

**EDUCATCH CHARITY**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR END**  
**05 October 2023**

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**Structure, governance and management.****Governing Document**

Educatch (the Charity) was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation by a constitution dated 21 June 2021 and registered with the Charity Commission on 26th February 2018.

There are currently 3 Trustees and future Trustees shall be appointed by a resolution at a meeting planned in April 2024.

The trustees are predominantly women and / or of ethnic backgrounds. Our service users are, in the vast majority, from ethnic/socially excluded backgrounds. Many have EHCP's (Education Health Care Plans) and as a result are registered as having education/ health care needs. Many have a diagnosis of autism and a significant percentage are living in care. The charity has grown considerably within a year and is now very active having extended its reach to a wide group of young people who are socially and educationally excluded.

**Trustee Induction and Training**

All Trustees are briefed on their legal obligations under charity law and the decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the Charity. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

The Charity is based in London but is a national organisation currently working across nine local authorities.

The Charity is exceeding the targets set in its strategic development plan and is growing at a fast rate due we believe to an increased need for support for young people at risk due to the cost of living crisis and a reduction in services for young people with SEN's.

**Public benefit statement**

The section of this report entitled Objectives and activities sets out the aims and priorities of the CIO.

The aims of the organisation continue to be charitable;

- That the aims and work done give identifiable benefits to the charitable sector and both indirectly and directly to individuals in need;
- That the benefits are for the public, are not unreasonably restricted in any way and certainly not by ability to pay; and
- That there is no detriment or harm arising from the aims or activities.

**Financial review**

The overall financial position of the Charity is strong with tight financial controls and sound financial management which has led to a positive outcome for the year with net funds of £30,846.40 at the year end. Free (unrestricted) reserves amounted to £30,846.40 with no (restricted) reserve

**Principal Funding Sources**

The majority of the funding received by the Charity comes from the sale of services delivered to schools and local authorities across the UK.

The charity secured one grant during this financial year, being £20,000 from The Phoenix Way – Global Fund for Children for which we are extremely grateful.

**Reserves policy**

The Trustees have established a policy whereby, given the Charity's present level and nature of activities, the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in intangible and tangible fixed assets ("the free reserves") held by the Charity should not be less than three months' unrestricted expenditure.

At this level the Trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the Charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would obviously be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced as activities changed.

**Investment policy**

The Trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit.

**Tax status**

Educatch Charity is a registered charity and is exempt from corporation tax and income tax.

**Operational report**

In 2022-23 Educatch refined and built upon its aim to ensure that every young person regardless of their background has the means, support, education, advice and assistance to advance in life.

The charity provided holistic services which offer education, skills and training, mentoring and counselling as well as basic resources to help young people overcome the obstacles to their learning and development. The charities aim is to help a very diverse range of young people develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate fully in society and to develop as mature and responsible individuals. We offer bespoke 1:1 tuition and services which help young people achieve through a personalised action plan. We also offer group work sessions with socially excluded young men and woman as well as fully comprehensive EOTIS packages for children with EHCP's

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit.**

In relation to activities the charity has had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Educatch Charity offers a range of activities all of which are targeted to support the most vulnerable children and young people within society.

This year we have delivered Home & Off-Site Tuition as well as Education Other Than In School packages of support.

We have provided one to one bespoke tuition programmes and EOTIS packages designed to improve the everyday life of Individuals at risk of losing out. We have worked with young people with a diverse range of needs, from the age of 5 to 25 who have been identified as being at risk of not achieving the educational goals set by their current learning provider. This includes concerns meeting EHCP or school targets, children at risk of exclusion or who are not attending school, and young people who currently or are at risk of becoming Looked After.

Throughout this year we have delivered a curriculum which offers a wide number of activities to keep learners interested ranging from bike maintenance, access to music tech and studio work to digital coding or art classes and animal welfare. The curriculum has been bespoke, tailored to meet the individual needs of each and every student. We have also enabled access to a gym, kitchen, recording studio, and gardening space as well as working within the community and in homes.

The Young people supported have been referred to us for a variety of reasons including:

- Exclusions
- Attendance/engagement
- School
- phobia
- Complex
- needs that require bespoke intervention.
- Achievement lagging behind their peers (including literacy and numeracy issues)
- Behavioural issues – including SEN or YOS involvement
- Mental and/or physical health.
- Non assessed SEN Lacking a school, college or AP provision.

Progress has been measured against the following outcomes:

- Progress
- achievement
- Achieve
- accredited qualifications if possible
- Re-engage back into learning.
- Improve self-esteem and diversion from negative behaviours.

This year we have offered to 22 young people

- 1:1 tuition through a personalised individual home or community learning programme with clear weekly academic targets and reports.
- Intensive support to tackle the factors that contribute to a young person's behaviour focused on diversion away from negative activity and emotional support
- Counselling and a timetable which is designed to focus on attendance, engagement and achievement.
- A programme delivered in partnership with schools, colleges or other providers.
- One-to-One support in the classroom or off-site support within the community.
- Support for parents/carers to engage in their child's education to raise confidence, aspirations and self-esteem.
- Same day targeted approach to attendance and addressing issues at home.
- Intensive tuition specifically in preparations for exams.
- Close liaison with all agencies working with a young person.
- A direct challenge to non-attendance, punctuality issues and behavioural concerns.

