



Brixton Wings – End of Year Report 2021.

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Chair's Report

Our dedicated team of teachers, trustees, inspiring volunteers and parents are all fully committed to ensuring we provide the best possible learning and skills development environment for disadvantaged young people living in the Angel Town estate and surrounding areas in Brixton. We provide resources and facilities for Early Intervention Programmes, including week-day after-School group music lessons, Saturday remedial school, weekly and mid-term sports activities. Taking participants from beginners' stage, (age 7) to advanced (age 18), we specialize in music learning using a combination of ABRSM classical piano training and exams, backed up by informal and improvised creative workshops, including guitar classes, band workshops, singing and songwriting. Our centre is designed to facilitate group classroom resources with an array of musical instruments, from a classical baby-grand piano, 3 electric baby-grands, a host of electric keyboards/guitars, acoustic guitars, amps, drums, to music workbooks and music production equipment.

We provide Saturday School revision classes and remedial teaching for children and young people (CYP's) preparing for Secondary School entrance exams, as well as 'booster' and revision classes for GCSE students who need additional support for their studies in Maths, Science and English.

Our physical development and wellbeing programmes include weekly indoor rowing coaching sessions, complemented by week long mid-term on-water rowing programmes, presented in collaboration with London Youth Rowing and the Lambeth Sports and Development Team. These initiatives are designed to enhance the confidence and resilience of our participants, while also increasing the capacity of the organization and community overall. For example, we participate at the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships (NJIRC) and the London Youth Games Regatta.

During the 2019-2020 academic year, our music students have made considerable progress despite the pandemic, which changed the direction of all activities in all organisations, not least our ability to deliver on-site learning. Since March 2020 our provisions have gone exclusively online, with a few exceptions when the centre was open in line with Government policy. These challenges notwithstanding, participation levels have remained high and consistent, with over 95% attendance week on week. However, we have not been able to register new CYP's onto our programmes during lockdown as we remained focused on existing provisions and the long-term sustainability of Brixton Wings.

We continue to seek funding in order to sustain both our projects and our organization – and have been successful in 2020 to have been awarded funding by the following agencies and organisations;

London Community Funders - City Bridge Trust, SW9 Community Housing, LB Lambeth – London Community Foundation, LB Lambeth SLA for rowing provision, with additional specific donations from Café Nero and A political.

The Chair and trustees acknowledge and thank all of the above funders and donors to our organization without whom we would not be able to continue to provide the resources and facilities we do.

Lil Sullivan, Chair

Our Organisation and the People we work with.

After School Music Classes

Brixton Wings are fortunate to have a team of excellent teachers for our after-school and Saturday School provision, always willing to go beyond the requirements of their role, including printing out music sheets, staying longer to help particular students, donating old equipment or books and helping to fundraise and create awareness of the work we do. In addition, teachers' pay particular attention to helping young people through their preparations for their Royal School of Music ABRSM piano exams – graduating from grade to grade as they progress in their studies and musicianship.

We work closely with Lambeth Music Services and are partners within the Lambeth Sounds network – allowing for greater partnership working between network members. For example, we work closely with School Ground Sounds to deliver our Windrush project, which has been running since 2018.

Central to the work we do is our relationship with parents. Just as much as we invest time and resources into the development of our young people in the community, parents too invest their time and energy into supporting the organization, volunteering to help in areas such as maintaining a clean and hygienic centre, putting away equipment after classes and making sure their children have practiced their pieces and are ready to present their work. For those parents who might need extra support, for example with their social welfare, housing applications, CV's or Children's school applications, we are happy to invest time and effort into helping, knowing that a good quality family life means better opportunities for young people overall.

Indoor and On-water Rowing

Throughout the year (and since 2010) we work in collaboration with London Youth Rowing (LYR) to develop rowing initiatives and activity programmes at a community grassroots level, with funding support from LB Lambeth's sports and development team and other funding agencies. We have increased the capacity of the borough in terms of participation in the sport of rowing, presented by Brixton Wings as a weekly after-School and mid-term free activity. In July 2019, we took 20 of our rowers to Ireland as part of an EU Erasmus funded youth exchange programme, and in October 2019 we

hosted 20 rowers from Carlow RC. Ireland, as part of the same Erasmus youth exchange initiative. Our plan was to continue with the EU ERASMUS youth exchange opportunity throughout 2020, but the pandemic in early 2020, coupled with the decision to remove the UK from ERASMUS, has halted such ambitions. However, we remain hopeful that over time we will be able to run further youth exchange programmes as past experience has shown that initiatives such as this provide wonderful opportunities for forging long-term friendships and personal confidence building.

Saturday School – Preparation and Revision classes.

Our informal learning environment for remedial teaching includes putting ‘the love of reading’ central to the work we do and as such story-telling, creative writing, reading styles and general knowledge development has enabled the younger children to embrace learning and feel comfortable in our learning environment. We have built up a library of children’s books, including texts books, workbooks and ‘past exam papers’, all valuable resources to assist in the delivery of our classes and programmes. The outcomes have been evidenced by improved grades, confidence levels and participation in class activities.

