as a result VRU secured an additional 9 month funding to continue working hard with those at risk in carrying knives, using knives, being in gangs, being groomed into gangs, holding illegal money, drugs, etc.

Funding was received to deliver three Taekwondo sessions and two youth club sessions at Ocean TLA. As a result of this project, we worked with 80 young people in the project of which 42 were females and 38 were male's a great gender split achieved.

VRU allowed us to take the young people to local trips and a residential to Devon. The funding allowed us to restart our delivery programme in reaching those hard-to-reach young people, those who stopped using the youth centres, started hanging about on the street, stairwells and getting up to negative and risky behaviour.

We also fulfilled local parents needs to organise Taekwondo sessions for their children especially the girls. Tower Hamlets latest report on obesity is showing an all time high amongst 12-year-olds and getting worse onto their teens and this concern has led us to deliver this.

# Stepney Youth FC Partnership

In October 2022 we came across Stepney Youth FC that were struggling in running their football sessions for local young people. The management team mostly consisting of our young people that used to come to the youth club in 2010. They approached us for help and support and wanted us to do joint work to set up this project and take it further.

We secured initial funding from the Youth Justice Board which allowed them to run two sessions a week and take young people on trips, social activities and celebrate the success of the project till the end of March 2023.

We then secured further funding for one session a week till the end of August 2023. Our funding application to the local council confirmed three years of the Young Ballers project making this project so what secure for the long run.

## Jack Petchey

We are currently on the Bronze Scheme and we nominated the following individuals with their spend.

### Leader Award

Syed Kadir Ali: Cinema, Bowling, Thorpe Park and laser quest

### Young Achievement Award

Shafin Shahriyar: Taekwondo equipment

Ishaq Ahmed: Golf Stanstead

Ismael Ahmed: Thorpe Park

### Special Grant:

Social meal and a seaside trip

### Environmental Grant:

Anjuma Ali: Kew Gardens and planting flowers



## Financial Information 2022 – 2023

### Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd Company limited by guarantee Detailed trading profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2023

|                                              | 2023             | 2022             |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                              | £                | £                |
| <b>Income</b>                                |                  |                  |
| Awards For All -AFA                          | -                | 10,000           |
| Jack Petchey                                 | 2,300            | 900              |
| Vallance Community Sports Association - VCSA | 0                | 80               |
| LBTH - HAF                                   | 27,245           | 34,660           |
| BBC Children in Need - BBC                   | 0                | 250              |
| Tower Hamlets Homes -THH                     | 12,883           | 5,149            |
| East London Community Foundation – MJF       | 0                | 500              |
| East London Community Foundation – MLF       | 4,000            | 6,000            |
| Ocean TLA – OTLA                             | 436              | 1,610            |
| Ford Britain Trust – FBT                     | 0                | 2,800            |
| Tesco Groundwork – TG                        | 1,000            | 1,000            |
| TKD Contributions                            | 20,500           | 5,550            |
| Ocean Regeneration Trust                     | 10,000           | 10,000           |
| Violence Reduction Unit - VRU                | 43,997           | 64,570           |
| Action For Bow                               | 30,431           | 35,988           |
| Garfield Weston Foundation – GW              | 20,000           | 20,000           |
| Street Games - SG                            | 0                | 315              |
| London Youth - LY                            | 5,680            | 9,600            |
| East London Business Alliance - ELBA         | 0                | 11,267           |
| Government Furlough Scheme                   | 0                | 459              |
| Youth Justice Board - YJB                    | 20,000           | 0                |
| Million Hours – MH                           | 10,000           | 0                |
| Ant Fonden Trust – ANT                       | 14,980           | 0                |
| London Marathon Community Trust – LMCT       | 7,500            | 0                |
|                                              | <u>231,636</u>   | <u>220,698</u>   |
| <b>Administrative expenses</b>               | <u>(227,367)</u> | <u>(203,639)</u> |
| <b>Operating surplus/(loss)</b>              | <u>4,269</u>     | <u>17,059</u>    |

## Acknowledgments

- Action for Bow for funding two youth club provisions and a summer programme
- Ant Foden for supporting our Teens, Seniors and Girls Taekwondo sessions
- DCMS – Million Hours funding supporting the Stepney Youth FC partnership football summer programme
- Garfield Weston Foundation for funding two youth club sessions at Ocean TLA
- Jack Petchey Foundation for funding trips, minibuses and equipment
- LBTH Holiday Activity Food programme enabling us to provide hot meals during the half term of December 22, Easter 23 and Summer 23
- London Marathon Community Trust for supporting our Junior and Little dragons Taekwondo Project
- London Youth for funding the steps to success and the Stepney Youth FC partnership football project
- Ocean Regeneration Trust for funding the Study Support sessions and three half term activity programmes in October 22, February 23 and May 23
- Streetgames and DCMS Youth Justice Board funding the Stepney Youth FC partnership for weekend football sessions
- Stronger Futures Project, (VRU) for funding the teens, senior and girls' taekwondo project plus the Ocean TLA youth club
- Tesco for supporting our Female Tigress and the Little Dragons Taekwondo Project.
- Tower Hamlets Homes for funding the Bow Outreach work
- Most importantly we would like to thank the residents, parents and young people of the Ocean Estates and Malmesbury Estate Community who have supported us to ensure we deliver positive activities and have made the projects a success
- The Youth Justice Sport Fund for setting up our football project
- Ocean Tenant Leaseholders Association and Malmesbury Community Projects for allowing us to use their venue to deliver all of our activities

THANK YOU



Ant-Fonden



Malmesbury  
Community  
Projects

MAYOR OF LONDON



Garfield Weston  
FOUNDATION



REGISTERED NUMBER: 04543565  
CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1129378

OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Stuart Maurice Partnership

Radiant House  
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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Company Information**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2023**

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**Directors**

Mr Mohammed Ahad  
Mr Imdadur Rahman  
Mr Shahin Ullah  
Mr Imran Khan  
Mr Sirajul Islam  
Mr Mohammed Miah  
Mr Mohamed Musa

**Charity Registration Number**

1129378

**Company Number**

04543565

**Registered Office**

Stepney City Farm  
Stepney Way  
Stepney Green  
London  
E1 3DG

**Accountants**

The Stuart Maurice Partnership  
Radiant House  
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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Company No. 04543565**  
**Trustees/Directors' Report For The Year Ended 30 September 2023**

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The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023.

**Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Principal Activity**

The company is a voluntary charitable organisation, providing detached work service for young people living on the Ocean Estate. The Memorandum & Articles of Association were amended by special resolution on 24th March 2009. The company was then registered as a charity.

**Trustees/Directors**

The trustees/directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mr Mohammed Ahad  
Mr Imdadur Rahman  
Mr Shahin Ullah  
Mr Imran Khan  
Mr Sirajul Islam  
Mr Mohammed Miah

**Small Company Rules**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the board

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**Mr Mohammed Ahad**

**Date: 27/11/2023**

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2023**

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**Report of the Accountant to the directors of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with our terms of engagement and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Acts that relate to preparing the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2023.

We have prepared these financial statements based on the accounting records, information and explanations provided by you. We do not express any opinion on the financial statements.

On the Balance Sheet you have acknowledged your duties under the prevailing Companies Acts to ensure that the company keeps adequate accounting records and prepares financial statements that give "a true and fair view". You have determined that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for this accounting year. Therefore, the financial statements are unaudited.

The financial statements are provided exclusively to the director for the limited purpose mentioned above and may not be used or relied upon for any other purpose or by any other person, and we shall not be liable for any other usage or reliance.

**The Stuart Maurice Partnership**

**18/11/2023**

The Stuart Maurice Partnership  
Radiant House  
28-30 Fowler Road  
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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2023**

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**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2023 which are set out in this report.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

S. Nyman F.M.A.A.T.



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Date: 18/11/2023

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2023**

|                              | Notes | 2023<br>£      | 2022<br>£      |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                |       | <b>231,636</b> | <b>220,698</b> |
|                              |       | <b>231,636</b> | <b>220,698</b> |
| Administrative expenses      |       | (227,367)      | (203,639)      |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b> |       | <b>4,269</b>   | <b>17,059</b>  |

The notes on page 7 form part of these financial statements.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 30 September 2023**

|                                                       |              | <b>2023</b>    |          | <b>2022</b>    |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
|                                                       | <b>Notes</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b> |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                 |              |                |          |                |          |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |              | 237,717        |          | 238,047        |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>237,717</u> |          | <u>238,047</u> |          |
| <b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b> | <b>3</b>     | <u>(9,641)</u> |          | <u>(4,599)</u> |          |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>               |              | <u>228,076</u> |          | <u>233,448</u> |          |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>          |              | <u>228,076</u> |          | <u>233,448</u> |          |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                     |              | <u>228,076</u> |          | <u>233,448</u> |          |
| Restricted Funds                                      |              | 228,076        |          | 233,448        |          |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                                    |              | <u>228,076</u> |          | <u>233,448</u> |          |

For the year ending 30 September 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' responsibilities:**

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

On behalf of the board



**Mr Mohammed Ahad**

**Date: 27/11/2023**

The notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Notes to the Unaudited Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2023**

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**1. Accounting Policies**

**1.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

**1.2. Income**

Income represents the amount received in the form of grants and donations.

**2. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

|                           | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Office and administration | 13          | 13          |
|                           | <u>13</u>   | <u>13</u>   |

**3. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

|                              | <b>2023</b>         | <b>2022</b>         |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                              | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| Accruals and deferred income | 9,641               | 4,599               |
|                              | <u><b>9,641</b></u> | <u><b>4,599</b></u> |

**4. General Information**

Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd is a private company, limited by guarantee without share capital, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 04543565. The registered office is Stepney City Farm, Stepney Way, Stepney Green, London, E1 3DG.



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# Accounts

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***“For Tomorrows Young  
People, Today”***



# Annual Report

## 2021/22

Charity Registration: 1129378  
Company Limited By Guarantee: 04543565

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## Chairs Foreword

The past 12 months have been incredibly busy for the organisation as we grapple with many uncertainties and explore how we can adapt to a very changing environment. At the centre of these uncertainties is the cost-of-living crises, working in a borough which has the highest concentration of child poverty means that the work that OYC deliver is even more important. The past 12 months have also been used to reset ourselves, following the pandemic, and try to bring about a sense of normal and business as usual – this has evidently taken some time with a shift in culture following numerous lockdowns.

In the past 12 months we have supported young people through our various projects ranging from holiday programmes, giving them a warm and safe place to come to, including hot lunches and activities. We've delivered activities to engage young people and tackle issues such as obesity – through our football and taekwondo sessions. In addition to this we've also supported young people prepare for their GCSE exams through our Ocean Stars Study Support Programme.

We continue to deliver our various projects at a time where consistency is key but at the same time we look to innovate into areas where we can continue to engage with young people. Our priority in the coming 12 months is to explore how we can not only support young people but consider how we can take a universal approach in supporting the whole family by getting parents and carers more involved with their children's development. The Management committee are currently in the process of revising its 3-year business plan to this effect.

We have lots to celebrate this year also as we mark the 20<sup>th</sup> year since the organisation was founded. The organisation has gone from strength to strength over the past 20 years and is now a core delivery agency in the borough, delivering activities for young people and families. Over the past 20 years we have seen the organisations income increase by over 500% to a record £220,000 in 2021/22, the number of staff we have has increased by 40% and our service users by 500%. This is a testament to the hard work of all those that have been involved with the organisation since it was established.