We have also supported 4 young people with MORE COMPLEX NEEDS delivering a service which :  
Worked in partnership with local authority SEND Departments, Inclusions Teams, Social Care, and schools to support children and young people with complex needs/PMLD), neurodiversity, and SEMH.  
Supported young people who have often struggled in other provisions and who required a bespoke, sometimes two-to-one service that is tailored to meet EHCP targets.

This year we have worked particularly with young people up to the age of 19 who have been identified by social care of as being at risk and of not achieving in education or training.

A large number of our service users have not been attending school (some for years) and many have Education Health Care Plans, recognised SEN's such as ADHD or diagnosed mental health concerns. We take referrals from across London, but are based In Lambeth. Our referrals come through schools, PRU's and Alternative provisions, Social Care, SEN departments, and from parents/ carers directly. We are currently marketing our boys and girls workshops to individual Youth Offending Services as these groups provide a direct challenge to youth offending.

The curriculum offered has been bespoke, tailored to meet the individual needs of each and every young person at that time. We go to the young people and meet them and their families where they are at emotionally, and educationally. Our target is to reengage our service users back onto a positive path relating

to education, employment but also holistic wellbeing - so taking part in regular exercise activities and talking about their concerns and worries is very much part of what we do. The programme is dynamic, fun, creative, planned in advance but flexible in order to be able to respond to regular evaluations. It has been delivered at one of our premises (we rent community centres) or in schools, PRU's, residential children's homes, with foster carers or within the community.

Our approach is based upon relationships with a key individual and our focus is always around the avoidance of conflict and access to positive activities and achievement.

### **Ultimate Aim**

The EduCatch Charity would like to see an end to school exclusions and hopes one day to join up with other similar group to campaign to that aim. We believe in racial, social, educational inclusion and directly and overtly we challenge stereotyping and any kind of inequality or exclusion. We want to live in a society where all young people achieve, are heard and are successful regardless of their racial, social, educational backgrounds and where poverty, mental health or any other kind of emotional or care need is not a barrier to achievement.

### **Safeguarding**

Our Safeguarding and Safer Recruitment policies are reviewed in accordance with changing legislation. Staff and trustees are familiar with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023.

Staff receive Child Protection training to Level 2 (regularly refreshed). Managers receive Designated School Lead training- level 3. Staff involved in recruitment undertake Safer Recruitment training. Our child protection and whistle blowing policy and procedures are then shared through trained staff with all service users so our young people know who to speak to if they have any concerns or worries. New employees undertake an Enhanced DBS check (refreshed every three years); complete an application form and provide two references which are checked before they can start. Regular training ensures all staff adhere to procedures shared at induction.

Concerns are reported in the risk forms and sent to social care and appropriate representatives from the LA and the service user's professional network. Local Authority protocols are rigorously observed. Specific concerns in an emergency or around the safety of a child are reported to the police. Child Protection information is shared daily by the staff to the appropriate Manager (or vice versa), to LADO (if appropriate), and through weekly team meetings.

### **Grants**

We have received one grant this year. One from The Phoenix Fund has enabled us to help more than (currently) twelve young people who we have provided with a personalised action plan and the support from an education/support adviser to implement it. As well as direct support to implement the action plan the funding has enabled provision of practical help against food poverty by making available healthy food and has also enabled them to travel away from potentially dangerous situation by having access to travel funds. Essential sanitary items and toiletries, which some young people have struggled to buy in the past, have been offered to nearly 15 young people. We have also employed an NHS CAMHS therapist for LAC with huge amounts of experience working with LAC. She will, from April be delivering the emotional support to focus on positive activities and long-term goals as well as helping our young people develop the confidence to deliver a direct challenge to problematic and risky lifestyles.

### Plans

- 1) Integrate support from the LAC CAMHS therapist who will join the charity in April
- 2) Employ an HR specialist to support with recruitment.
- 3) Extend the charities reach to other Local Authorities who have made contact with the charity for support.
- 4) extend the Mission statement to work with young people overseas. We have connexions in Tanzania and South America and intend to develop our model to provide assistance to young people who are facing challenging situations involving the Criminal Justice system without legal support/ advocacy.

## **Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 5 October 2023**

### **Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Educatch Charity**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 October 2023

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission

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

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts

set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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 accounts to be reached.

