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EDUCATCH CHARITY

TRUSTEES' REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR END
05 October 2024

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LEASING STATEMENT

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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 21 June 2021.

There are currently 3 Trustees any future Trustees shall be appointed by resolution.

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 this 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 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.

The trustees meet termly and follow an agenda agreed in advance

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.

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Financial review

The Charity's overall financial position remains strong, supported by robust financial controls and effective management. This has resulted in a positive financial outcome for the year, with a net income of £417,102 from charitable activities, along with a restricted grant of £10,000 (compared to £55,344 from charitable activities and a £20,000 grant in 2023). At the year-end, unrestricted funds amounted to £66,221

Principal Funding Sources

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

The charity secured one grant during this financial year from The Lambeth Community Grant 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.

Operational report

In 2024-25 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 / 2:1 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 EOTAS packages for children with EHCP's

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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 at School packages of support.

We have provided one to one bespoke tuition programmes and EOTAS packages designed to improve the everyday life of Individuals at risk of losing out across eight Local Authorities.

We are at present working with eight LA's and have been asked to support in another two.

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 horticulture, cooking, access to music tech and studio work, drumming sessions, digital coding, 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.

Our aim is to ensure that every young person regardless of their background has the means, support, education, advice and assistance to stay safe, at liberty and to advance in life. The charities aim is to help young people, predominantly from disadvantaged backgrounds, develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate fully in society and to develop as mature and responsible individuals. Our service users are from a diverse range of backgrounds and many have EHCP's. 85% of our children are from a challenging socio-economic background. We offer bespoke 1:1 services which help young people achieve through a personalised action plan with clear weekly targets and a timetable which is monitored by the Director and newly appointed Programme Coordinator. The Educatch Charity is managed by trustees who themselves come from a range of backgrounds. The CEO maintains overall responsibility for all service delivery, due diligence and compliance and reports directly to the board which ensures effective communication. Decisions are made by the board who act as critical friends to the CEO but also ensure robust strategic, risk management and financial planning is in place. We aim this year to involve young people, their communities, carers and parents much more in the strategic plan through questionnaires and evaluations although some progress in this area has been made by introducing end of term reporting/feedback sessions.

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Who we support?

The children and 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 against EHCP targets
- Achieve accredited qualifications if possible
- Re-engage back into learning.
- Improve self-esteem and diversion from negative behaviours

Services

Surrey

We have established a hub in Surrey from which we deliver bespoke EOTAS packages of support to young people all of whom have EHCP's.

Reserves have been used to fund a premises used as a peripatetic hub and base for tuition sessions. Lessons are highly personalised and include Core subjects alongside of Art, Drumming, Life skills, PE, Astronomy and Science all delivered alongside of a therapeutic pathway informed through support from our CAMHS therapies.

Close partnerships have been established with schools which were attended by the young people referred to us.

This has enabled our learners to sit exams through the school and also to feel they are still part of the school community whilst accessing a bespoke package of education.

All young people are entered for GCSE's and or Functional skills examinations in chosen subjects.

Throughout the year across Surrey, we have also worked with a number of LAC, referred to us through The Virtual School. We have also delivered bespoke tuition packages across Richmond and Croydon to a number of other young people who do not access the hub but require support.

Lambeth Schools

We are currently supporting a number of young people from this Local authority

Outcomes focused on include:

- 1) Achievement of EHCP targets and GCSE examinations

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- 2) A reduction in youth offending/ high risk behaviour.
- 3) Improved attendance and engagement in school.
- 4) Attendance and engagement with other supportive statutory services e.g. YOS appointments and YOS orders. CAMHS, Colleges re transition, social care, Health Providers.
- 5) Attendance and engagement in mentored activities e.g. One to one tuition, Music production, gym workouts, college interviews (end of year 11.)
- 6) Attendance/ engagement in therapeutic session with our own CAMHS therapist and evidence of strategies she has recommended being used.
- 7) Attendance and engagement in one-on-one mentoring/ role model sessions.
- 8) Improved family relations

Earth to Plate -Gardening Project

The Educatch charity would like to continue to develop an Earth to Plate gardening project for young adults who are NEET with Special Educational Needs and/ or with learning disabilities. Our community allotment has now been developed into a place of beauty and productivity which young people with a range of needs can enjoy and have started to make use of through educational packages and support.