I would like to thank the current staff members of OYC, our dedicated management committee, our funders for their support over the next 12 months. The next 12 months will undoubtedly be very exciting as we venture into new objectives and projects

Mohammed Abdul Ahad  
Chairperson

## **Board of directors 2021/22**

Chairperson: Mohammed Abdul Ahad  
Vice Chairperson: Sirajul Islam  
Secretary: Imran Khan  
Treasurer: Mohammed Adnan Miah  
Trustee: Imdadur Rahman  
Trustee: Mohamed Musa  
Trustee: Shahin Noor Ullah  
Trustee: Abdul Mu'min Yahya  
Members: Anwar Hussin  
Members: Mohammed Abdul Gofur

## **Honorary Supporters of OYC**

- Brenda Daley and Derek England - Chairperson and Secretary, Ocean Estates Tenants Leaseholders Association
- Grand Master Bae 7<sup>th</sup> Dan – Team DJB Taekwondo
- Bablu Miah – Head and Founder, Trapped In Zone One
- Junel Uddin – Vallance Community Sports Association
- Ishaque Uddin – TV and Radio Presenter
- Akik Miah – Chairperson, Stepney Foundation
- Alice Handelman-Pedroza - The Felix Project

## **Ocean Youth Connexions**

**Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

### **Staff team**

|                          |                                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Mohammed Kamal Ahmed:    | Project Coordinator                      |
| Syed Kadir Ali           | Youth Worker In-charge/Administrator     |
| Hobibur Rahman           | Youth Worker In-charge/Outreach Worker   |
| Fatima Begum             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Jamshid Alam             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Kamrul Islam             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Meryem Day               | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Mozahid Hoque            | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Nelima Khatun            | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Nicos Antonio Shuttler   | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Shah Abdul Ahad          | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Yusuf Rahman             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Zurain Hussean           | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Nazuma Bibi              | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Syeda Farjana Ali:       | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Rajmina Begum:           | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Ruma Zaman:              | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Shujahat Fiaz            | Taekwondo 5 <sup>th</sup> Dan Master     |
| Jun Jian Zheng (Stephen) | Taekwondo 4 <sup>th</sup> Dan Master     |
| Hamza Ahmed              | Taekwondo 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Hegeun Chi               | Taekwondo 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Xhesiola Frroku          | Taekwondo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Numan Ahmed              | Maths Tutor                              |
| Aneeka Davis             | Science Tutor                            |
| Mahir Shawon             | Volunteer                                |

### **Number of registered young people:**

We currently have **340** registered members as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Male: 186    Females: 154

## Programme and activities delivered during 2021/22

- Four weekly Youth Club Sessions at Ocean TLA
- One study support session at Ocean TLA
- Half term Holiday programme October, February and May
- Holiday Activity Food programme December, Easter and Summer
- Four weekly Youth Club session at Caxton Hall
- Two outreach & detached work sessions in Bow
- Summer project at Caxton Hall
- Five Taekwondo sessions: Three at Mulberry Leisure Centre and two at Tarling East Centre
- Partnership VRU project with The Rooted Forum
- Adult Ride Along With Us cycling project

## **Ocean Estates Tenants Association (OETA)**

# **Youth Club Sessions**

When we did re-open our youth club we lost our usual 14-18 year old cohort and now had to deal with a much younger age group. Our young people have been so used to lockdowns that they no longer leave their rooms and have become accustomed to playing, connecting and socialising online from the comfort of their home. However, their younger siblings have been pushed outside due to lack of home space and families putting responsibilities on the older siblings to become young carers. During the winter periods our numbers dropped dramatically and we started to facilitate a younger age group. We have now lowered our age range from 13 years to 8 years and in the holiday programmes we took it down to 5 years of age to attract a wider range of young people who normally are seen roaming the estates, parks and streets.



Jack Petchey Foundation funding allowed us to purchase a fridge, PS4 console and controllers so that we could set up two stations for playing on the consoles. We organised a few workshops on cooking and arranged a social meal with the young people.

We had on average of around 11 young people attending our youth provisions and 26 young people were registered users during this period. Our Boxercise

sessions have been very popular and our investment in boxing equipment has helped young people to be engaged in sparing, doing pad work and taking up skipping. This has also sparked a wave of young people going into sports at school and playing more football in the estate pitches. Our girls have gained a great interest in boxing and they also come and use the equipment frequently.



Through our half term projects we have seen new young people accessing our services but we still need a lot of analysis done to find out why young people are not using youth clubs to spend their social and leisure time.

## **Study Support Sessions**

### **Ocean Estates Tenants Association (OETA)**

We secured funding from Ocean Regeneration Trust which enabled us to deliver a weekly study support session. We managed to recruit 40 students to the programme throughout the year with an average attendance of 17 in both Maths and Science classes.



Majority of the young people really focused on getting the best results they could for their mocks in December and their final exams. This also meant that they excelled in their predicted grade and improved their levels.

The 2022 exam results showed that those year 11 students that attended our provisions achieved above their predicted grade and were grateful for the support we offered them.

# Half-term Holiday programmes

## October, February and May

October 2021, we relaunched our one-week half term programme after the lockdown rules were relaxed and centres began to reopen to the public. We had an average of 21 young people attending our first half term programme which was below our usual targeted number. We remember measuring staff and young people's temperature upon entering our centres, sanitising hands, offering masks, putting in social distance measures, locating different activities in different parts of the room and making sure that we cleaned the centre before the start of the session and after we finished our sessions.



During February 2022 our attendance levels started to pick up slightly and we had an average of 24 young people attending our sessions every day. We still took temperatures of everyone attending and people were still hesitant to send their children to the half term programme as a result of COVID-19 spikes.



In May half term we celebrated the Queens Jubilee and held more outdoor and indoor competitions as numbers picked up and we were now hitting an average of 32 young children attending regularly and receiving a hot meal.

# **December, Easter & Summer Holiday Activity Food Programme**

With funding received from LBTH Holiday Activity Food programme we managed to deliver three half term activity programmes for young people and lowered our age intake to 5year olds, a first in the organisations history. We started providing children with a hot meals and organised activities, trips and adventure in the various parks and attractions Tower Hamlets had to offer.



We received weekly food bags from the Felix food bank project to give out to all families regardless of them struggling as part of the cost-of-living crisis. This year we have seen food prices rise to unprecedented levels raising our delivery costs.



Our activities included day trips and outings to local parks within the borough and to places of interests. We used the estate play areas as well as Shandy Park for football training session. We started with an intake of 35 children and slowly increased it to 45 young people due to the growing demand of younger children wanting to engage in holiday schemes. We managed to enrol 104 young people to our half term schemes.

During the winter periods movies and arts and crafts were very popular, Easter we visited local farms, local parks and even ventured out to Victoria Park following the canal path. During the summer we organised more local trips, a seaside trip for families and their children hoping to make this a regular annual voyage in the holiday. On the last day we concluded the summer programme with an end of summer splash funday, a BBQ and Bouncy castle.

# Bow East Project (Caxton Hall)

Action For Bow, Tower Hamlets Homes and the National Lottery Funded the Caxton Hall youth centre which helped keep the centre open for four days a week.



We lost our usual 16–18-year-old cohort and our teens are no longer attending the sessions as a result we decided to lower the age limit to 8 years old and this saw a new rise in younger kids attending the youth centre. We have seen many young people as a result of the cost-of-living crisis turn to petty crimes, bike and mobile theft, being part of organised crimes and falling into the criminal justice system. We have witnessed many young people going into the pupil referral units and having social workers attached to them.

In order to attract young people to our provisions, we started a service to help tackle the cost-of-living crisis where we offered soft beverages such as hot chocolate, tea and biscuits with toast a variety of spreads for their choosing.

We noticed many young people started to come to the club as a result of starting this food initiative and discovered that they were really hungry. They were skipping meals, having double lunches during school days and some were saying that the evening meal being prepared at home lacks options and they have no choice. This has been a very popular service and we hope to continue this service.

During the winter periods our numbers fluctuated some weeks we have good numbers or some weeks we had hardly with any young people attending. We have two days designated for detached and outreach work to attract young people to our activities and even then young people were not to be seen hanging around the estates in stairwells or MUGA pitches.

# **Outreach and Detached in the Bow area**

We were commissioned to deliver outreach work in the Bow Tower Hamlets Homes Estate areas. We worked closely with the Tower Hamlets Park Guards and the Tower Hamlets Homes ASB Team to respond to young people hanging out in stairwells on the top floors of blocks and making noise, smoking drugs and causing inconvenience to residents in the blocks.

We found working in the Bromley-By-Bow area difficult as all the boys of our target age groups were indoors on their consoles or on their phones or hogging the tablet from their younger siblings. As a result, we saw so many under 11's out on the streets, playing football, talking to each other and engaging with us.

We managed to make contact with 46 young people, made 31 referrals to access support services and youth provisions and 44 outcomes achieved in certificates, training, online courses and awareness workshops on knife crimes.

## **Summer @ Caxton**

We delivered a five-week intensive summer programme attracting over 74 young people who benefitted and engaged themselves in our activities, trips and outdoor adventure. At the end of the summer programme, a community fun day was organised to provide a wonderful experience in order to promote our organisational activities.

At the annual event we attracted around 300 people throughout the day, offering cost of living food priced, burgers, slush, candy floss, mojitos, horse and cart rides, bouncy castles, face painting, mendhi art and stalls selling perfume, savoury snacks and cultural food products.



This community fun day was one of the biggest that was attended by the community and the weather helped out a lot by being mild, sunny and comfortable.

We want to continue to deliver our annual event as part of Caxton and TLA staff coming together and supporting the delivery of a fun filled, action packed activity day, for everyone.

## Jack Petchey

We are still on the Bronze Scheme and we used the funding to purchase a loud Bluetooth speaker, trampoline to get young people exercising in the club, a fridge freezer to store food, a new PS4 console, controller and a social gathering. We used the funds to upgrade our equipment and play facilities allowing more young people to attend our sessions and engage in discussions, participate in food activities, debate and organised trips.



We spent the Leaders Award Grant funding on providing Taekwondo classes for our young people and they enjoyed it very much they learnt so much that they joined our main Taekwondo classes. We will continue to apply for the grant to enable small projects and activities to be boosted by increased participation.



# Taekwondo

This is our fifth year in delivering our venture in Taekwondo classes and this year after the lockdown and the reopening of leisure centres, we have been fortunate in securing funding from London Mayor VRU, Tesco and London Youth.

In total for 2021/22 we registered 147 participants of which 73 were male and 72 female which shocked us to see almost an equal 50/50 split. We had 28 young people registered for the teen sessions with an average of 18 young people attending regularly. Our senior sessions had 14 registered young people and an average of 10 attending regularly.



We took the risk in re-opening the self-sustaining Junior and Little Dragon Taekwondo session for 5-10 year olds on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This was done due to parental demand and it worked out well. Our Saturday class grew to opening another separate class with 68 young people registered and on average 55 young people attending both the sessions. The Wednesday Little Dragon session started in January 2022 and now we have 10 young people regularly committed to the sessions.



We restarted the Female only Taekwondo session and saw the growth of this class from 2 girls attending the first few classes to reaching 25 at the end of the year.

The Taekwondo sessions is having a great impact on those that attend, and you can see it in their behaviour and their attitude, they display their humility and courtesy to their teachers and towards each other during the session. We have seen good team work and support for each other and the willingness to learn and advance in the sport. Many have learnt some basic South Korean terminology of the art and we hope that we can support this development.

Our annual stats for 2021/22 on those achieving various taekwondo belts:

Yellow tag 12

**Yellow 19**

Green Tag 3

**Green 8**

Blue Tag 2

**Blue 1**

**Red 1**



**Total belts issued 46**

Taekwondo has helped these young people to work together as a team, improve their communication skills and significantly built their confidence levels. Young people are becoming more creative, active and learning fast the different patterns and styles being taught. The sessions have improved young people's ability to solve problems, improve their resilience, they are able to deal with conflicts and difficult situations and we have seen a vast improvement in their self motivation and an increase in the levels of self esteem they display.



# Stronger Futures Programme VRU & The Rooted Forum

Our partnership work led to delivering 3 Taekwondo sessions, two youth club sessions at OYC and 1 boys club, 1 girls club and 1 MMA club based at The Rooted Forum. As a result of this project, we managed to attract 205 young people to the project of which 91 were female and 114 were males.



This was an exciting project and the first official partnership project delivery in OYC's history. It was a tough at start with the project as young people were getting back to some sort of normality after the pandemic, when halls and leisure centres reopened their doors to the public.

From this project our organisation was allowed to restart its delivery programme in reaching those hard-to-reach young people, those who stopped using the youth centres, started hanging about on the street, stairwells and getting up to negative and risky behaviour.



This project was a success in securing a second year funding round as a result of working hard with those at risk in carrying knives, using knives, being in gangs, being groomed into gangs, holding illegal money, drugs, etc. With this project we managed to get young people to do courses to aid their employment opportunities, took 6 zombie knives off the street and help young people secure part time jobs and we hope to secure future contracts with the VRU.



We are still delivering Dr Bike Sessions within our own Youth Centres on the Ocean Estates and Caxton Hall teaching young people how to repair bikes and making them roadworthy. We are thankful for Zero Emission Network in providing us free bike maintenance workshops with an experience bike mechanic to teach our young people how to remedy minor and major faults. Since the pandemic there was a demand for cycling especially from Bangladeshi men. We received funding from the mayors loneliness funds and London City Airport to set up a pool of bikes for people to cycle on these rides

We have continued to deliver free bike maintenance sessions as part of our commitment to get as many people cycling as possible especially during the summer period. We have been exploring cycling routes in and around Tower Hamlets especially the Island route that goes all around Island with an option to go Greenwich via the foot tunnel.