M. Tuffaha BA (Hons) AFA MIPA

Sterling Gate Accountants

Date: 12th April 2024

| Recommended categories by activity                               | Notes | Unrestricted funds<br>£ | Total Funds 2023<br>£ |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Incoming resources</b>                                        |       |                         |                       |
| <b>Income and endowments from:</b>                               |       |                         |                       |
| Donations and legacies                                           | 2     | 20,000.00               | 20,000.00             |
| Charitable activities                                            | 3     | 55,344.93               | 55,344.93             |
| <b>Total</b>                                                     |       | <b>75,344.93</b>        | <b>75,344.93</b>      |
| <b>Resources expended</b>                                        |       |                         |                       |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                                           |       |                         |                       |
| Charitable activities                                            | 4     | 31,109.47               | 31,109.47             |
| Other                                                            | 5     | 13,389.06               | 13,389.06             |
| <b>Total</b>                                                     |       | <b>44,498.53</b>        | <b>44,498.53</b>      |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b> |       | <b>30,846.40</b>        | <b>30,846.40</b>      |
| <b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>                                  |       | <b>30,846.40</b>        | <b>30,846.40</b>      |
| <b>Net movement in funds</b>                                     |       | <b>30,846.40</b>        | <b>30,846.40</b>      |
| Reconciliation of funds:                                         |       |                         |                       |
| Total funds brought forward                                      |       | -                       | -                     |
| <b>Total funds carried forward</b>                               |       | <b>30,846.40</b>        | <b>30,846.40</b>      |

| Recommended categories by activity           | Notes | Unrestricted funds<br>£ | Total Funds 2023<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Current assets                               |       |                         |                       |
| Debtors                                      | 6     | 5,832.00                | 5,832.00              |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     | 7     | 25,014.40               | 25,014.40             |
| <b>Total current assets</b>                  |       | <b>30,846.40</b>        | <b>30,846.40</b>      |
| <b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>      |       | <b>30,846.40</b>        | <b>30,846.40</b>      |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b> |       | <b>30,846.40</b>        | <b>30,846.40</b>      |
| <b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>       |       | <b>30,846.40</b>        | <b>30,846.40</b>      |
| <b>Funds of the Charity</b>                  |       |                         |                       |
| Unrestricted funds                           | 8     | 30,846.40               | 30,846.40             |
| Restricted income funds                      | 8     |                         | -                     |
| Endowment funds                              | 8     |                         | -                     |
| <b>Total funds</b>                           |       | <b>30,846.40</b>        | <b>30,846.40</b>      |

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 12-Apr-2024 and signed on its behalf by:

IAN DUCKETT  
Chair  
(Electronically signed)



## 1 Accounting Policies

### 1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with “Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)” (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

### 1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

## 2 Income from Donations and Legacies

|                    | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Endowment funds | Total funds 2023 |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Analysis           | £                  | £                       | £               | £                |
| Donation and gifts | 20,000.00          | -                       | -               | 20,000.00        |
|                    | 20,000.00          | -                       | -               | 20,000.00        |

## 3 Income from Charitable Activities

|          | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Endowment funds | Total funds 2023 |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Analysis | £                  | £                       | £               | £                |

|        |           |   |   |           |
|--------|-----------|---|---|-----------|
| Income | 55,344.93 | - | - | 55,344.93 |
|        | 55,344.93 | - | - | 55,344.93 |

## 4 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

|                           | Total funds 2023 |  |  |           |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|--|-----------|
| Analysis                  | £                |  |  |           |
| Charity running cost      |                  |  |  | 1,014.44  |
| Advertising and marketing |                  |  |  | 2,851.26  |
| Legal/professional fees   |                  |  |  | 9.90      |
| Staff costs               |                  |  |  | 24,742.23 |
| Purchases                 |                  |  |  | 1,456.27  |
| Travel                    |                  |  |  | 1,035.37  |
|                           |                  |  |  | 31,109.47 |

## 5 Other Expenditure

|                   | Unrestricted funds | Restricted income funds | Endowment funds | Total funds 2023 |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Analysis          | £                  | £                       | £               | £                |
| Other Expenditure | 13,389.06          | -                       | -               | 13,389.06        |
|                   | 13,389.06          | -                       | -               | 13,389.06        |

## 6 Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

|               | Total funds 2023 |  |  |          |
|---------------|------------------|--|--|----------|
|               | £                |  |  |          |
| Trade debtors |                  |  |  | 5,832.00 |
|               |                  |  |  | 5,832.00 |

## 7 Cash at bank and in hand

|              | Total funds 2023 |
|--------------|------------------|
|              | £                |
| Cash in Bank | 25,014.40        |
|              | 25,014.40        |

## 8 Charity funds

### 8.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

| Fund names         | Fund<br>balances<br>brought<br>forward | Income    | Expenditure | Transfers | Gains and<br>losses | Fund<br>balances<br>carried<br>forward |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                    | £                                      | £         | £           | £         | £                   | £                                      |
| Unrestricted funds | -                                      | 75,344.93 | (44,498.53) | -         | -                   | 30,846.40                              |
| <b>Total</b>       | -                                      | 75,344.93 | (44,498.53) | -         | -                   | 30,846.40                              |

### 8.2 Transfers between funds

#### This Year

|                                           | Amount |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|
|                                           | £      |
| Between unrestricted and restricted funds | -      |
| Between endowment and restricted funds    | -      |
| Between endowment and unrestricted funds  | -      |