Students from Lambeth and Wandsworth have accessed sessions at the allotment and it is now a thriving plot.

We enjoyed our first yield last summer with potatoes, raspberries, gooseberries and tomatoes. The benefits of gardening to young people with autism are huge and include improving gross and fine motor skills, communication, teamwork & socialisation, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and diet as well as offering a calming sensory experience for our service users- many of whom are on the autistic spectrum. Fitness, exercise and healthy eating is a serious matter for many of our service users.

This project also offers the opportunity for vulnerable, often socially excluded young people living on very tight budgets to have access to free fruit and vegetables grown through the allotment.

This project has been designed to support the individual personal development goals of service users who are all in need of activities and community support. We have been granted the allotment plot indefinitely and have applied for additional funding to maintain project staff whilst extending project reach. The project will be promoted through existing school partnerships, social media, Social Care disability teams, and through existing contacts who already use the charity. We will also be very much part of the allotment community which has over 400 members. We plan to use the project to learn how best to promote the development of greener, safer, better neighbourhoods and to share an understanding of where and how food is grown and how important community is within this process.

Complex needs

We have worked in partnership with several local authority SEND Departments, Inclusions Teams, Social Care, and schools to support children and young people with complex needs/PMLD), neurodiversity, and SEMH.

The charity has created bespoke packages of support for 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 service is being delivered across Hertfordshire, Luton and from our hub in Wandsworth. The curriculum offered has been bespoke, tailored to meet the individual needs of each and every young

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person at that time. 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 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.

We have found success particularly by working closely with other key professionals most notably with an excellent occupational therapist who has provided invaluable support in Wandsworth helping to develop a sensory diet and training for staff.

This model of close working with other experts is something we hope to build upon this year.

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 2024.

Staff receive Child Protection training to Level 2 (regularly refreshed each year and at induction). 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.

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Grants

We have received one grant this year of £10,000

We are currently working with a number of schools in South London predominantly in Kennington and Stockwell. We have had a significant number of young people identified to us through existing relationships with school SENCO's. These young people are in need of support as they are not attending school and/or have received several fixed term exclusions, are known to YOS and / or the criminal justice system and have been identified as being at risk of non-achievement.

The service will provide a direct challenge to several issues we have seen a significant increase in over the past year. These include: non-attendance, poor achievement at school, youth offending, concerns around mental health and no transition plan. We know these problems have increased as our service goes into communities and into homes. It is accessible, hits the ground running and is effective. It is also holistic. Over two years our project team will deliver a range of activities and support which will challenge non-attendance/ engagement in school and deliver a direct challenge to youth offending and high-risk behaviours. Our staff (teachers, therapists, youth workers, mentors) all have the personalities, skills and experience of working with young people who really need support and guidance. With the Programme Coordinator they will create a timetable for and with each young person which is highly personalised and focused on areas they want to progress in and which uses activities and resources they enjoy. We work in recording studios as a setting for mentoring and self-expression, professional kitchens to develop life skills and encourage communication and we use physical exercise in gyms to support routine and improve self-esteem

Significant developments this year.

1) Integrated support from our LAC CAMHS therapist.

We now have access to a therapist who can support the development of bespoke packages of support. This ensures all programmes are delivered using a therapeutic pathway alongside of which other specialist services may work -e.g., OT's and SALT.

2) Employment of a Programme Coordinator. We have employed a qualified teacher to support the charity by working with tutors around curriculum delivery, meeting EHCP targets/ Academic outcomes, timetables, reports and quality assurance.

3) Extended the charities reach to other Local Authorities who have made contact with the charity for support.

4) Employed a P/T administrator to support with Safer Recruitment, tutors reports and overall Quality Assurance.

5) Renting several new premises to operate from in Guildford Surrey, Roehampton, Wandsworth.

6) Renting a head office in Tooting Works attended by the CEO, Director, Programme coordinator and Administrator. We maintain a hybrid system of working but value this new space hugely.

7) Initial conversations, connections with existing charities, legal advice and meetings relating to extending the charities reach to a small number of young people in Tanzania.