# **WHEEL POWERING**

**“Youths & adults”**

## Financial Information 2021 – 2022

### Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd Company limited by guarantee Detailed trading profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2022

|                                              | 2022              | 2021              |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                              | £                 | £                 |
| <b>Income</b>                                |                   |                   |
| Awards For All -AFA                          | 10,000            | 10,000            |
| Young Londoners Award – YLA                  | -                 | 40,000            |
| Tower Hill Trust – THT                       | -                 | 4,770             |
| Julian & Hans Rausing – J&HR                 | -                 | 12,660            |
| Jack Petchey                                 | 900               | 2,000             |
| Vallance Community Sports Association - VCSA | 80                | -                 |
| LBTH - HAF                                   | 34,660            | -                 |
| BBC Children in Need - BBC                   | 250               | 5,000             |
| Tower Hamlets Homes -THH                     | 5,149             | -                 |
| Leathersellers Company – LS                  | -                 | 1,000             |
| East London Community Foundation – MJF       | 500               | -                 |
| East London Community Foundation – MLF       | 6,000             | -                 |
| Ocean TLA – OTLA                             | 1,610             | -                 |
| Ford Britain Trust – FBT                     | 2,800             | -                 |
| Tesco Groundwork – TG                        | 1,000             | -                 |
| TKD Contributions                            | 5,550             | -                 |
| Ocean Regeneration Trust                     | 10,000            | 10,000            |
| Violence Reduction Unit - VRU                | 64,570            | 21,130            |
| Action For Bow                               | 35,988            | 9,166             |
| Garfield Weston Foundation – GW              | 20,000            | -                 |
| LB Tower Hamlets – Summer                    | -                 | 5,190             |
| Malmesbury Residents Association - MRA       | -                 | 1,200             |
| Street Games - SG                            | 315               | 1,260             |
| Community Action Foundation – CAF            | -                 | 150               |
| LBTH Discretionary Grant                     | -                 | 5,000             |
| London Youth - LY                            | 9,600             | 8,000             |
| London City Airport - LCY                    | -                 | 3,000             |
| Arnold Clark Community Fund - ACCF           | -                 | 1,000             |
| East London Business Alliance - ELBA         | 11,267            | 1,011             |
| Government Furlough Scheme                   | 459               | 22,287            |
|                                              | 220,698           | 163,824           |
| <br><b>Administrative expenses</b>           | <br>(203,639)     | <br>(121,737)     |
| <br><b>Operating surplus/(loss)</b>          | <br><u>17,059</u> | <br><u>42,087</u> |

## Acknowledgments

- Awards For All for providing funding for funding two youth club sessions
- Jack Petchey Foundation for funding trips, equipment and social events and supporting young people's taekwondo project
- Young Londoners Activity for funding two youth club sessions at both our centres, the taekwondo sessions and the study support sessions.
- LBTH Holiday Food activity programme enabling us to provide hot meals during the half term of December 21, Easter 22 and Summer 22
- Tower Hamlets Homes for funding the Bow outreach work
- East End Community foundation for funding the Adult BAME cycling project
- Ford Britain trust for funding equipment for the Youth Club
- Tesco for supporting our female dragons Taekwondo Project
- Ocean regeneration Trust for funding the Study Support sessions and the three one-week half term activity programme in October 21, February 22 and May 22
- Stronger Futures Project, (VRU) for funding the teens, senior and girls' taekwondo project, youth club and supporting a Shadwell Trust a partner organisation to deliver two youth clubs and a martial arts club
- Action for Bow for funding two youth club provisions, a summer programme and a community event at Caxton Hall
- Garfield Weston Foundation for funding two youth club sessions at Ocean TLA
- London Youth for funding the girls work and part funding the girl's taekwondo project
- Most importantly we would like to thank the residents, parents and young people of the Ocean Estates and Malmesbury Estate Community who have supported us to ensure we deliver positive activities and have made the project a success coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Ocean Tenant Leaseholders Association and Malmesbury Community Projects for allowing us to use their venue to deliver all of our activities
- We thank all the Taekwondo students who have made the project grow from delivering two sessions a week to now five sessions and the parents that have support their children to learn and grow

# Sponsors and Supporters



## MAYOR OF LONDON



REGISTERED NUMBER: 04543565  
CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1129378

OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Stuart Maurice Partnership

Radiant House  
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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Company Information**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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**Directors**

Mr Mohammed Ahad  
Mr Imdadur Rahman  
Mr Shahin Ullah  
Mr Imran Khan  
Mr Abdul Munim Yahya  
Mr Mohamed Musa

**Charity Registration Number**

1129378

**Company Number**

04543565

**Registered Office**

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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Company No. 04543565**  
**Trustees/Directors' Report For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022.

**Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Principal Activity**

The company is a voluntary charitable organisation, providing detached work service for young people living on the Ocean Estate. The Memorandum & Articles of Association were amended by special resolution on 24th March 2009. The company was then registered as a charity.

**Trustees/Directors**

The trustees/directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mr Mohammed Ahad  
Mr Imdadur Rahman  
Mr Shahin Ullah  
Mr Imran Khan  
Mr Abdul Munim Yahya  
Mr Mohamed Musa

**Small Company Rules**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the board

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**Mr Mohammed Ahad**

**Date.....20/05/2023.....**

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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**Report of the Accountant to the directors of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with our terms of engagement and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Acts that relate to preparing the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2022.

We have prepared these financial statements based on the accounting records, information and explanations provided by you. We do not express any opinion on the financial statements.

On the Balance Sheet you have acknowledged your duties under the prevailing Companies Acts to ensure that the company keeps adequate accounting records and prepares financial statements that give "a true and fair view".

You have determined that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for this accounting year. Therefore, the financial statements are unaudited.

The financial statements are provided exclusively to the director for the limited purpose mentioned above and may not be used or relied upon for any other purpose or by any other person, and we shall not be liable for any other usage or reliance.

**The Stuart Maurice Partnership**

**20/05/2023**

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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022 which are set out in this report.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

S. Nyman F.M.A.A.T.

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Date: 20/05/2023

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

|                              | Notes | 2022<br>£      | 2021<br>£      |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                |       | <b>220,698</b> | <b>163,824</b> |
|                              |       | <b>220,698</b> | <b>163,824</b> |
| Administrative expenses      |       | (203,639)      | (121,737)      |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b> |       | <b>17,059</b>  | <b>42,087</b>  |

The notes on page 7 form part of these financial statements.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 30 September 2022**

|                                                       |              | <b>2022</b>    |          | <b>2021</b>    |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
|                                                       | <b>Notes</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b> |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                 |              |                |          |                |          |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |              | 238,047        |          | 225,652        |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>238,047</u> |          | <u>225,652</u> |          |
| <b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b> | <b>3</b>     | <b>(4,599)</b> |          | <b>(4,664)</b> |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>(4,599)</u> |          | <u>(4,664)</u> |          |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>               |              | <b>233,448</b> |          | <b>220,988</b> |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>233,448</u> |          | <u>220,988</u> |          |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>          |              | <b>233,448</b> |          | <b>220,988</b> |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>233,448</u> |          | <u>220,988</u> |          |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                     |              | <b>233,448</b> |          | <b>220,988</b> |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>233,448</u> |          | <u>220,988</u> |          |
| Restricted Funds                                      |              | 233,448        |          | 220,988        |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>233,448</u> |          | <u>220,988</u> |          |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                                    |              | <b>233,448</b> |          | <b>220,988</b> |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>233,448</u> |          | <u>220,988</u> |          |

For the year ending 30 September 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' responsibilities:**

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

On behalf of the board

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**Mr Mohammed Ahad**

**Date.....20/05/2023.....**

The notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Notes to the Unaudited Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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**1. Accounting Policies**

**1.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

**1.2. Income**

Income represents the amount received in the form of grants and donations.

**2. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

|                           | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Office and administration | 13          | 13          |
|                           | <u>13</u>   | <u>13</u>   |

**3. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

|                              | <b>2022</b>         | <b>2021</b>         |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                              | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| Accruals and deferred income | 4,599               | 4,664               |
|                              | <u><b>4,599</b></u> | <u><b>4,644</b></u> |

**4. General Information**

Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd is a private company, limited by guarantee without share capital, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 04543565. The registered office is Stepney City Farm, Stepney Way, Stepney Green, London, E1 3DG.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Detailed Income & Expenditure Report**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

|                                                 | <b>2022</b> |                  | <b>2021</b> |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
|                                                 | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>         |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                   |             |                  |             |                  |
| Awards for All - AFA                            |             | 10,000           |             | 10,000           |
| Young Londoners Award - YLA                     |             | -                |             | 40,000           |
| Tower Hill Trust                                |             | -                |             | 4,770            |
| Julia & Hans Rausing - J&HR                     |             | -                |             | 12,660           |
| Jack Petchey                                    |             | 900              |             | 2,000            |
| Vallance Community Sports Assoc. - VCSA         |             | 80               |             |                  |
| LBTH - HAF                                      |             | 34,660           |             | -                |
| BBC Children in Need                            |             | 250              |             | 5,000            |
| Tower Hamlets Homes - THH                       |             | 5,149            |             | -                |
| Leathersellers Company -LS                      |             | -                |             | 1,000            |
| East London Community Foundation - MJF          |             | 500              |             |                  |
| East London Community Foundation - MLF          |             | 6,000            |             |                  |
| Ocean TLA - OTLA                                |             | 1,610            |             |                  |
| Ford Britain Trust - FBT                        |             | 2,800            |             |                  |
| Tesco Groundwork - TG                           |             | 1,000            |             |                  |
| TKD Contributions                               |             | 5,550            |             |                  |
| Ocean Regeneration Trust - ORT                  |             | 10,000           |             | 10,000           |
| Violence Reduction Unit - VRU                   |             | 64,570           |             | 21,130           |
| Charles S French                                |             | -                |             | -                |
| Action for Bow - AFB                            |             | 35,988           |             | 9,166            |
| Garfield Weston Foundation - GW                 |             | 20,000           |             | -                |
| LB Tower Hamlets - Summer                       |             | -                |             | 5,190            |
| Malmesbury Community Association - MRA          |             | -                |             | 1,200            |
| Street Games - SG                               |             | 315              |             | 1,260            |
| Community Action Foundation - CAF               |             | -                |             | 150              |
| LBTH Discretionary Grant                        |             | -                |             | 5,000            |
| London Youth - LY                               |             | 9,600            |             | 8,000            |
| London City Airport Fund - LCY                  |             | -                |             | 3,000            |
| Arnold Clark Community Fund - ACCF              |             | -                |             | 1,000            |
| East London Business Alliance - ELBA            |             | 11,267           |             | 1,011            |
| Government Furlough Scheme                      |             | 459              |             | 22,287           |
|                                                 |             | <b>220,698</b>   |             | <b>163,824</b>   |
| <b>Administrative Expenses</b>                  |             |                  |             |                  |
| Wages and salaries                              | 154,848     |                  | 99,433      |                  |
| Travel expenses                                 | 5,010       |                  | 177         |                  |
| Rent                                            | 18,414      |                  | 9,355       |                  |
| Training costs                                  | 1,335       |                  | 1,273       |                  |
| Holiday Activities                              | 20,099      |                  | 7,676       |                  |
| Accountancy fees                                | 850         |                  | 850         |                  |
| Sundry expenses                                 | 3,083       |                  | 2,973       |                  |
|                                                 |             | <b>(203,639)</b> |             | <b>(121,737)</b> |
| <b>OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b> |             | <b>17,059</b>    |             | <b>42,087</b>    |

REGISTERED NUMBER: 04543565  
CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1129378

OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Stuart Maurice Partnership

Radiant House  
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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Company Information**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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**Directors**

Mr Mohammed Ahad  
Mr Imdadur Rahman  
Mr Shahin Ullah  
Mr Imran Khan  
Mr Abdul Munim Yahya  
Mr Mohamed Musa

**Charity Registration Number**

1129378

**Company Number**

04543565

**Registered Office**

Stepney City Farm  
Stepney Way  
Stepney Green  
London  
E1 3DG

**Accountants**

The Stuart Maurice Partnership  
Radiant House  
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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Company No. 04543565**  
**Trustees/Directors' Report For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022.

**Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Principal Activity**

The company is a voluntary charitable organisation, providing detached work service for young people living on the Ocean Estate. The Memorandum & Articles of Association were amended by special resolution on 24th March 2009. The company was then registered as a charity.

**Trustees/Directors**

The trustees/directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mr Mohammed Ahad  
Mr Imdadur Rahman  
Mr Shahin Ullah  
Mr Imran Khan  
Mr Abdul Munim Yahya  
Mr Mohamed Musa

**Small Company Rules**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the board

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**Mr Mohammed Ahad**

**Date.....20/05/2023.....**

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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**Report of the Accountant to the directors of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with our terms of engagement and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Acts that relate to preparing the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2022.

We have prepared these financial statements based on the accounting records, information and explanations provided by you. We do not express any opinion on the financial statements.

On the Balance Sheet you have acknowledged your duties under the prevailing Companies Acts to ensure that the company keeps adequate accounting records and prepares financial statements that give "a true and fair view".

You have determined that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for this accounting year. Therefore, the financial statements are unaudited.

The financial statements are provided exclusively to the director for the limited purpose mentioned above and may not be used or relied upon for any other purpose or by any other person, and we shall not be liable for any other usage or reliance.

**The Stuart Maurice Partnership**

**20/05/2023**

The Stuart Maurice Partnership  
Radiant House  
28-30 Fowler Road  
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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022 which are set out in this report.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

S. Nyman F.M.A.A.T.

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Date: 20/05/2023

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

|                              | Notes | 2022<br>£      | 2021<br>£      |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                |       | <b>220,698</b> | <b>163,824</b> |
|                              |       | <b>220,698</b> | <b>163,824</b> |
| Administrative expenses      |       | (203,639)      | (121,737)      |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b> |       | <b>17,059</b>  | <b>42,087</b>  |

The notes on page 7 form part of these financial statements.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 30 September 2022**

|                                                       |              | <b>2022</b>    |          | <b>2021</b>    |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
|                                                       | <b>Notes</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b> |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                 |              |                |          |                |          |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |              | 238,047        |          | 225,652        |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>238,047</u> |          | <u>225,652</u> |          |
| <b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b> | <b>3</b>     | <b>(4,599)</b> |          | <b>(4,664)</b> |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>(4,599)</u> |          | <u>(4,664)</u> |          |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>               |              | <b>233,448</b> |          | <b>220,988</b> |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>233,448</u> |          | <u>220,988</u> |          |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>          |              | <b>233,448</b> |          | <b>220,988</b> |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>233,448</u> |          | <u>220,988</u> |          |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                     |              | <b>233,448</b> |          | <b>220,988</b> |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>233,448</u> |          | <u>220,988</u> |          |
| Restricted Funds                                      |              | 233,448        |          | 220,988        |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>233,448</u> |          | <u>220,988</u> |          |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                                    |              | <b>233,448</b> |          | <b>220,988</b> |          |
|                                                       |              | <u>233,448</u> |          | <u>220,988</u> |          |

For the year ending 30 September 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' responsibilities:**

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

On behalf of the board

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**Mr Mohammed Ahad**

**Date.....20/05/2023.....**

The notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Notes to the Unaudited Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

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**1. Accounting Policies**

**1.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

**1.2. Income**

Income represents the amount received in the form of grants and donations.

**2. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

|                           | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Office and administration | 13          | 13          |
|                           | <u>13</u>   | <u>13</u>   |

**3. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

|                              | <b>2022</b>         | <b>2021</b>         |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                              | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| Accruals and deferred income | 4,599               | 4,664               |
|                              | <u><b>4,599</b></u> | <u><b>4,644</b></u> |

**4. General Information**

Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd is a private company, limited by guarantee without share capital, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 04543565. The registered office is Stepney City Farm, Stepney Way, Stepney Green, London, E1 3DG.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Detailed Income & Expenditure Report**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2022**

|                                                 | <b>2022</b> |                  | <b>2021</b> |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
|                                                 | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>         |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                   |             |                  |             |                  |
| Awards for All - AFA                            |             | 10,000           |             | 10,000           |
| Young Londoners Award - YLA                     |             | -                |             | 40,000           |
| Tower Hill Trust                                |             | -                |             | 4,770            |
| Julia & Hans Rausing - J&HR                     |             | -                |             | 12,660           |
| Jack Petchey                                    |             | 900              |             | 2,000            |
| Vallance Community Sports Assoc. - VCSA         |             | 80               |             |                  |
| LBTH - HAF                                      |             | 34,660           |             | -                |
| BBC Children in Need                            |             | 250              |             | 5,000            |
| Tower Hamlets Homes - THH                       |             | 5,149            |             | -                |
| Leathersellers Company -LS                      |             | -                |             | 1,000            |
| East London Community Foundation - MJF          |             | 500              |             |                  |
| East London Community Foundation - MLF          |             | 6,000            |             |                  |
| Ocean TLA - OTLA                                |             | 1,610            |             |                  |
| Ford Britain Trust - FBT                        |             | 2,800            |             |                  |
| Tesco Groundwork - TG                           |             | 1,000            |             |                  |
| TKD Contributions                               |             | 5,550            |             |                  |
| Ocean Regeneration Trust - ORT                  |             | 10,000           |             | 10,000           |
| Violence Reduction Unit - VRU                   |             | 64,570           |             | 21,130           |
| Charles S French                                |             | -                |             | -                |
| Action for Bow - AFB                            |             | 35,988           |             | 9,166            |
| Garfield Weston Foundation - GW                 |             | 20,000           |             | -                |
| LB Tower Hamlets - Summer                       |             | -                |             | 5,190            |
| Malmesbury Community Association - MRA          |             | -                |             | 1,200            |
| Street Games - SG                               |             | 315              |             | 1,260            |
| Community Action Foundation - CAF               |             | -                |             | 150              |
| LBTH Discretionary Grant                        |             | -                |             | 5,000            |
| London Youth - LY                               |             | 9,600            |             | 8,000            |
| London City Airport Fund - LCY                  |             | -                |             | 3,000            |
| Arnold Clark Community Fund - ACCF              |             | -                |             | 1,000            |
| East London Business Alliance - ELBA            |             | 11,267           |             | 1,011            |
| Government Furlough Scheme                      |             | 459              |             | 22,287           |
|                                                 |             | <b>220,698</b>   |             | <b>163,824</b>   |
| <b>Administrative Expenses</b>                  |             |                  |             |                  |
| Wages and salaries                              | 154,848     |                  | 99,433      |                  |
| Travel expenses                                 | 5,010       |                  | 177         |                  |
| Rent                                            | 18,414      |                  | 9,355       |                  |
| Training costs                                  | 1,335       |                  | 1,273       |                  |
| Holiday Activities                              | 20,099      |                  | 7,676       |                  |
| Accountancy fees                                | 850         |                  | 850         |                  |
| Sundry expenses                                 | 3,083       |                  | 2,973       |                  |
|                                                 |             | <b>(203,639)</b> |             | <b>(121,737)</b> |
| <b>OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b> |             | <b>17,059</b>    |             | <b>42,087</b>    |

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# Accounts

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***“For Tomorrows Young  
People, Today”***

# Annual Report

## 2020/21



Charity Registration: 1129378  
Company Limited By Guarantee: 04543565

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## Chairs Foreword

We have witnessed a worldwide pandemic that has shaken the foundations of the world, impacting the world economy, visiting close ones, vacations people's daily routine. The world around us has changed and many youth provisions and youth services within the borough continue to remain closed since the first lockdown. However, we have tried our best to stay open after the various lockdowns and restrictions and have continued to deliver through new ways of youth work for the first time in our history, including going online.

We have witnessed young people entering our centres and provisions with masks, being told to sanitise and having their temperature checked before entry and staff running drills on the NHS track and trace in the event of an infection. We still await to see the affect this pandemic will have on the private and the voluntary sector with many small third sector organisations ending their operations after an era of delivery, the question remains as to who will be pick up the pieces.

OYC has become a part of young people's lives on the Ocean Estate and the Bow West area. This has only been possible through our dedicated and committed youth workers who to continue to work in those areas developing new and innovative project ideas to engage young people positively in the process. We have had four more additions to the team. One of our staff members has been greatly impacted by the COIVID-19 virus and we don't know yet when they will likely return to the team. We wish them a speedy recovery.

The two long lockdowns did not impact our finances rather we have moved back to our previous operating figures of 2018 and 2019 having been successful in many small and medium sized grants that supported our core activities. We are extremely grateful for all the funding, grants and donations we have received throughout the 2020/21 period which has allowed us to run four youth club sessions in two youth clubs, two major summer projects, one half term activity, three taekwondo clubs and a tuition class.

The organisation will revisit its long-term strategy, update its vision and Business Plan as a result of the new ways of working. I am thankful to the staff who worked during the pandemic and what it has achieved during a difficult time and look forward to a better, brighter and more prospective year.

OYC's financial situation is stable and we are in a good healthy position, the Project Coordinator with its two new kickstart recruits have actively been sourcing and securing funding to provide activities for young people and I personally thank them for the effort made.

I would like to thank all the board members for their help and support throughout this difficult year in attending online meetings and ensuring we stay active and making sure staff deliver the organisational aims and objectives to the community.

**Mohammed Abdul Ahad**  
**Chairperson, Ocean Youth Connexions**

## **Board of Directors 2020/21**

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Chairperson: | Mohammed Abdul Ahad  |
| Secretary:   | Imran Khan           |
| Treasurer:   | Abdul Mu'min Yahya   |
| Trustee:     | Imdadur Rahman       |
| Trustee:     | Mohamed Musa         |
| Trustee:     | Shahin Ullah         |
| Trustee:     | Imran Khan           |
| Members:     | Anwar Hussin         |
| Members:     | Mohammed Abdul Gofur |
| Members:     | Mohammed Adnan Miah  |

## **Honorary Supporters of OYC**

- Brenda Daley and Derek England - Chairperson and Secretary, Ocean Estates Tenants Leaseholders Association
- Aminul Hoque –Tower Hamlets WorkPath
- Master Shujahat Fiaz and Instructor Junjian Zheng – Team DJB Taekwondo
- Bablu Miah – Head and Founder, Trapped In Zone One
- Junel Uddin – Vallance Community Sports Association
- Dr Elizabeth Venables – Trustee, Stepney City Farm
- Ishaque Uddin – TV and Radio Presenter
- Akik Miah – Secretary, Stepney Foundation

# **Ocean Youth Connexions**

## **Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### **Staff team**

|                          |                                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Mohammed Kamal Ahmed:    | Project Coordinator                      |
| Rajmina Begum:           | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Ruma Zaman:              | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Syeda Farjana Ali:       | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
| Mehmet Hasan             | Youth Worker In-charge                   |
| Kadir Ali                | Youth Support Worker/Outreach Worker     |
| Yusuf Rahman             | Youth Support Worker/Outreach Worker     |
| Mozahid Hoque            | Youth Support Worker/Outreach Worker     |
| Hobibur Rahman           | Youth Support Worker/Outreach Worker     |
| Nicos Antonio Shuttler   | Youth Support Worker/Outreach Worker     |
| Zurain Hussein           | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Kamrul Islam             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Meryem Day               | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Fatima Begum             | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Nelima Khatun            | Youth Support Worker                     |
| Shujahat Fiaz            | Taekwondo 5 <sup>th</sup> Dan Master     |
| Jun Jian Zheng (Stephen) | Taekwondo 4 <sup>th</sup> Dan Master     |
| Hamza Ahmed              | Taekwondo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Hegeun Chi               | Taekwondo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Xhesiola Frroku          | Taekwondo 1 <sup>st</sup> Dan Instructor |
| Numan Ahmed              | Maths Tutor                              |
| Shabbir Kamali           | Science Tutor                            |
| Zubair Ahmed             | Volunteer                                |

### **Number of registered young people:**

We currently have **269** registered members as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### **Programme and activities for 2020/21**

- Four weekly Youth Club Sessions at Ocean TLA
- Four weekly Youth Club session at Caxton Hall
- One study support sessions at Ocean TLA
- One Summer Holiday Activity Food programme at Ocean TLA
- One summer project at Caxton Hall
- Four Taekwondo sessions: Two at Mulberry, two at Tarling East Centre
- Two outreach & detached work sessions in Bow and Globe Town
- Ride along cycling project
- Two community fun days at both community centres
- Partnership youth project with The Rooted Forum

# **Ocean Estates Tenants Association (OETA)**

## **Youth Club Sessions**

After one month of delivery in October 2020 we went straight into two lockdowns and did not reopen until May 2021. When we did open we lost our usual 15-18 year old group and now had to deal with a much younger age group. Our young people have been so used to lockdowns that they no longer leave their rooms and have become accustomed to playing, connecting and socialising online from the comfort of their home. However, their younger siblings have been pushed outside and now they are the next generation of young people we will be working with. We had to lower our age range from 13 years to 10 years and then again in summer we took it down to 8 to attract a wider range of young people who normally are seen roaming the estates, parks and streets.



