

FREE MOVEMENT SKATEBOARDING

England & Wales · Charity number 1184649

Details

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PROVIDING FACILITIES CAPABLE OF IMPROVING HEALTH INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SKATEBOARDING. 2. TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: Free Movement Skateboarding are a registered charity based in Athens (Greece) who provide skateboarding workshops and an educational program which work to empower underprivileged youth and bring communities together. Their programs focus on improving the physical and mental wellbeing of the young people they work with, whilst promoting gender parity and aiding social cohesion.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, Amateur Sport, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Greece

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£97,637	£83,267	-	-
2024-08-31	£52,111	£72,158	-	-
2023-08-31	£45,719	£64,148	-	-
2022-08-31	£74,398	£59,249	-	-
2021-08-31	£74,098	£56,319	-	-
2020-08-31	£89,980	£71,300	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Paul Ascott	Chair	2019-07-15
Keshini Mauree		2021-03-30
Sigurd Goth		2026-01-01
Veronica Lopes Da Silva		2026-01-01

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Free Movement Skateboarding CIO

Trustee Annual Report

For the year ended 31 August 2025

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Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their annual report for Free Movement Skateboarding CIO for the year ended 31 August 2025.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102).

Structure, Governance and Management

Free Movement Skateboarding (FMS) is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1184649.

The Trustees are responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the charity and meet regularly to review activities, finances, safeguarding, operational delivery, and long-term planning. Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or financial benefit from the charity.

FMS continues to operate through a combination of full-time staff, sessional instructors, volunteers, and partner organisations in Greece and internationally.

The Trustees regularly review the charity's aims, objectives, and activities to ensure they remain aligned with the organisation's charitable purposes and continue to provide public benefit.

Objectives and Public Benefit

The objectives of Free Movement Skateboarding are:

1. To promote community participation in healthy recreation for the public benefit by providing facilities and activities capable of improving health and wellbeing, including but not limited to skateboarding.
2. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure-time occupation, primarily for individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of youth, age, disability, financial hardship, or social circumstances, with the objective of improving their conditions of life.

Free Movement Skateboarding uses skateboarding as a tool to create safe and inclusive spaces for marginalised children and young people in Athens. Through weekly sessions, school-based delivery, community events, and educational activities, the charity supports participants' wellbeing, empowerment, and social cohesion.

The organisation works primarily with children and young people from refugee, migrant, Roma, working-class, FLINTA, and disability communities, providing accessible and free activities in public spaces and schools.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and activities.

Impact Overview

During the reporting period, Free Movement Skateboarding continued to expand its reach and strengthen the quality of its delivery across Athens and surrounding areas.

Key Impact Statistics

- Unique participants: 648
- Total sessions delivered: 223
- Total attendance: 2,758
- Girl participation: 49%
- Participants with disabilities: 25
- Different cultural backgrounds represented: 56
- Community events delivered: 24
- Locations reached: 21

The charity's weekly public skateboarding sessions remained central to its work, providing consistent, free, and inclusive opportunities for children and young people from diverse communities.

FMS continued to prioritise accessibility and inclusion by delivering sessions in neighbourhoods directly accessible to beneficiaries and communities facing social and economic barriers. Sessions were held in public spaces, schools, community centres, and disability support organisations.

The charity also made significant progress in participation from girls and non-male skaters. Girl participation reached 49% - the highest level FMS has recorded - reflecting their ongoing commitment to gender inclusion.

Financial Review

Free Movement Skateboarding operates through both a UK Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, and a Greek non-profit organisation (AMKE), registered with GEMI. This financial review reflects the activities of both organisational forms, which work together to deliver the charity's programmes in Greece.

During the year, the UK CIO received income of **£68,118.43** and incurred expenditure of **£48,064.84**. The Greek AMKE received income of **£29,517.58** and incurred expenditure of **£64,558.59**, alongside grant funding transferred from the UK organisation to support programme delivery. The figures presented below show the combined position of both organisations, with internal transfers removed to avoid double counting.