Our support for GCSE revision classes remains one of our top priorities for Saturday School and we hope to increase the number of participants accessing and benefiting from the programme over the coming year; as this is an area where engagement with young people is most challenging. We have noted a particular reluctance by some young people in the area to place priority in educational attainment and as such we have found that this group, who may be most in need of help, are most likely to not engage with our services and provision. We are working proactively to reach out and engage with this group.

Organisational Impact Assessment

Throughout the year we support up to 100 CYP’s per week. Participation can vary from ‘After School music classes’ – which run from 4.30pm – 6.30pm Monday to Friday, to Saturday School, term time, and on-water rowing throughout each mid-term. Due to the pandemic all on-water activities ceased as from March 2020, and soon afterwards this was followed by a closure of indoor rowing activities. Despite this, we continued to run ‘socially distanced’ keep fit in the part activities, when allowed by Government guidelines and outside of ‘lockdown’ protocols.

Many of these children could not afford private music classes or indeed attend other ‘music resource centres’ due to cost or location barriers. All our participants come from the Angell Town Estate, surrounding estates or are Lambeth residents. Each learner is equipped with a keyboard, headphones, jack-adaptor and music books – or equivalent instrument and workbook for guitar and band workshop classes, as such increasing their ability to fully utilize the learning and playing experience.

Our parents are all fully committed to the work we do and provide very positive feedback on ‘the observed improvement of their children’. We hold regular concerts in which they can witness for themselves the progress made and the impact of the programs on their child’s confidence and development.

Medg Sullivan – Volunteer Programme Manager.

Projects and Partners

We work closely with **School ground Sounds** (SGS), a key partner in the delivery of our Windrush Amplified Workshops – exploring the lives and lived experiences of those who came to work in the UK from the Caribbean, forging an integral part of the development of the NHS and other essential State infrastructure systems.

School Ground Sounds have also donated musical equipment to Brixton Wings and supported our gifted students, through 'Hattie's Fund'.

[Windrush Amplified — School Ground Sounds](#)

[Hatty's Fund — School Ground Sounds](#)



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Report of Accounts

30 June 2021

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W S Mantz & Co
Chartered Accountants

19 August 2021

BRIXTON WINGS
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover	47,704	33,255
Administrative expenses	(41,540)	(19,205)
Surplus	<u>6,164</u>	<u>14,050</u>
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>6,164</u>	<u>14,050</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	-
Net Surplus for the financial year	<u>6,164</u>	<u>14,050</u>

BRIXTON WINGS
Balance Sheet
as at 30 June 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	10,692	7,132
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		40,317	37,703
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	(680)	(670)
Net current assets		<u>39,637</u>	<u>37,033</u>
Net assets		<u>50,329</u>	<u>44,165</u>
Capital and reserves			
General Reserve	4	50,329	44,165
Trustee's funds		<u>50,329</u>	<u>44,165</u>

Signed

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Date

BRIXTON WINGS
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 30 June 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Turnover

Turnover 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.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Musical Instruments & Office Equipment 25% reducing balance

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment £	Musical Instruments £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 July 2020	1,720	11,694	13,414
Additions	3,194	3,930	7,124
At 30 June 2021	<u>4,914</u>	<u>15,624</u>	<u>20,538</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 July 2020	714	5,568	6,282
Charge for the year	1,050	2,514	3,564
At 30 June 2021	<u>1,764</u>	<u>8,082</u>	<u>9,846</u>
Net book value			
At 30 June 2021	<u>3,150</u>	<u>7,542</u>	<u>10,692</u>
At 30 June 2020	<u>1,006</u>	<u>6,126</u>	<u>7,132</u>

3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	<u>680</u>	<u>670</u>

4 Movement On General Reserve

	2020 £
Opening General Reserve	44,165
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>6,164</u>
	<u>50,329</u>

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5 Principal activities

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Cafe Nero	-	1,451
A Politica Donation	-	3,655
City Bridge Trust	10,000	6,100
Summer Camp	840	859
Donations	4,517	5,290
Grants	947	500
SW9 Community Housing	-	2,700
Registration Fees	-	4,075
L.B. Lambeth SLA	-	275
L.B. Lambeth Grant	6,150	7,200
Big Local Impact Lunch	-	150
City of London	9,700	-
Ground Work London TFL	5,000	-
Compensation	50	-
Mayors Office Grant	10,500	-
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Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Tuition Fees	13,350	8,798
Project Manager	5,066	1,700
Travel and subsistence	694	458
	<u>19,110</u>	<u>10,956</u>
Premises costs:		
Hire of Venues	3,000	2,473
Rates	144	114
Insurance	801	-
Light and heat	471	563
Cleaning	220	183
Refurbishment	12,216	652
	<u>16,852</u>	<u>3,985</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	449	100
Stationery and printing	51	278
Insurance	535	538
Office expenses	405	132
Equipment hire	144	-
Games expenses	-	100
Concert expenses	-	168
Team Supervision	-	150
Depreciation	3,564	2,378
	<u>5,148</u>	<u>3,844</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	430	420
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