Jack Petchy Foundation funding allowed us to purchase a PS4 so that we could set up two stations for playing on the consoles. We organised a few workshops around health and nutrition, on child sexual exploitation as well as knife crime. We provided arts and craft classes, boxercise classes and football training activities.



We had on average of around 18-20 young people attending our youth provisions and 67 people were registered users during this period. Our Boxercise sessions have been very popular and our investment in boxing equipment has helped young people to be engaged in sparring, doing pad work and taking up skipping. This has also sparked a wave of young people going into sports at school and playing more football in the estate pitches. Our girls have gained a great interest in boxing and they also come and use the equipment frequently.

Through our outreach and detached work we got to see new young people that have recently moved into the area during the pandemic and they are now accessing our facilities and utilising our resources.

# October Half term and Summer project delivery

With funding from the BBC children in Need we organised a one-week October half term programme for 8–19-year-olds. The week consisted of exciting activities from arts and crafts, yoga, make up tutorials, mendhi art, clay modelling, to making friendship bracelets, doing hama bead designs and engaging in baking activities.



Unfortunately, due to the pandemic lockdowns we were not able to offer a February, Easter or a May half term programme like we have been doing in previous years.





With funding from LBTH Holiday Activity Food programme, Tower Hill Trust Stronger Futures (VRU) and the Julia Hans and Rausing Trust We delivered an exciting and fun filled summer programme for young people. During the holidays we offered hot lunches during the day for everyone that attended, held a weekly fruit and veg food bank at our centre and ensured that there was enough food for the evening session. We noticed that some young people were not getting fed well at home and that some were in receipt of food parcels and this raised concerns with staff. Parents were stating job losses, a reduction in the furlough to pay high rents and not having certainty of getting their jobs back, COID-19 infections and loss of family members has put a toll on the household. We held a community fun day with bouncy castles, BBQ food and a Splash event to conclude the programme.

We had seven members of staff that were working on the project in two parts, four in the morning from 11am-3pm and three in the afternoon session from 4pm to 8pm. The staff delivered a varied programme consisting of Arts and Crafts, indoor social games, competitions, cooking sessions, knitting and textile, outdoor games and trips. Both the projects attracted 67 young people to the project and it was a very successful delivery programme. On average we had around 35 young people attending each of our sessions especially with a high volume of younger girls that do not attend normal club sessions. This year the summer programme was needed especially after a four-month lockdown

# **Study Support Sessions**

## **Ocean Estates Tenants Association (OETA)**

We secured funding from the Young Londoners Award fund which enabled us to deliver a study support session. Within a month of attracting 22 students we went into the November lockdown, we did not take the opportunity to deliver online but we resumed in December until we went back into our third lockdown and in the New Year, 2021 we decided to deliver online classes.



Most of our young people had been really focused on the best results for their tests and mock exam results their attendance was regular on our study support sessions. This also meant that they excelled in their predicted grade and improved their levels. The 2021 exam results saw that many achieved their predicted grade and were so happy for the support we gave them.



This year there was no saga in the exam results, but now students do not get a grade but rather a grade number, something the labour industry will need to get used to when employing this new batch of students in the near future.

# Bow East Project (Caxton Hall)

Caxton Hall youth centre was funded by Action for Bow and the Young Londoners Award which helped keep the centre open after a three year delivery contract was cancelled at the start of the pandemic.

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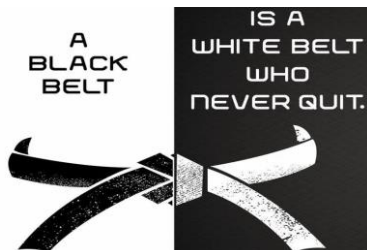
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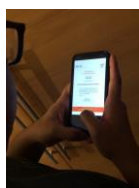
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## Financial Information 2020 – 2021

### Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd Company limited by guarantee Detailed trading profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2021

|                                        | 2021                    | 2020                   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                                        | £                       | £                      |
| <b>Income</b>                          |                         |                        |
| Awards For All                         | 10,000                  | 10,000                 |
| Young Londoners Award – YLA            | 40,000                  | -                      |
| Tower Hill Trust – THT                 | 4,770                   | -                      |
| Julian & Hans Rausing – J&HR           | 12,660                  | -                      |
| Jack Petchey                           | 2,000                   | 750                    |
| MOPAC                                  | -                       | 50,000                 |
| BBC Children in Need - BBC             | 5,000                   | 10,000                 |
| Societylinks                           | -                       | 1,845                  |
| Tower Hamlets Homes -THH               | -                       | 3,000                  |
| Ocean Regeneration Trust               | 10,000                  | -                      |
| Violence Reduction Unit - VRU          | 21,130                  | -                      |
| Charles S French                       | -                       | 2,000                  |
| Action For Bow                         | 9,166                   | 5,310                  |
| Mark Mason benevolent Fund             | -                       | 3,680                  |
| LB Tower Hamlets – Summer              | 5,190                   | -                      |
| Malmesbury Residents Association - MRA | 1,200                   | -                      |
| Street Games                           | 1,260                   | -                      |
| Community Action Foundation – CAF      | 150                     | -                      |
| LB Tower Hamlets – Discretionary Grant | 5,000                   | -                      |
| London Youth - LY                      | 8,000                   | -                      |
| London City Airport                    | 3,000                   | -                      |
| Arnold Clark Community Fund            | 1,000                   | -                      |
| East London Business Alliance - ELBA   | 1,011                   | -                      |
| Government Furlough Scheme             | <u>22,287</u>           | <u>18,899</u>          |
|                                        | <b>163,824</b>          | <b>110,983</b>         |
| <b>Administrative expenses</b>         | <b><u>(121,737)</u></b> | <b><u>(91,289)</u></b> |
| <b>Operating surplus/(loss)</b>        | <b><u>42,087</u></b>    | <b><u>19,694</u></b>   |

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# Annual Report

## 2020/21



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## Chairs Foreword

We have witnessed a worldwide pandemic that has shaken the foundations of the world, impacting the world economy, visiting close ones, vacations people's daily routine. The world around us has changed and many youth provisions and youth services within the borough continue to remain closed since the first lockdown. However, we have tried our best to stay open after the various lockdowns and restrictions and have continued to deliver through new ways of youth work for the first time in our history, including going online.

We have witnessed young people entering our centres and provisions with masks, being told to sanitise and having their temperature checked before entry and staff running drills on the NHS track and trace in the event of an infection. We still await to see the affect this pandemic will have on the private and the voluntary sector with many small third sector organisations ending their operations after an era of delivery, the question remains as to who will be pick up the pieces.

OYC has become a part of young people's lives on the Ocean Estate and the Bow West area. This has only been possible through our dedicated and committed youth workers who to continue to work in those areas developing new and innovative project ideas to engage young people positively in the process. We have had four more additions to the team. One of our staff members has been greatly impacted by the COIVID-19 virus and we don't know yet when they will likely return to the team. We wish them a speedy recovery.

The two long lockdowns did not impact our finances rather we have moved back to our previous operating figures of 2018 and 2019 having been successful in many small and medium sized grants that supported our core activities. We are extremely grateful for all the funding, grants and donations we have received throughout the 2020/21 period which has allowed us to run four youth club sessions in two youth clubs, two major summer projects, one half term activity, three taekwondo clubs and a tuition class.

The organisation will revisit its long-term strategy, update its vision and Business Plan as a result of the new ways of working. I am thankful to the staff who worked during the pandemic and what it has achieved during a difficult time and look forward to a better, brighter and more prospective year.

OYC's financial situation is stable and we are in a good healthy position, the Project Coordinator with its two new kickstart recruits have actively been sourcing and securing funding to provide activities for young people and I personally thank them for the effort made.

I would like to thank all the board members for their help and support throughout this difficult year in attending online meetings and ensuring we stay active and making sure staff deliver the organisational aims and objectives to the community.

**Mohammed Abdul Ahad**  
**Chairperson, Ocean Youth Connexions**

## **Board of Directors 2020/21**

|              |                      |
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# **Ocean Youth Connexions**

## **Reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### **Staff team**

|                          |                                          |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Mohammed Kamal Ahmed:    | Project Coordinator                      |
| Rajmina Begum:           | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
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| Syeda Farjana Ali:       | Holiday Youth Support Worker             |
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| Shujahat Fiaz            | Taekwondo 5 <sup>th</sup> Dan Master     |
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| Numan Ahmed              | Maths Tutor                              |
| Shabbir Kamali           | Science Tutor                            |
| Zubair Ahmed             | Volunteer                                |

### **Number of registered young people:**

We currently have **269** registered members as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### **Programme and activities for 2020/21**

- Four weekly Youth Club Sessions at Ocean TLA
- Four weekly Youth Club session at Caxton Hall
- One study support sessions at Ocean TLA
- One Summer Holiday Activity Food programme at Ocean TLA
- One summer project at Caxton Hall
- Four Taekwondo sessions: Two at Mulberry, two at Tarling East Centre
- Two outreach & detached work sessions in Bow and Globe Town
- Ride along cycling project
- Two community fun days at both community centres
- Partnership youth project with The Rooted Forum

# **Ocean Estates Tenants Association (OETA)**

## **Youth Club Sessions**

After one month of delivery in October 2020 we went straight into two lockdowns and did not reopen until May 2021. When we did open we lost our usual 15-18 year old group and now had to deal with a much younger age group. Our young people have been so used to lockdowns that they no longer leave their rooms and have become accustomed to playing, connecting and socialising online from the comfort of their home. However, their younger siblings have been pushed outside and now they are the next generation of young people we will be working with. We had to lower our age range from 13 years to 10 years and then again in summer we took it down to 8 to attract a wider range of young people who normally are seen roaming the estates, parks and streets.



Jack Petchy Foundation funding allowed us to purchase a PS4 so that we could set up two stations for playing on the consoles. We organised a few workshops around health and nutrition, on child sexual exploitation as well as knife crime. We provided arts and craft classes, boxercise classes and football training activities.



We had on average of around 18-20 young people attending our youth provisions and 67 people were registered users during this period. Our Boxercise sessions have been very popular and our investment in boxing equipment has helped young people to be engaged in sparring, doing pad work and taking up skipping. This has also sparked a wave of young people going into sports at school and playing more football in the estate pitches. Our girls have gained a great interest in boxing and they also come and use the equipment frequently.

Through our outreach and detached work we got to see new young people that have recently moved into the area during the pandemic and they are now accessing our facilities and utilising our resources.

# October Half term and Summer project delivery

With funding from the BBC children in Need we organised a one-week October half term programme for 8–19-year-olds. The week consisted of exciting activities from arts and crafts, yoga, make up tutorials, mendhi art, clay modelling, to making friendship bracelets, doing hama bead designs and engaging in baking activities.



Unfortunately, due to the pandemic lockdowns we were not able to offer a February, Easter or a May half term programme like we have been doing in previous years.





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# **Study Support Sessions**

## **Ocean Estates Tenants Association (OETA)**

We secured funding from the Young Londoners Award fund which enabled us to deliver a study support session. Within a month of attracting 22 students we went into the November lockdown, we did not take the opportunity to deliver online but we resumed in December until we went back into our third lockdown and in the New Year, 2021 we decided to deliver online classes.



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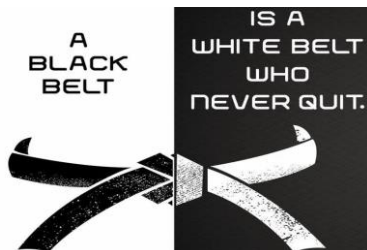
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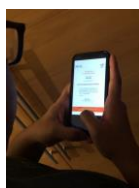
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We have continued to deliver free bike maintenance sessions as part of our commitment to get as many people cycling as possible especially during the summer period. We will still continue to deliver Dr Bike Sessions at our Youth Centres on the Ocean Estates and Caxton Hall booking Zero Emission Network to provide us free bike maintenance workshops.



