



Annual Accounts

31 March 2021

Charity Number: 1134405

**TRUSTEES**

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**CHARITY NUMBER**

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021**

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9-11 and comply with the charity's trust deed and applicable law.

### **TRUSTEES**

The trustee's names on page 2 have served throughout the year. Appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

### **AIMS AND OBJECTS**

Disability Croydon exists to:

- Eliminate barriers and empower individuals with disabilities to take part fully in society within the social model of disability.
- Promote the realities of self-representation and independence for people with disabilities.
- Advise organisations on effective consultation methods and active involvement of people with disabilities in services and decision-making processes which affect their lives.
- Increase awareness of disability issues among non-disabled people and organisations.

In setting objectives, developing strategies, and undertaking activities, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The past year has been an unforgettable year of crisis as all of us tried to cope with the pandemic and the successive lockdowns. The disproportionate effects of the pandemic on people with disabilities has been well chronicled and was evidenced by Disability Croydon in the calls to our organisation

Previously calls for support to Disability Croydon focused on issues related to physical disabilities, with queries around welfare payments, housing, employment, and access to services to the fore.

As lockdowns continued through- out the year, the calls for support were largely about isolation and loneliness. In response Disability Croydon set up a telephone help line and modified exiting services to provide where possible at arms -length support and advice

This loose consortium – Advice Services Croydon – through which we receive majority of our funding, continued once again to reach the targets set by the funders. However, the uncertainty surrounding the pandemic was compounded by news of our funder's, Croydon Council's financial predicament and the news that grants to the voluntary sector would be under review. This uncertainty continues into the new financial year

Disability Croydon continues to be grateful for the dedicated hard work of the advocate, Michelle Kearns, and our volunteers

Despite Covid, Disability Croydon continued to assist London Trams staff with disability awareness training.

We continue to provide assistance to disabled people in gaining employment and with benefit entitlements and related appeals

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 the trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be in line with expectations.

## **RESERVES POLICY**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of commitments

held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil their charitable objectives.

## **RISK REVIEW**

The trustees conduct periodic reviews of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems and procedures to manage those risks identified are implemented so as to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of those risks materialise.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. 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.

## APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 30 March 2022 and signed on their behalf.

  
Sedley Wilson – Trustee

  
Fatima Sanneh – Trustee

### **Independent Examiners Report**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

#### **Responsibility of Examiner**

The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43(3)a of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - a. proper accounting records are kept; and
  - b. accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records. Or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed .......... Date: ...31.03.2022.....

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	£ 2021	£ 2020
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
Donations	1,633	-	1,633	1,633
Grants	-	47,374	47,374	48,300
Investment Income	-	1	1	1
Other	-	-	0	2,099
<b>Total incoming resources £</b>	<b>1,633</b>	<b>47,375</b>	<b>49,008</b>	<b>52,033</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Cost of raising funds	550	-	550	550
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	5,774	46,067	51,841	54,062
Other expenditure	-	0	0	0
<b>Total resources Expended £</b>	<b>6,324</b>	<b>46,067</b>	<b>52,391</b>	<b>54,612</b>
<b>Net resources surplus (deficit) for the year £</b>	<b>(4,691)</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>(3,383)</b>	<b>(2,579)</b>
Transfer between reserves	0	0	0	0
Total funds brought forward	(1,218)	(1,361)	(2,579)	(1,361)
<b>Total funds carried forward £</b>	<b>(5,909)</b>	<b>(53)</b>	<b>(5,962)</b>	<b>(3,940)</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of total recognised gains and losses.**

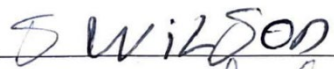
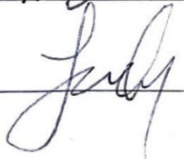
The Charity does not have any gains and losses other than the income and Expenditure for the period to report.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£		£
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	1.6		530		690
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors		-	-		
Cash at bank and in hand		(240)		313	
		(240)		313	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		(9,313)		(6,643)	
<b>Net current assets or current liabilities £</b>			(9,553)		(6,329)
<b>Total assets less total liabilities £</b>			<b>(9,023)</b>		<b>(5,639)</b>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>					
Funds brought forward			(5,639)		(3,060)
Restricted funds			1,308		
Unrestricted funds			(4,692)		(2,579)
<b>Total charity funds £</b>			<b>(9,023)</b>		<b>(5,639)</b>

- For the year ending 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- The accounts 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.

These financial statements were approved and signed by the trustees on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022:

  
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Sedley Wilson

Fatima Sanneh



## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follow:

### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued in March 2005.

### 1.2 Incoming resources

Donations and similar incoming resources are accounted for on receipt by the charity, any pledges of income also gift aid refunds are accrued in the accounting period that they arise.

### 1.3 Investment income

Investment income consists of interest received from saving and deposit accounts at the bank.

### 1.4 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

### 1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

- Restricted - these are funds which can only be used in accordance with the charitable specific purpose;
- Unrestricted (general funds) - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

## 1.6 Depreciation Tangible Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates on assets in order to write off their cost less any residual value over their estimated useful. The rates of depreciation are as follow:

- Fixtures & Fittings .... 20%
- Motor Vehicle .... 25%
- Computer Equipment .... 20% reducing balance
- Plant and Machinery .... 33.33% reducing balance

Note: A correction of £286 was posted above to bring the depreciation up to date. Below shows what the figures should be.

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Cost</b>		
Cost at 1 April	3,331	3,331
Additions	-	-
Total at 31 March	<u>3,331</u>	<u>3,331</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Total at charged at 1 April	3,165	3,005
Charge for the year	138	160
On disposals	-	-
At 31 March	<u>3,303</u>	<u>3,165</u>
<b>Net book values</b>		
For the year ended 31 March	28	166
<b>Total £</b>	<u><u>28</u></u>	<u><u>166</u></u>

## 1.7 Staff costs and trustees' remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Trustees</b>		
Remuneration	0	0
Value of contributions to trustees pension	0	0
<b>Total £</b>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>
<b>Employees</b>		
Wages & Salaries	18,025	21,727
Social security costs	0	0
Pensions	0	0
<b>Total £</b>	<u><u>18,025</u></u>	<u><u>21,727</u></u>

## 1.8 Resources Expended

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Cost of generating income</b>		
Research, Training & Development	1,381	1,381
Radar Keys	550	550
<b>Managing &amp; administering the charity</b>		
Wages & Salaries	18,025	19,142
Accounting Fees	2,500	1,200
Legal & Professional	1,735	2,585
Rent	3,950	3,950
Maintenance	1,850	0
Cleaning	1,950	2,100
Bank Charges	170	179
Depreciation	160	401
Insurance	243	243
Interest Payable	5	5
Travel & Subsistence	250	250
General administrative Expenses	3,523	7,104
Sundry	0	0
	34,360	37,160
<b>Governance Costs</b>		
Management Fee	16,100	23,517
<b>Total £</b>	<b>52,391</b>	<b>62,608</b>

## 2. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The charity was under the control of the Trustee throughout the current year. No transactions with related parties were undertaken such as that required disclosure.