

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1162404

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2022  
for  
SIMPLE GIFTS: UNITARIAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL ACTION

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## SIMPLE GIFTS: UNITARIAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL ACTION

### Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

#### **Registered Charity number**

1162404

#### **Principal address**

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LONDON  
E2 6LX

#### **Trustees**

Rev. Martin Whitell (Chairperson)  
Roy Clark (Secretary)  
Ann Howell (Trustee)  
Christopher Brown (Trustee)

#### **Independent examiner**

RAZAUL KABIR  
ACCA IFA MIPA  
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### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution and constitutes an incorporated charity.

#### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23 JULY 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
SIMPLE GIFTS: UNITARIAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL ACTION

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022 set out on pages four to seven.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

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

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


**Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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

  
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Date: 20/07/2023.....20/7/23.

## SIMPLE GIFTS: UNITARIAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL ACTION

### Community Benefit

#### **Charitable objects**

1. To further or benefit the residents of Bethnal Green, East London and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

in furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:

To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

2. To provide the necessary facilities for the daily care, recreation and education of children and young people during out of school hours and school holidays
3. To advance in life and relieve the needs of young people through:
  1. The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
  2. Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
  3. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically deprived community of Bethnal Green, East London in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
  4. Such other charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales as the trustees may from time to time determine.

#### **Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.**

SimpleGifts fulfils its charitable objects by offering programming to benefit the local community, including children and young people, parents, older people, women, new immigrants, and socially isolated residents. Our programmes primarily support people in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, however we have users who attend from other areas of London.

Our projects delivered during the year provide opportunities for the local community to engage in positive activities, which contributes to social and personal development. We respond to the needs of the communities and develop programmes which are co-designed and led by local people.

#### **Bethnal Green Together**

Brings people from diverse backgrounds through regular community-based lunches, skills based workshops and information sessions which helps to develop social bonds and tackle social isolation and loneliness.

#### **Holiday Programmes**

Positive social and recreational activities for children and young people, including sports and arts and crafts and cultural activities. We provided a nutritious hot meal to those eligible for free school meals and children took part in workshops on topics that contribute to their personal development such as living and eating healthy, bullying, and staying safe etc.

#### **Families After School Club**

Weekly after school sessions for children and parents, which provides the opportunity for children to take part in recreational activities and parents are given respite and can socialise with other parents. They are offered light refreshments.

### **Sewing Club**

Weekly sessions co-designed with women who requested a sewing activity which helps them to learn new skills, repair and renew clothes, make new friends and socialise with others reducing isolation and loneliness.

### **Tech Club**

Aimed at those that are digitally excluded or struggling to use and access online activities/programmes. Some do not have the correct equipment or do not have access to broadband or do not have the skills. We offer access to equipment and broadband and training. In partnership with Unconnected we offered SIM cards for mobile phones to those that are struggling to pay for monthly phone contracts.

### **ESOL**

Classes are delivered from our centre and this enabled residents, new migrants to improve their skills and experiences, develop new friendships and to further their integration in society. They are offered opportunities to volunteer and can take part in a range of different activities at the centre.

### **Achievements and Performance**

We have continued to fulfil our mission through a programme of activities that have deepened existing partnerships and welcomed new service users. We recognise that Covid-19 has had long term impact on communities with new challenges and we have continued to support communities with programmes and activities which can help them navigate these challenges. We have launched new programmes and activities in consultation with local communities. Programmes included support with the cost-of-living crisis such as information, advice and guidance provision, signposting to local services receiving support with welfare, health, housing.

We have supported children during school holidays with positive activities and a hot meal for those that are in need. Bethnal Green Together helped people to create local connections and develop new friendships, which leads to more community support. We have helped people deal with the new way of communication and our Tech Club, helps them to get online and ensure they are not excluded from essential services and support.

We support women and particularly those from disadvantaged households to improve their confidence, skills, and knowledge through our sewing club and ESOL classes.

We offer a range of volunteering opportunities for local communities and provide space for them to meet, socialise and develop creative activities and programmes which meet the needs of the communities.