## Financial Information 2020 – 2021

### Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd Company limited by guarantee Detailed trading profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2021

|                                        | 2021                    | 2020                   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|                                        | £                       | £                      |
| <b>Income</b>                          |                         |                        |
| Awards For All                         | 10,000                  | 10,000                 |
| Young Londoners Award – YLA            | 40,000                  | -                      |
| Tower Hill Trust – THT                 | 4,770                   | -                      |
| Julian & Hans Rausing – J&HR           | 12,660                  | -                      |
| Jack Petchey                           | 2,000                   | 750                    |
| MOPAC                                  | -                       | 50,000                 |
| BBC Children in Need - BBC             | 5,000                   | 10,000                 |
| Societylinks                           | -                       | 1,845                  |
| Tower Hamlets Homes -THH               | -                       | 3,000                  |
| Ocean Regeneration Trust               | 10,000                  | -                      |
| Violence Reduction Unit - VRU          | 21,130                  | -                      |
| Charles S French                       | -                       | 2,000                  |
| Action For Bow                         | 9,166                   | 5,310                  |
| Mark Mason benevolent Fund             | -                       | 3,680                  |
| LB Tower Hamlets – Summer              | 5,190                   | -                      |
| Malmesbury Residents Association - MRA | 1,200                   | -                      |
| Street Games                           | 1,260                   | -                      |
| Community Action Foundation – CAF      | 150                     | -                      |
| LB Tower Hamlets – Discretionary Grant | 5,000                   | -                      |
| London Youth - LY                      | 8,000                   | -                      |
| London City Airport                    | 3,000                   | -                      |
| Arnold Clark Community Fund            | 1,000                   | -                      |
| East London Business Alliance - ELBA   | 1,011                   | -                      |
| Government Furlough Scheme             | <u>22,287</u>           | <u>18,899</u>          |
|                                        | <b>163,824</b>          | <b>110,983</b>         |
| <b>Administrative expenses</b>         | <b><u>(121,737)</u></b> | <b><u>(91,289)</u></b> |
| <b>Operating surplus/(loss)</b>        | <b><u>42,087</u></b>    | <b><u>19,694</u></b>   |

## Acknowledgments

- Awards For All for providing funding for funding the outreach sessions during the lockdown
- Young Londoners Activity for funding two youth club sessions at both our centres, the taekwondo sessions and the study support sessions.
- Tower Hill Trust for supporting our afternoon summer programme
- Julia and Hans Rausing Trust for funding two youth club sessions at Caxton Hall
- Jack Petchey Foundation for funding trips, equipment social events and supporting young people's taekwondo project
- BBC Children in Need for funding two youth club sessions at Ocean TLA and the girls TKD sessions
- Leather sellers for giving us the chance to set up a cycling project
- Stronger Futures Project, (VRU) for funding the teens, senior and girls taekwondo project, youth club and supporting a partner organisation the Shadwell Trust to deliver two youth clubs and a martial arts club
- Action for Bow for funding two youth club provisions at Caxton Hall and the summer 2021 project
- London Borough of Tower Hamlets enabling us to provide a six week Holiday Activity Food programme
- Malmesbury Residents Association funding an outreach and detached project in the Bow West ward
- Streetgames for funding one tutor at the teen taekwondo project
- Tower Hamlets Homes for funding the Bow outreach work
- London Youth for funding the girls work and part funding the girls taekwondo project
- London City airport for providing us with the opportunity to increase our bike pool for cycling
- Arnold Clark Community Fund to support our Junior Taekwondo club
- Most importantly we would like to thank the residents, parents and young people of the Ocean Estates and Malmesbury Estate Community who have

supported us to ensure we deliver positive activities and have made the project a success throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Ocean Tenant Leaseholders Association and Malmesbury Community Projects for allowing us to use their venue to deliver all of our activities



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REGISTERED NUMBER: 04543565  
CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1129378

OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Stuart Maurice Partnership

Radiant House  
28-30 Fowler Road  
Ilford Essex  
IG6 3UT

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2021**

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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Company Information**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2021**

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**Directors**

Mr Mohammed Ahad  
Mr Imdadur Rahman  
Mr Shahin Ullah  
Mr Imran Khan  
Mr Abdul Munim Yahya  
Mr Mohamed Musa

**Charity Registration Number**

1129378

**Company Number**

04543565

**Registered Office**

Stepney City Farm  
Stepney Way  
Stepney Green  
London  
E1 3DG

**Accountants**

The Stuart Maurice Partnership  
Radiant House  
28-30 Fowler Road  
Ilford Essex  
IG6 3UT



The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021.

#### **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Principal Activity**

The company is a voluntary charitable organisation, providing detached work service for young people living on the Ocean Estate. The Memorandum & Articles of Association were amended by special resolution on 24th March 2009. The company was then registered as a charity.

#### **Trustees/Directors**

The trustees/directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mr Mohammed Ahad  
Mr Imdadur Rahman  
Mr Shahin Ullah  
Mr Imran Khan  
Mr Abdul Munim Yahya  
Mr Mohamed Musa

#### **Small Company Rules**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the board



**Mr Mohammed Ahad**

**Date.....20/04/2022.....**

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2021**

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**Report of the Accountant to the directors of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with our terms of engagement and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Acts that relate to preparing the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2021.

We have prepared these financial statements based on the accounting records, information and explanations provided by you. We do not express any opinion on the financial statements.

On the Balance Sheet you have acknowledged your duties under the prevailing Companies Acts to ensure that the company keeps adequate accounting records and prepares financial statements that give "a true and fair view".

You have determined that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for this accounting year. Therefore, the financial statements are unaudited.

The financial statements are provided exclusively to the director for the limited purpose mentioned above and may not be used or relied upon for any other purpose or by any other person, and we shall not be liable for any other usage or reliance.

**The Stuart Maurice Partnership**

**20/04/2022**

The Stuart Maurice Partnership  
Radiant House  
28-30 Fowler Road  
Ilford Essex  
IG6 3UT

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2021**

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**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021 which are set out in this report.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

S. Nyman F.M.A.A.T.

  
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Date: 20/04/2022

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2021**

|                              | Notes | 2021<br>£      | 2020<br>£      |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                |       | <b>163,824</b> | <b>110,983</b> |
|                              |       | <b>110,983</b> | <b>110,983</b> |
| Administrative expenses      |       | (121,737)      | (91,289)       |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b> |       | <b>42,087</b>  | <b>19,694</b>  |

The notes on page 7 form part of these financial statements.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 30 September 2021**

|                                                       |          | 2021           |   | 2020           |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|---|----------------|---|
|                                                       | Notes    | £              | £ | £              | £ |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                 |          |                |   |                |   |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |          | 225,652        |   | 188,702        |   |
|                                                       |          | <u>225,652</u> |   | <u>188,702</u> |   |
| <b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b> | <b>3</b> | <u>(4,664)</u> |   | <u>(5,137)</u> |   |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>               |          | <u>220,988</u> |   | <u>183,565</u> |   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>          |          | <u>220,988</u> |   | <u>183,565</u> |   |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                     |          | <u>220,988</u> |   | <u>183,565</u> |   |
| Restricted Funds                                      |          | 220,988        |   | 183,565        |   |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                                    |          | <u>220,988</u> |   | <u>183,565</u> |   |

For the year ending 30 September 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' responsibilities:**

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

On behalf of the board



**Mr Mohammed Ahad**

**Date.....20/04/2020.....**

The notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Notes to the Unaudited Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2021**

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**1. Accounting Policies**

**1.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

**1.2. Income**

Income represents the amount received in the form of grants and donations.

**2. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

|                           | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Office and administration | 13          | 10          |
|                           | <u>13</u>   | <u>10</u>   |

**3. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

|                              | <b>2021</b>         | <b>2020</b>         |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                              | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| Accruals and deferred income | 4,664               | 5,137               |
|                              | <u><b>4,664</b></u> | <u><b>5,137</b></u> |

**4. General Information**

Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd is a private company, limited by guarantee without share capital, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 04543565. The registered office is Stepney City Farm, Stepney Way, Stepney Green, London, E1 3DG.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Detailed Income & Expenditure Report**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2021**

|                                                 | <b>2021</b> |                  | <b>2020</b> |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|
|                                                 | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>        |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                   |             |                  |             |                 |
| Awards for All - AFA                            |             | 10,000           |             | 10,000          |
| Young Londoners Award - YLA                     |             | 40,000           |             | -               |
| Tower Hill Trust                                |             | 4,770            |             | -               |
| Julia & Hans Rausing - J&HR                     |             | 12,660           |             | -               |
| Jack Petchey                                    |             | 2,000            |             | 750             |
| MOPAC                                           |             | -                |             | 50,000          |
| OYC Contribution                                |             | -                |             | -               |
| BBC Children in Need                            |             | 5,000            |             | 10,000          |
| Society Links                                   |             | -                |             | 1,845           |
| Tower Hamlets Homes - THH                       |             | -                |             | 3,000           |
| Leathersellers Company -LS                      |             | 1,000            |             | -               |
| Ocean Regeneration Trust - ORT                  |             | 10,000           |             | -               |
| Violence Reduction Unit - VRU                   |             | 21,130           |             | -               |
| Charles S French                                |             | -                |             | 2,000           |
| Action for Bow - AFB                            |             | 9,166            |             | 5,310           |
| Mark Mason Benevolent Fund - MMBF               |             | -                |             | 3,680           |
| LB Tower Hamlets - Summer                       |             | 5,190            |             | 5,500           |
| Malmesbury Community Association - MRA          |             | 1,200            |             | -               |
| Street Games - SG                               |             | 1,260            |             | -               |
| Community Action Foundation - CAF               |             | 150              |             | -               |
| LBTH Discretionary Grant                        |             | 5,000            |             | -               |
| London Youth - LY                               |             | 8,000            |             | -               |
| London City Airport Fund - LCY                  |             | 3,000            |             | -               |
| Arnold Clark Community Fund - ACCF              |             | 1,000            |             | -               |
| East London Business Alliance - ELBA            |             | 1,011            |             | -               |
| Government Furlough Scheme                      |             | 22,287           |             | 18,899          |
|                                                 |             | <b>163,824</b>   |             | <b>110,983</b>  |
| <b>Administrative Expenses</b>                  |             |                  |             |                 |
| Wages and salaries                              | 99,433      |                  | 71,737      |                 |
| Travel expenses                                 | 177         |                  | 25          |                 |
| Rent                                            | 9,355       |                  | 10,650      |                 |
| Training costs                                  | 1,273       |                  | 240         |                 |
| Holiday Activities                              | 7,676       |                  | 4,286       |                 |
| Accountancy fees                                | 850         |                  | 850         |                 |
| Sundry expenses                                 | 2,973       |                  | 3,501       |                 |
|                                                 |             | <b>(121,737)</b> |             | <b>(91,289)</b> |
| <b>OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b> |             | <b>42,087</b>    |             | <b>19,694</b>   |

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# Accounts

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# **“For Tomorrows Young People, Today”**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020**

**Ocean Youth Connexions, Stepney Way, Stepney Green, London E1 3DG**

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**Registered Charity No.: 1129378**

**Company Limited by Guarantee: 04543565**

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## Chairs Forward

We have witnessed challenging times as a result of the current pandemic, which has impacted our lives. Society has changed and many youth provisions within the borough have remained closed. Where possible, Ocean Youth Connexions (OYC) has tried to stay open in order to deliver much needed support to local residents through new ways of delivering youth work. Young people entering our centres and provisions with masks, being sanitised and having their temperature checked felt like something out of a movie. We await to see the full impact the pandemic has had on the voluntary and community sector, we have seen many organisations closing down in the past year, leaving a vacuum which is yet to be filled.

OYC has become a part of young people's lives on the Ocean Estates and the Bow West area. This has only been possible through our commitment to continue to work in those areas and seeking funding to develop new and innovative projects to positively engage young people. Our team have remained the same although we have lost our long serving Service Manager, Adnan Miah, who has been working for the organisation since 2008 and was a young person and service user previously - we wish Adnan all the best in his new post.

The pandemic has impacted our income, which has seen a drop of 33%. We lost two long term contracts and some grant funding at the start of the pandemic. However, we have managed to provide a service to cater for local needs. As an organisation we still rely heavily on successful annual bids but the majority are for small amounts lasting from two months to a year. We are extremely grateful for all the funding, grants and donations we received throughout 2019/20 and this has allowed us to run seven youth club sessions in two youth clubs, one summer project and one half-term activity. We have managed to deliver two weekly Taekwondo Club sessions and, due to demand, hope to expand these sessions. We have provided a study support tuition class and have also have two active outreach teams working to deal with the recent rise in youth crime and youth violence in the borough.

