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People, Today"***



# **Annual Report**

## **2023/24**

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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 Hussean	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-geese, 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**

**Red 4**

**Black 3**



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**

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# **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
- Residential 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.

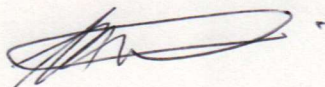
#### Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

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:-

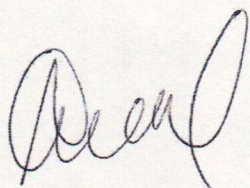
accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

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 Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
<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 £	2023 £
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 Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Last year Total Funds 2023 £
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 Ref	2024 £	2023 £
<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.