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Plans

- 1) Recruitment one day/week of a content developer- SEO/ digital media professional
- 2) Rental of a new space in Guildford town centre
- 3) Rental of a new space in Wandsworth
- 4) Two grants pending outcome.
- 5) We now have a staffing structure which frees up senior management to focus on development and grant applications.
- 6) Development of Tanzania Project having started to work on our Mission statement for The Charity Commission to work with young people overseas. We have connexions in Tanzania 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 ending 05/10/2024**

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
Ending 05/10/2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05 October 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
Charitable activities	3	417,102.62	-	417,102.62	55,344.93
Total		417,102.62	10,000.00	427,102.62	75,344.93
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4	362,652.97	26,177.74	388,830.71	44,498.53
Total		362,652.97	26,177.74	388,830.71	44,498.53
Net income/(expenditure)		54,449.65	(16,177.74)	38,271.91	30,846.40
Net movement in funds		54,449.65	(16,177.74)	38,271.91	30,846.40
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		11,771.37	19,075.03	30,846.40	-
Total funds carried forward		66,221.02	2,897.29	69,118.31	30,846.40

BALANCE SHEET

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets					
Debtors	6	25,332.00	-	25,332.00	-
Cash at bank and in hand	7	43,877.81	2,897.29	46,775.10	25,014.40
Total current assets		69,209.81	2,897.29	72,107.10	25,014.40
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	3,261.26	-	3,261.26	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		65,948.55	2,897.29	68,845.84	25,014.40
Total net assets or liabilities		65,948.55	2,897.29	68,845.84	25,014.40
Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	9	66,221.02		66,221.02	11,771.37
Restricted income funds	9		2,897.29	2,897.29	19,075.03
Endowment funds	9			-	-
Total funds		66,221.02	2,897.29	69,118.31	30,846.40

The financial statements were approved by the Board signed on its behalf by:



IAN DUCKETT
Chair

Signed by:
Ian Duckett
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.2 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.

1.3 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

Analysis	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£
Donation and gifts	-	-	20,000.00
Grants	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>

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3 Income from Charitable Activities

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£
Income	417,102.62	417,102.62	55,344.93
	<u>417,102.62</u>	<u>417,102.62</u>	<u>55,344.93</u>

4 Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Analysis	£	£
Advertising and marketing	11,339.29	2,851.26
Printing and stationery	325.04	-
Bank charges	13.22	-
Legal/professional fees	280.50	9.90
Staff costs	269,776.15	24,742.23
Phoenix Grant Expenditure	19,075.03	924.97
Subscriptions	3,032.00	-
Cleaning	64.86	250.00
Insurance	1,556.21	185.00
Rent and Lease Payments	16,591.50	79.20
General Direct Expenses	43,917.34	1,928.70
Staff Training	2,057.62	-
Pension Costs	1,579.97	-
Light, Power, Heating	227.14	-
Entertainment	1,058.68	54.99
IT Software's	121.99	434.65
Telephone and Internet	2,165.10	-
Repair and Maintenance	606.10	10.60
Postage	57.40	-
Purchases	-	11,991.66
Lottery Fund Expenses	7,102.71	-
Travel	6,650.16	1,035.37
Support Costs	1,232.70	-
	<u>388,830.71</u>	<u>44,498.53</u>

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5 Support Costs

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Analysis	£	£
Governance Costs		
Accountancy fees	1,232.70	-
	<u>1,232.70</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Accounts Receivable	25,332.00	-
	<u>25,332.00</u>	<u>-</u>

7 Cash at bank and in hand

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and on hand	46,775.10	-
Cash in Bank	-	25,014.40
	<u>46,775.10</u>	<u>25,014.40</u>

8 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Income tax payable	1,116.39	-
Pension	425.83	-
Pleo Account	1,719.04	-
	<u>3,261.26</u>	<u>-</u>

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9 Charity funds

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

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	11,771.37	417,102.62	(362,652.97)	-	-	66,221.02
Restricted income funds	19,075.03	10,000.00	(26,177.74)	-	-	2,897.29
Total	30,846.40	427,102.62	(388,830.71)	-	-	69,118.31

9.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	-	55,344.93	(43,573.56)	-	-	11,771.37
Restricted income funds	-	20,000.00	(924.97)	-	-	19,075.03
Total	-	75,344.93	(44,498.53)	-	-	30,846.40

9.3 Transfers between funds

This Year

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

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Last Year

Amount
£

Between unrestricted and restricted funds	-
Between endowment and restricted funds	-
Between endowment and unrestricted funds	-

Trustees Remuneration

None

Related Party Transactions

None