During these uncertain times, the organisation will be revisiting its long-term strategy and will be looking to update its vision and plans to ensure we continue to be resilient and fit for purpose. I am very proud of what the organisation has achieved during a difficult time and look forward to a better, brighter and more prosperous year.

OYC's financial situation is stable and we are in a good healthy position, the Project Coordinator has actively been sourcing and securing funding to provide activities for young people and I personally thank him for the effort made.

I would like to personally thank our Management Committee members for their patience, help and support throughout this difficult year in getting the organisations policies up-to-date, in assisting on attending online meetings and our invaluable staff for ensuring that we continue to make a positive difference in the lives of our local residents.

**Mohammed Abdul-Ahad**

(Chairperson, appointed October 2020)

## Board of directors 2019/20

|              |                                           |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Chairperson: | Abdul Munim                               |
| Secretary:   | Mohammed Abdul Ahad                       |
| Treasurer:   | Abdul Mu'min Yahya                        |
| Trustee:     | Imdadur Rahman                            |
| Trustee:     | Mohamed Musa                              |
| Trustee:     | Shahin Ullah                              |
| Trustee:     | Imran Khan (appointed 7th September 2020) |
| Members:     | Anwar Hussin                              |
| Members:     | Mohammed Abdul Gofur                      |

## Honorary Supporters of OYC

### **Brenda Daley and Derek England**

Chairperson and Secretary, Ocean Estates  
Tenants Leaseholders Association

### **Robert Gibson and Aminul Hoque**

Tower Hamlets Careers: Learning and  
Achievements

### **Master Shujahat Fiaz and Instructor**

#### **Junjian Zheng**

Team DJB Taekwondo

### **Sennie Emanuel and Neros Augustus**

Pro-AM Development

### **Bablu Miah**

Head and Founder, Trapped In Zone One

### **Junel Uddin**

Vallance Community Sports Association

### **Dr Elizabeth Venables**

Trustee, Stepney City Farm

### **Ishaque Uddin**

Secretary, Stepney Fathers Group

### **Nahimul Islam**

Chairperson - Wapping Youth FC

### **Akik Miah**

Secretary, Stepney Foundation

## Ocean Youth Connexions

Reporting period 1st October 2019 – 30th September 2020

### Staff team

|                           |                                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mohammed Kamal Ahmed:     | Project Coordinator                  |
| Mohammed Adnan Miah:      | Service Contract Manager             |
| Mozahid Hoque:            | Youth Support Worker/Outreach Worker |
| Hobibur Rahman:           | Youth Support Worker/Outreach Worker |
| Nicos Antonio Shuttler:   | Youth Support Worker/Outreach Worker |
| Mehmet Hasan:             | Youth Worker In-charge               |
| Zurain Hussein:           | Youth Support Worker                 |
| Kamrul Islam:             | Youth Support Worker                 |
| Meryem Day:               | Youth Support Worker                 |
| Mosammat Rafia:           | Holiday Youth Support Worker         |
| Rajmina Begum:            | Holiday Youth Support Worker         |
| Ruma Zaman:               | Holiday Youth Support Worker         |
| Syeda Farjana Ali:        | Holiday Youth Support Worker         |
| Jun Jian Zheng (Stephen): | Taekwondo Instructor                 |
| Mark Louis Norman:        | Taekwondo Instructor                 |
| Hamza Ahmed:              | Taekwondo Instructor                 |
| Shujahat Fiaz:            | Taekwondo Instructor                 |
| Zubair Ahmed:             | Volunteer                            |

### Number of registered young people

We currently have 214 registered members as of 30th September 2020

### Programme and activities for 2019/20

- Three weekly Youth Club Sessions at Ocean TLA Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
- Four weekly Youth Club session at Caxton Hall Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
- One study support session every Sunday at Scape East building
- One fit and fed summer project in the Ocean TLA Hall
- Two Taekwondo sessions at Mulberry Sport Centre Wednesday and Saturday
- Four outreach and detached work sessions in Bow West and Globe Town

## Youth Club Sessions

### Ocean Estates Tenants Association (OETA)

During the challenging fiscal climate, we were unable to secure any long-term funding for the TLA youth club sessions from January 2020, but the organisation committed itself to keeping two youth club sessions open until the end of March 2020, and until funding was secured. The Ocean TLA management allowed us to use their hall at no cost. Our Staff offered volunteering support to keep the club open until the first lockdown.

We took part in organising our annual Parliament Week in November 2019 where we spoke about the upcoming general election and what each candidate and party stood for. We also spoke about Brexit and why it is still being delayed and the debates in relation to border control and future relations with the EU. We discussed when Brexit will actually be implemented and how it may affect everyone's lives.



Ocean TLA applied for Tower Hamlets Homes Inspiration funding to have boxercise classes delivered during our sessions and we delivered sessions for them. They were successful classes being run by a fitness tutor who showed the many exercise routines, workouts, how to eat healthy and look after your body as well as teach the various stances on the art of boxing to working out with the pads.



We reopened the centre with summer funding secured from the LBTH hunger programme and BBC Children in Need which allowed us to finish off the year on a positive note. Unfortunately, we did not secure any future funding from October 2020, however we did ask BBC Children in Need if we could change our project delivery programme to which they agreed and this allowed us to operate two youth club sessions for another year. Jack Petchey Foundation funding allowed us to organise a trip and a social gathering with young people.



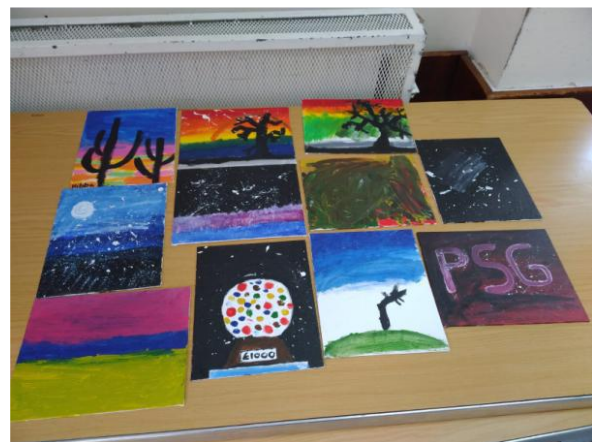
We held a wide range of programmes for young people from feeding young people lunch during whole summer to learning how to cook healthy alternatives on a budget. We organised workshops and seminars on child sexual exploitation and knife crime, provided arts and craft classes, boxercise classes and football training activities. We ended the summer with an invite only BBQ and funday with limited young people coming in their social bubble.

We had around 18-20 young people attending our youth provisions and 65 people who were registered users. Our

Boxercise sessions have been very popular and our investment in boxing equipment has helped young people to be engaged in sparing, doing pad work and skipping. The girls have gained a great interest in boxing and they come and use the equipment frequently.

Through our outreach and detached work, we got to see new young people that have recently moved into the area and it seems like more people are likely to move into the area when the rest of the new builds are completed, this will undoubtedly increase the need for additional services.

Some of our young people have been really focused on their tests and mock exam results and their attendance in our study support sessions meant that many do not attend our youth provisions throughout the year. The only time we get to see them is in the summer period. We hope to continue our study support programme and we will ensure that this programme will continue in the long term. The 2020 exam results saga included concerns on the algorithm being used to determine results, this caused many of our year 11 young people see their predicted grades fall by one or two grades. The government decision was quickly overturned and young people managed to get into their choice of studies and colleges.



## October Half term and Summer project delivery

With funding from Ocean Regeneration Trust we organised a one-week October half term programme for 8–19-year-olds. The week consisted of exciting activities from arts and crafts, make up tutorials, mendhi art, clay modelling, to making bracelets, hama designs and food activities. We provided lunch for over 20 young people daily and we were busy every day.



Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we were not able to offer an Easter holiday play scheme or a May half term programme.



We have been very successful and lucky this year especially around the COVID-19 pandemic to have received funding from two funders who gave us the opportunity to deliver a different type of summer project. Many of the regular funders withdrew their funding for summer and we thought that we would not be able to deliver a programme over the holiday period. With restrictions in place on the numbers allowed in the centre we managed to work with 40 young people throughout the summer with 22 young people attending daily. We provided them with a healthy hot meal every day and organised activities in small social bubbles, maintaining social distancing. We delivered an exciting, fun and action packed, summer project from the Ocean Estate TLA but a little different than in usual years and our community BBQ was cancelled due to restrictions on numbers allowed being in place.



We had six members of staff that were working on the project in two parts, one in the morning from 11am-3pm and the other session from 4pm to 8pm. The staff delivered a varied programme consisting of Arts and Crafts, indoor social games, competitions, cooking sessions, knitting and textile, outdoor games and boxercise. This year there were no trips organised as everything was closed due to the pandemic. Both the projects attracted over 70 young people to the project and it was a very successful delivery programme. On average we had around 24 young people attending each of our sessions especially with a high volume of younger girls that do not attend normal club sessions. This year the summer programme was needed especially after a three-and-a-half-month lockdown. The fit and hunger programme funding supported 20 other organisations to deliver summer programmes.

## Bow East Project (Caxton Hall)

Caxton Hall youth centre was rescued from closure by the management and they gave the team a six-month lifeline to run and an opportunity for them to secure potential funding. In December 2019 a one-year funding contract from Action for Bow for two sessions a week was secured, for who we are proud of. They realised the gap in youth services in the Bow West Area and supported our club delivery proposal. We hope our relationship with them will continue on the long term. Our target was to work with 90 young people in the Bow West area to reduce anti-social behaviour, increase educational attainment and offer information and referral services for young people to engage in youth provisions and services across the borough.



This six-month rescue plan and funding programme has helped to redevelop the area, provided continued access to a centre where the ethnic and gender mix is very diverse and that young people can attend, feel welcomed, relaxed and be safe. Thus, enabling us to improve the image of the area and make it a better place for everyone to live, work and play.

The centre remained closed from April to September as the centre was being used as a food distribution hub for the elderly. Some of our staff members volunteered and supported their food distribution programme. We could not deliver a summer programme at the centre and all staff had to be furloughed throughout this six-month duration.

Malmesbury Resident Association funded a two-month outreach work grant to encourage positive engagement with young people and for them to refrain from negative and risky behaviour. This pandemic saw many young people not coming out especially during the summer period, many stayed indoors and avoided engaging in anti-social behaviour but it was always the few that needed reminding and we were there to deal with the situation.

Many other youth centres, provisions and services were also closed throughout the whole pandemic and many went online to provide a digital service. We found this to have minimal impact on young people so we were calling them up individually to see how they were doing, if they needed any help assistance and whether their mental health was being impacted in any way.

Two of our staff worked closely with Key Workers in Tower Hamlets, Social Workers, Youth Offending Team so that we can make referrals to these agencies to assist our young people during this pandemic. We dealt with a missing person case and found the young person through our contacts and now he has been reunited with his family.



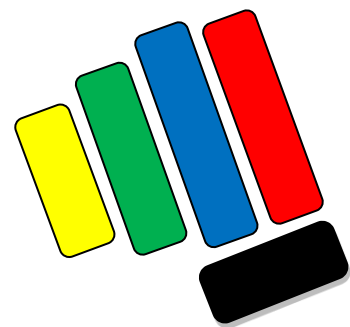
This is our third year in delivering the Taekwondo classes and this year we have been fortunate in securing funding from Awards for All, Charles S French, London Sport and Jack Petchey. We have around 28 young people registered for the teen sessions and on average 18 young people attend regularly.

We opened up a Junior Dragon Taekwondo session for a younger age group 4-10 years of age due to parental demand. We did not have funding to support this session but parents were willing to pay for the sessions without hesitation. We recruited 16 students which covered the cost for a twelve-week period.

The Taekwondo sessions had a great impact on those that attended, and you can see it in their behaviour and their attitude, showing humility and courtesy to each other during the session. We have seen good team work and support for each other and their willingness to learn and advance is improving.

We have had one grading session this year due to the lockdown and centre closures: Grading was achieved for two people on yellow tag belts, three on green tag and five on green belt.

Taekwondo has helped these young people to work together as a team, improve their communication skills and significantly built their confidence levels. Young people are becoming more creative, active and learning fast the different patterns and styles being taught. The sessions have improved young people's ability to solve problems, improve their resilience, they are able to deal with conflicts and difficult situations and we have seen a vast improvement in their self-motivation and an increase in levels of self-esteem.