# SIMPLE GIFTS: UNITARIAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL ACTION

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

	30.9.22		30.9.21	
	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
Grants:				
LB Tower Hamlets	2,667	-	2,667	19,485
LB Tower Hamlets - HAF	-	10,400	10,400	-
LB Tower Hamlets - Small grants	-	-	-	4,924
City Bridge Trust	-	-	-	9,715
ELATT	5,500	-	5,500	2,500
ICS	-	-	-	-
LDPA	-	-	-	2,000
	<u>8,167</u>	<u>10,400</u>	<u>18,567</u>	<u>38,624</u>
Other income:				
Donations	1,035	-	2,837	670
Rental income	<u>12,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,831</u>	<u>6,491</u>
	<u>21,835</u>	<u>10,400</u>	<u>32,235</u>	<u>45,785</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Operating costs	13,745	13,846	27,591	14,840
Governance costs	900	-	900	750
	<u>14,645</u>	<u>13,846</u>	<u>28,491</u>	<u>15,590</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>14,645</u>	<u>13,846</u>	<u>28,491</u>	<u>15,590</u>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>7,190</b>	<b>(3,446)</b>	<b>3,744</b>	<b>30,195</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>40,815</b>	<b>3,446</b>	<b>44,261</b>	<b>14,066</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS C/F</b>	<u><u>48,005</u></u>	<u><u>0</u></u>	<u><u>48,005</u></u>	<u><u>44,261</u></u>

# SIMPLE GIFTS: UNITARIAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL ACTION

## Balance Sheet At 30 September 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	30.9.22 Total funds £	30.9.21 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank & in hand		46,009	3,446	49,455	45,561
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	3	<u>(1,450)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,450)</u>	<u>(1,300)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>44,559</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>48,005</u>	<u>44,261</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>44,559</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>48,005</u>	<u>44,261</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>44,559</u>	<u>3,446</u>	<u>48,005</u>	<u>44,261</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>48,005</u>	<u>44,261</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 JULY 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
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Trustee



## SIMPLE GIFTS: UNITARIAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL ACTION

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Charities Act 2011 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

##### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

##### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

For the year ended 30 September 2022, the charity team (Trustees, Chief Executive, Management Committee, Project Leaders, Fundraisers and Volunteers) have spent considerable personal time voluntarily without receiving any remuneration or other benefits.

##### **Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2021 nor for the year ended 30 September 2022.

#### **3. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	30.9.22	30.9.21
	£	£
Trade creditors	<u>1,450</u>	<u>1,300</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

	At 1.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	40,815	7,190	48,005
<b>Restricted funds</b>	3,446	(3,446)	0
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>44,261</u>	<u>3,744</u>	<u>48,005</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	21,835	14,645	7,190
<b>Restricted funds</b>	10,400	13,846	(3,446)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>32,235</u>	<u>28,491</u>	<u>3,744</u>

## SIMPLE GIFTS: UNITARIAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL ACTION

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 September 2022

	Unrestricted fund	30.9.22 Restricted fund	Total funds	30.9.21 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
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Rental income	<u>12,633</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,831</u>	<u>6,491</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>21,835</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>32,235</b>	<b>45,785</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Operating costs:</b>				
Wages	8,750	6,471		11,180
Programming Expenses	-	5,525		-
Publicity	-	90		-
Volunteer Expenses	-	400		-
<u>Premises Cost</u>				
Light & heat	1,186	1,360		1,460
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>				
Tel, PPS	802	-		739
Website	1,734	-		83
Repair & Maintenance	550	-		229
Insurance	613	-		585
Cleaning	-	-		127
Sundry Expenses	-	-		350
<u>Financial Expenses</u>				
Bank Charges	110	-		87
<b>Governance costs</b>				
Accountancy	900	-		750
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b><u>14,645</u></b>	<b><u>13,846</u></b>	<b><u>28,491</u></b>	<b><u>15,590</u></b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b><u>7,190</u></b>	<b><u>(3,446)</u></b>	<b><u>3,744</u></b>	<b><u>30,195</u></b>