

Annual Report

2021 - 2022

Reference and Administration

Charity Name : Suvai Deaf East Community
Charity Number : 1180055
Charity's Address : 124 Horns Road Ig2 6BL
Periods : 01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022

Structure

SDEC was set up and registered as a charity in September 2018. Prior to this, it was operating as a community cafe based in Ilford but it was struggling as a business. We did struggle to access funding when we first started as a charity but eventually we have come to believe that by setting up as a charity, it enabled us to apply for more funding. The funding we have received has enabled us to set up more community focused activities such as clubs and workshops, as well to manage a number of volunteers.

Charity's Aims

SDEC strives to improve education and social inclusion for deaf people. We aim to reduce the isolation which is felt by members of the deaf community. We work to encourage and instil their confidence and improve their overall mental health and wellbeing. SDEC is run by four trustees and a number of paid staff who are working closely with BSL interpreters.

Vision

SDEC's vision is to support and empower the deaf community by hosting various educational and social events throughout the year. We endeavour to encourage positive attitudes and aspire to a positive and inclusive future. We aim to eliminate isolation and exclusion and contribute to a better quality of life.

Vision/Beliefs

Our services are aimed at the deaf community with the overarching aim to improve the quality of life of members of this community. With all our staff and trustees being deaf, we have lived experience of the barriers and issues facing our beneficiaries and share a common connection with them. Our work is aimed at the deaf community, but we also work with hearing communities to forge links and break down barriers. We aim to provide access to opportunities, encourage, motivate and inspire deaf people. We encourage independence and empowerment in the deaf community, instil a sense of community, pride and working together, to reduce isolation, stress and mental health struggles.

What we do

We registered the charity with the main goal to offer education and training for deaf women and men as well as social clubs and fitness activities. Our main focus is on reducing isolation and setting up social events, outings and clubs for all ages. Our services are available to all deaf people, from children to old people and all genders, with a particular emphasis on BME and grassroots deaf people. We do not yet have our own Advice and Advocacy service but we have links with other local organisations where we can signpost beneficiaries if we are unable to cover their support needs.

Managing through Covid

SDEC faced significant challenges throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic . Our Deaf staff who would normally work alongside Communication Support Workers and Interpreters were forced to work remotely via video calls. Additionally, other Deaf beneficiaries who were used to coming into the office for advice and support, had to start accessing our services remotely.

The first six months of the year were very challenging for our staff and our beneficiaries but we are proud of how we have adapted and learned to work in new and innovative ways. By receiving the emergency Coronavirus funding, we were able to set up new projects, enabling us to help the most vulnerable and isolated individuals of the deaf community. We set up regular workshops on a variety of topics; both informative and entertaining.

Success at SDEC 2021/22

From the year of 2021/22, SDEC continued to successfully deliver various exciting and engaging events, from inclusive theatre plays to art activities and crafts workshops.

We held our weekly Deaf Club meetings at the Suvai Cafe in Ilford. We run the Sunday Lunch Club and Wednesday Deaf Club, where we provided free wholesome, home-cooked meals and the chance to socialise with a good number of regular attendees on a weekly basis.

The biggest outdoor activity was held at Lido in London. Tooting Bec Lido was able to offer a weekly outdoor group swim every week free of charge throughout the scorching summer months. The facilities and staff at Lido were brilliant and our Deaf beneficiaries thoroughly enjoyed the activities thus we had a good number of people attending each week.

Our Walking Club enjoyed weekly walking trails to some remarkable London green spaces, such as the New River Walk and Parkland Walk in Finsbury Park to name a few.

We partnered with many London museums, some of which had never delivered BSL tours in the past; however, they were happy to build on access and inclusion and accommodate our Deaf group's needs. Some of London's most iconic Exhibitions became more accessible as the approached Museum Staff hired a number of well-established BSL Interpreters and were able to offer BSL Tours. In particular, our Deaf attendees thoroughly enjoyed their visit at the iconic Painted Hall, located in Greenwich.

We were also able to offer a fantastic range of activities targeted to families, such as BSL interpreted and Deaf friendly Rock climbing lessons and a Creative Pottery Workshop which was beyond popular.

Held at the Suvai Cafe, we offered many exciting activities for November Half Term, such as a Pumpkin Carving Workshop and our Weekly Sewing Workshop, amongst others.

Future Plans for 2022/2023

In 2022/2023 SDEC will endeavour to apply for additional funding, to enable us to maintain and expand on the services we provide. We are hopeful that our application will be successful, and we will be able to secure funding from Trust for London. This funding would be crucial in enabling us to continue offering community activities for the three coming years. If successful, this project will focus on setting up and running clubs for the deaf community, such as older people lunch club, over 40s club, kids' club, family club, women only club, fitness club, walking club and afternoon tea club. We

strongly believe that if we succeed in being the recipients of this funding, it will consequently open the doors for further funding opportunities from other funding bodies.

One of the barriers in applying for funding is the criteria in submitting an application in written English. We in SDEC and our group of deaf Trustees identify as having BSL as a first language thus writing funding bids continues to be a significant struggle for us.

To date, the majority of our grants and funding awards have been granted for small amounts, nevertheless we have managed to work efficiently with limited funds. We have -a lot of value for money - such as the hot meal service, food hampers and walking club. We have maintained a connection with the local deaf community, and they have felt reassured and supported by SDEC activities and presence. We have prioritised engagement with the deaf BAME community and grassroots deaf people, for whom lack of access has disproportionately affected them in comparison with the general deaf population.



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/21

To

31/03/22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fund raising	-	700	-	700	15,734
Grants	-	78,847	-	78,847	35,971
HMRC grants	-	-	-	-	8,675
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	79,547	-	79,547	60,380
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	79,547	-	79,547	60,380
A3 Payments					
Salaries	-	41,449	-	41,449	26,815
Bank charges	-	74	-	74	12
PAYE expenses	-	1,832	-	1,832	-
Rent	-	4,800	-	4,800	-
Project expenses	-	6,222	-	6,222	867
Travel	-	-	-	-	129
Maintenance	-	-	-	-	2,778
Utilities	-	-	-	-	1,026
Misc services	-	-	-	-	450
Equipment	-	-	-	-	1,048
Sub total	-	54,377	-	54,377	33,125
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	54,377	-	54,377	33,125
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	25,170	-	25,170	27,255
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	27,436	-	27,436	-
Cash funds this year end	-	52,606	-	52,606	27,255

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 Balance and Cash in hand	-	52,606	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	52,606	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Bank	-	1	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

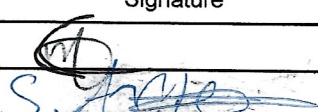
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mangayarkkarasy Sutharsan Shamim Akhter	30.01.2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Suvai Deaf East Community

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1180055

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

30/01/2023

Name:

Osama Ayub

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.