## Jack Petchey

We have been put on the Bronze Scheme recently by the Foundation Coordinator due to not having a high number of young people attending at the Ocean TLA. We used the funding to take a group of young people on a bowling trip and arranged the social trip. During the lockdown the foundation closed its nomination process and decided to reopen when there is certainty of a safe return back to normality.



We spent last year's Leaders Award Grant funding on providing Boxercise classes for our young people and this was very much enjoyed by them. This year we have nominated Mehmet Hasan AKA Ozzie to be our outstanding Leader for encouraging young people to engage in local youth democracy, participate positively in our youth activities and motivating young people to find work.



## Dr. Bike

We are still delivering Dr Bike Sessions within our own Youth Centres on the Ocean Estate and Caxton Hall, teaching young people how to repair bikes and make them roadworthy. We are thankful for Zero Emission Network in providing us free bike maintenance workshops with an experience bike mechanic to teach our young people how to remedy minor and major faults. Since the first lockdown the demand for bikes surged and shops did not have any bikes to sell. Our workshops helped young people to have their bikes ready to travel and use as a mode of transport when the fear of travelling on public transport was scary for them.



**ZERO  
EMISSIONS  
NETWORK**

We have continued to deliver free bike maintenance sessions as part of our commitment to get as many people cycling as possible especially during the summer period. We have also been exploring cycling routes in and around Tower Hamlets especially the Island route that goes all around Island with an option to go Greenwich via the foot tunnel. Although we have

not received any funding to maintain this project, we will be collaborating with a few local charities that raise funds using cycling as a fun way of raising money for children.

**B:KE-F:XED**

**WHEEL  POWERING**

**"Young People"**

## Violence Reduction Unit

### Outreach and Detached Intervention Work

We were successful in securing a second year of Violence Reduction Unit knife crime funding for October 2019 - Sept 2020 and our first task was to work with 60 young people from four different areas. Our aim was to work with them, to liaise with them, to support their individual needs and to stop them from committing acts of violence or be influenced into violent crime and conflicts. We carried out outreach in the Bow West and Mile End in the first part of this grant. We were mainly dealing with anti-social behaviour issues and drug dealings on the stairwells. We tried to encourage them to attend local youth clubs and worked with a few to get them onto training. Our project was working well and relationships were established to push these young people onto doing courses and workshops when we went into lockdown. Our project stalled before we could arrange any form of training and trips for young people to attend.

When we reopened our sessions in July we saw a spike in youth-on-youth violence, anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance late into the night. We played a major in a fight that broke out between two areas and we amicably resolved it using all our contacts, local parents and local community leaders. Statutory youth centres around the borough remained closed and it was difficult to refer young people to their local youth centres. A lot of other centres could not reopen mainly due to the COVID-19 restrictions, deep cleaning and workers not returning back to their offices.

We were also restricted to the numbers we could work with having all the government conditions in place for our centre, we saw that the majority of young people had nowhere to go.

The project saw some positive outcomes as we saw knife crime slightly drop in those areas but anti-social behaviour reporting surged, noise nuisance increased and young people smoking drugs was more a common sight. We managed to make contact with 103 young people, got 71 registered, in our youth centres, 30 young people accessed support services, 4 young people became youth leaders and peer mentors plus they supported our programme and 32 young people confirmed that they will remain in mainstream education.



## Accounts for Finance Year (2019 – 2020)

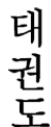
Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd Company limited by guarantee

Detailed trading profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2020

|                                 | 2020                   | 2019                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                   | £                      | £                       |
| Awards For All                  | 10,000                 | 10,000                  |
| BBC Children in Need            | 10,000                 | 5,000                   |
| Jack Petchey                    | -                      | 2,250                   |
| LB Tower Hamlets - IYCS         | -                      | 86,666                  |
| LB Tower Hamlets – MSG          | -                      | 16,250                  |
| Tower Hill Trust                | -                      | 2,000                   |
| MOPAC                           | 50,000                 | 25,000                  |
| OYC contribution                | -                      | 61                      |
| Societylinks                    | 1,845                  | 8,140                   |
| London Sport                    | -                      | 1,440                   |
| Ocean Regeneration Trust        | -                      | 5,000                   |
| Osmani Trust YIF                | -                      | 480                     |
| Charles S French                | 2,000                  | 1,000                   |
| Tower Hamlets Homes             | 3,000                  | 5,000                   |
| Action For Bow                  | 5,310                  | -                       |
| Mark Mason benevolent Fund      | 3,680                  | -                       |
| LB Tower Hamlets – Summer       | 5,500                  | -                       |
| Government Furlough Scheme      | 18,899                 | -                       |
|                                 | <b>110,983</b>         | <b>168,287</b>          |
| <b>Administrative expenses</b>  | <b><u>(91,289)</u></b> | <b><u>(120,325)</u></b> |
| <b>Operating surplus/(loss)</b> | <b><u>19,694</u></b>   | <b><u>47,983</u></b>    |

## Acknowledgments

- London Borough of Tower Hamlets: Summer Fit and Fed programme
- BBC Children in Need for Funding for the summer project and our weekend study support
- Jack Petchey Foundation for funding trips, equipment social events and supporting young people's taekwondo project
- Ocean Regeneration Trust for funding the Winter half term programme
- Awards For All for providing funding for a Taekwondo Session
- London Community Foundation, Violence Reduction Unit funding for the outreach and detached project for deterring young people from violent youth crime
- Mark Mason benevolent Fund for providing essential equipment for the youth club to bring it up to standard.
- Action for Bow for funding two youth club provisions at Caxton Hall
- The residents, parents and young people of the Ocean Estates who have supported us to ensure we deliver positive activities and have made the project a success throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Ocean Tenant Leaseholders Association and Malmesbury Community Projects for allowing us to use their venue to deliver all of our activities.



REGISTERED NUMBER: 04543565  
CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1129378

OCEAN YOUTH CONNEXIONS LTD  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

The Stuart Maurice Partnership

Radiant House  
28-30 Fowler Road  
Ilford Essex

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Directors' Report and Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2020**

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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Company Information**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2020**

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**Directors**

Mr Mohammed Ahad  
Mr Imdadur Rahman  
Mr Shahin Ullah  
Mr Imran Khan  
Mr Abdul Munim Yahya  
Mr Mohamed Musa

**Charity Registration Number**

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**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Company No. 04543565**  
**Trustees/Directors' Report For The Year Ended 30 September 2020**

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The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2020.

**Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing the financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Principal Activity**

The company is a voluntary charitable organisation, providing detached work service for young people living on the Ocean Estate. The Memorandum & Articles of Association were amended by special resolution on 24th March 2009. The company was then registered as a charity.

**Trustees/Directors**

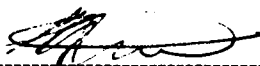
The trustees/directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Mr Mohammed Ahad  
Mr Imdadur Rahman  
Mr Shahin Ullah  
Mr Imran Khan  
Mr Abdul Munim Yahya  
Mr Mohamed Musa

**Small Company Rules**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the board



**Mr Mohammed Ahad**

**11/04/2021**

**Report of the Accountant to the directors of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with our terms of engagement and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Acts that relate to preparing the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2020.

We have prepared these financial statements based on the accounting records, information and explanations provided by you. We do not express any opinion on the financial statements.

On the Balance Sheet you have acknowledged your duties under the prevailing Companies Acts to ensure that the company keeps adequate accounting records and prepares financial statements that give "a true and fair view".

You have determined that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for this accounting year.

Therefore, the financial statements are unaudited.

The financial statements are provided exclusively to the director for the limited purpose mentioned above and may not be used or relied upon for any other purpose or by any other person, and we shall not be liable for any other usage or reliance.

**The Stuart Maurice Partnership**

**08/04/2021**

The Stuart Maurice Partnership  
Radiant House  
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IG6 3UT

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2020**

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**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2020 which are set out in this report.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

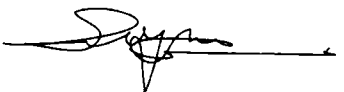
**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

S. Nyman F.M.A.A.T.



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Date: 08/04/2021

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2020**

|                              | Notes | 2020<br>£      | 2019<br>£      |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                |       | <b>110,983</b> | <b>168,288</b> |
|                              |       | <b>110,983</b> | <b>168,288</b> |
| Administrative expenses      |       | (91,289)       | (120,325)      |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b> |       | <b>19,694</b>  | <b>47,963</b>  |

The notes on page 7 form part of these financial statements.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 30 September 2020**

|                                                       |          | 2020           |   | 2019           |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|---|----------------|---|
|                                                       | Notes    | £              | £ | £              | £ |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                 |          |                |   |                |   |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |          | 188,702        |   | 173,591        |   |
|                                                       |          | <b>188,702</b> |   | <b>173,591</b> |   |
| <b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>(5,137)</b> |   | <b>(4,583)</b> |   |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>               |          | <b>183,565</b> |   | <b>169,008</b> |   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>          |          | <b>183,565</b> |   | <b>169,008</b> |   |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                     |          | <b>183,565</b> |   | <b>169,008</b> |   |
| Restricted Funds                                      |          | 183,565        |   | 169,008        |   |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                                    |          | <b>183,565</b> |   | <b>169,008</b> |   |

For the year ending 30 September 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' responsibilities:**

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

On behalf of the board



**Mr Mohammed**  
**Ahad 11/04/2021**

The notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Notes to the Unaudited Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2020**

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**1. Accounting Policies**

**1.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

**1.2. Income**

Income represents the amount received in the form of grants and donations.

**2. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

|                           | <b>2020</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Office and administration | 10          | 7           |
|                           | <u>10</u>   | <u>7</u>    |

**3. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

|                              | <b>2020</b>         | <b>2019</b>         |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                              | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>            |
| Accruals and deferred income | 5,137               | 4,583               |
|                              | <u><b>5,137</b></u> | <u><b>4,583</b></u> |

**4. General Information**

Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd is a private company, limited by guarantee without share capital, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 04543565. The registered office is Stepney City Farm, Stepney Way, Stepney Green, London, E1 3DG.

**Ocean Youth Connexions Ltd**  
**Detailed Income & Expenditure Report**  
**For The Year Ended 30 September 2020**

|                                                 | <b>2020</b> |                 | <b>2019</b> |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
|                                                 | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>         |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                   |             |                 |             |                  |
| Awards for All - AFA                            |             | 10,000          |             | 10,000           |
| LB Tower Hamlets – IYCS                         |             | -               |             | 86,667           |
| Tower Hill Trust                                |             | -               |             | 2,000            |
| LB Tower Hamlets – MSG                          |             | -               |             | 16,250           |
| Jack Petchey                                    |             | 750             |             | 2,250            |
| MOPAC                                           |             | 50,000          |             | 25,000           |
| OYC Contribution                                |             | -               |             | 61               |
| BBC Children in Need                            |             | 10,000          |             | 5,000            |
| Society Links                                   |             | 1,845           |             | 8,140            |
| Tower Hamlets Homes – THH                       |             | 3,000           |             | 5,000            |
| London Sport                                    |             | -               |             | 1,440            |
| Ocean Regeneration Trust                        |             | -               |             | 5,000            |
| Osmani Trust YIF                                |             | -               |             | 480              |
| Charles S French                                |             | 2,000           |             | 1,000            |
| Action for Bow - AFB                            |             | 5,310           |             | -                |
| Mark Mason Benevolent Fund – MMBF               |             | 3,680           |             | -                |
| LB Tower Hamlets - Summer                       |             | 5,500           |             | -                |
| -Government Furlough Scheme                     |             | 18,899          |             | -                |
|                                                 |             | <b>110,983</b>  |             | <b>168,288</b>   |
| <b>Administrative Expenses</b>                  |             |                 |             |                  |
| Wages and salaries                              | 71,737      |                 | 77,682      |                  |
| Travel expenses                                 | 25          |                 | 2,167       |                  |
| Rent                                            | 10,650      |                 | 19,970      |                  |
| Training costs                                  | 240         |                 | 5,080       |                  |
| Holiday Activities                              | 4,286       |                 | 11,954      |                  |
| Accountancy fees                                | 850         |                 | 700         |                  |
| Sundry expenses                                 | 3,501       |                 | 2,772       |                  |
|                                                 |             | <b>(91,289)</b> |             | <b>(120,325)</b> |
| <b>OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b> |             | <b>19,694</b>   |             | <b>47,963</b>    |