



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/01/2023** Period start date To **31/12/2023** Period end date

Charity name: **Green Early Years Choices Champion Organisation (GECCO)**

Charity registration number: **1171726**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Advancement of Education for the Public Benefit: providing education to the educators of pre-school children, children in out of school provision, ie staff of day nurseries, preschool and childminding businesses and other small businesses in the United Kingdom on how to be more environmentally conscious about the way they consume and dispose of everyday items (e.g., electricity, plastic) in ways which are harmful to the environment in all its forms. Through partnership and collaboration to share best practice research and education on sustainability, we aim to build the awareness necessary to help change unsustainable practice and encourage progress towards more sustainable practice.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Website www.GECCO.org Regular meetings to enable educators and other stakeholders to collaborate, called the National Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Sustainability Forum. Minutes and recordings are on our website, together with articles and blogs. Collaboration with OMEP to bring Education for Sustainability through Thinkific (online courses platform), the use of paper passports, and other online systems such as eyworks and Family.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had a refresher on the main elements of the guidance. This was concluded on the 17 August 2023.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Currently not applicable.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Currently not applicable.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Apart from the Trustees, there are no other volunteers with contribution that are significant to the charity's ability to undertake its activities.
Other		Not applicable.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Developing website offering information to the early years sector on sustainability. Continuing to promote book, "<i>CREATING AN ECO-FRIENDLY EARLY YEARS SETTING: A PRACTICAL GUIDE</i>" by Cheryl Hadland (sold by Routledge, the publishers, and also by Amazon and other third party vendors). And when speaking at various events such as Festival of Education at Wellington College, July 2023. Recording webinars on SDGs and sharing them on www.gecco.org website

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	In 2023 the charity achieved all of its objectives set for that year. The key objectives were: - Increase the number of trustees on the charity board.
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		- Increase the charities visibility, primarily by utilizing the website. - Increase the charities visibility by utilizing Social Media marketing and having a greater presence. - - Start a project to offer the OMEP Education for Sustainable Citizenship Awards to early years providers, using Thinkific software. - Start a project, possible EU funding, on reducing nappy waste by reducing the age of potty training and/or changing to washable nappies from one-use plastic. nor did it incur any material expenditure.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Charity continued to fundraise through these primary channels: 1. Book royalties 2. Donations from Tops Days Nurseries. Please refer to the accompanying financial report for further information. In 2023 the charity did not undertake any other material fundraising activities.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	In 2023 the charity did not undertake any investment activities.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity remains in a good financial position with a year-end cash position of £12,190.01 after expenses.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity holds a sufficient level of reserve to cover it in the event of unforeseen events (such as Covid-19 pandemic) which might impact it or its primary donors. The charity also holds a sufficient level of

		reserve so that it is able to cover the costs of winding up should the worst happen, and the charity need to close.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Please refer to the accompanying annual accounts.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Currently not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Currently not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None currently.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations or royalties from: 1. Book royalties 2. Donations from Tops Days Nurseries.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Currently not applicable.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Tops not being able to afford to contribute to the charity – the main source of income.
Other		Currently not applicable.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	The Charity's Trust Deed and Trustee board resolutions.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with Companies House
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Cheryl Hadland is entitled to appoint one or more trustees under the Trust Deed. Trustees may also be appointed by election.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Currently not applicable.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Currently not applicable.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Currently not applicable.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Green Early Years Choices Champion Organisation
Other name the charity uses	GECCO
Registered charity number	1171726
Charity's principal address	3 Wollaston Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH6 4AR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Cheryl Hadland	Chair		Cheryl Hadland
2	Micah Faure	Secretary		
3	John Siraj-Blatchford	Board member		
4	Diane Boyd	Board member		
5	Barbara Chaitoff	Board member		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable.

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accounting	Lana Kazlauska	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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Charity Name
Green Education To The Community Coalition

No (if any)
1171726

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1/1/2023

To

Period end date
12/31/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Real nappies income	558	-	-	558	-
Other activities income	1,726	-	-	1,726	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,284	-	-	2,284	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,284	-	-	2,284	-
A3 Payments					
Real nappies costs	-	-	-	-	-
Support costs	2,578	-	-	2,578	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,578	-	-	2,578	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,578	-	-	2,578	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 294	-	-	- 294	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,661	-	-	5,661	-
Cash funds this year end	5,367	-	-	5,367	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	28,314	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,314	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Creditor - Tops Day Nursery Limited	Unrestricted	- 22,947	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	