During the year ended 31 August 2025, total income amounted to **£97,637.98**. Income was primarily derived from grant funding, including support from the adidas Foundation, Choose Love, The SkateRoom, Skateistan, and UNESCO SEVENTEEN. Additional income was received through partnerships, fundraising activities, individual donations, and other charitable income.

Total expenditure for the year amounted to **£83,267.61** (excluding internal transfers between the UK and Greek organisations). The largest area of expenditure was staff and programme delivery costs, reflecting the charity's commitment to providing regular, high-quality skateboarding and youth development activities. Additional expenditure supported transport, equipment, administration, and operational costs.

The charity reported a net surplus for the year of approximately **£14,368**, increasing total funds available to support future activities. Cash balances at the year end amounted to **£52,331.41**, providing a solid foundation for continued programme delivery and organisational development.

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity remains in a sound financial position. They continue to monitor reserves, diversify funding sources, and maintain appropriate financial controls to support the long-term sustainability of the organisation.

The Trustees would like to thank all funders, donors, partners, and supporters whose contributions made the charity's work possible during the year.

Charitable Activities and Achievements

What We Offer

FMS recognises skateboarding as a powerful tool for supporting physical, emotional, and social wellbeing. Through participation in skateboarding, young people are encouraged to build confidence, resilience, perseverance, and self-expression while developing positive social relationships.

The organisation's sessions provide opportunities for children and young people to engage in physical activity, reduce stress and anxiety, and experience a sense of belonging within a supportive community environment.

Alongside skateboarding, FMS delivers parallel activities and creative workshops, particularly for younger siblings and participants who may not yet feel confident skating. These activities include value-based games, art workshops, and group activities focused on themes such as respect, teamwork, inclusion, and emotional wellbeing.

The organisation also continued to deliver the Edu-Skate curriculum developed by the Concrete Jungle Foundation. Edu-Skate combines skateboarding activities with non-formal educational themes including creativity, confidence, teamwork, resilience, and communication.

During the reporting period:

- 73 Edu-Skate sessions were delivered
- 256 unique participants took part in Edu-Skate activities

The curriculum continues to play an important role in strengthening participants' social and emotional learning alongside their skateboarding development.

Overview of Sessions and Events

FMS delivered three primary forms of activity during the year:

Weekly Public Sessions

Weekly public sessions remained the core of the organisation's work. These free and open sessions brought together children and young people from a wide range of cultural, social, and economic backgrounds.

Public sessions represented 89% of all sessions delivered during the reporting period and reached 68% of all unique participants across seven locations.

The sessions were designed to create safe, inclusive, and welcoming spaces where young people could build confidence, form friendships, and participate in positive community activities regardless of financial or social barriers.

Participants from 56 different cultural backgrounds attended sessions throughout the year, demonstrating the organisation's commitment to diversity and social cohesion.

School-Based Sessions

FMS continued to strengthen partnerships with public schools in Athens, delivering skateboarding sessions directly within educational environments. These collaborations improved accessibility for children who may otherwise face barriers related to transport, cost, or exclusion.

The organisation maintained regular collaborations with elementary schools as well as a Special Needs Elementary School in Zefyri.

Community Events and Extra Sessions

Throughout the year, FMS organised and participated in 24 community events and collaborative activities. These events expanded the organisation's reach, strengthened partnerships, and created opportunities for cultural exchange, visibility, and advocacy.

Key events included:

- Copenhagen Open Week in Athens
- FMS x Decathlon community sessions
- International Women's Day skate events
- Ps(h)y Dex FLINTA-focused skate gatherings
- Pride Month skate meet-ups
- Navarino Challenge sports events
- Community fundraising and awareness events

These events promoted inclusion, participation, gender equity, and community engagement while introducing new audiences to the organisation's work.

Insights from the Annual Survey

The annual participant survey gathered responses from 39 young participants aged 7 to 15. The findings highlighted the positive impact of FMS sessions across key areas of wellbeing, including confidence, social relationships, and sense of safety.

Key Findings

Safety and Inclusion

Participants reported feeling significantly safer in FMS sessions than in public spaces.

- Sense of safety in daily public spaces: 3.1/5
- Sense of safety within FMS sessions: 4.9/5

- Sense of inclusion within FMS sessions: 4.8/5

Confidence and Skill Development

More than 65% of respondents reported improvements in confidence, perseverance, teamwork, and resilience as a result of attending sessions.

Social Cohesion and Friendship

- 76% reported making new friends through FMS
- 97% regularly engaged with peers during sessions
- 100% connected with someone from a different cultural background

Trusted Support Networks

97% of participants stated that they felt comfortable approaching the FMS team for support with personal problems or concerns.

The findings reinforce the importance of the charity's work in creating safe and supportive spaces where young people can develop emotionally, socially, and physically.

Session Debrief and Monitoring

Following each session, instructors complete debrief forms to document participant engagement, safeguarding observations, behavioural incidents, and community interactions.

This process supports reflective practice and ongoing improvements in delivery.

Debrief data collected during the reporting period demonstrated strong levels of positive interaction and community engagement.

Positive Outcomes Observed

- Participants supporting and encouraging each other: 77.34% of sessions
- Participants helping with protective equipment: 76.85% of sessions
- Participants assisting with equipment loading and unloading: 72.41% of sessions
- New interactions between participants: 49.26% of sessions
- Conversations with parents or guardians: 43% of sessions
- Participants bringing friends: 40% of sessions

FMS remained transparent about the behavioural and safeguarding challenges that arose during some sessions. Instances of disrespectful behaviour, peer conflict, bullying, and discrimination were addressed through trauma-informed approaches, restorative conversations, and ongoing staff support

Beyond Skateboarding

Expanding Inclusivity

Sessions for Participants with Disabilities

Increasing accessibility for participants with disabilities was a key strategic priority during the reporting period.

In response, FMS established collaborations with:

- Special Needs Elementary School Zefyri
- PIKPA Voulas Rehabilitation and Recovery Unit for Children with Disabilities

The organisation delivered regular monthly sessions through these partnerships, engaging 25 unique participants with disabilities during the year.

These sessions represented an important step toward improving representation and accessibility within skateboarding in Greece.

Filika and Ps(h)y Dex

FMS continued to expand its FLINTA-focused projects, Filika and Ps(h)y Dex, both supported through the Skateistan Roll Models Programme.

These initiatives were developed to create safer and more welcoming spaces for girls, women, and gender-diverse participants within the skateboarding community.

Filika

Filika continued to provide weekly meet-ups, skate sessions, and community events focused on girls and queer skaters in Athens.

The project supported 41 regular participants and organised multiple events throughout the year, including Pride Month activities, community skate jams, and collaborative workshops.

Ps(h)y Dex

Ps(h)y Dex focused specifically on girls and genderqueer participants aged 12 and above.

The project combined skateboarding with discussions around mental health, inclusion, creativity, and empowerment.

During the reporting period, five dedicated community events were delivered through the project, engaging 58 individual participants.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

The operating environment in Athens continued to present significant social and economic challenges for the communities served by FMS.

Urban development projects and public space closures increasingly affected the availability of safe and accessible locations for sessions. At the same time, rising living costs and economic instability continued to disproportionately impact refugee, migrant, Roma, and working-class communities.

The charity also encountered safeguarding challenges throughout the year, particularly in its work with young people who have experienced trauma, displacement, social exclusion, or unstable living conditions. These challenges reflect the complex needs of the communities FMS serves, and the organisation remains committed to responding with appropriate, trauma-informed care.

The Trustees recognise that effective, trauma-informed youth work requires continuous learning, reflection, and adaptation.

In response, the organisation:

- Strengthened safeguarding procedures and training
- Expanded emotional wellbeing and creative activities
- Increased behavioural support and restorative approaches
- Continued active listening and trauma-informed practice
- Increased school-based delivery where public spaces became inaccessible

By Spring and Summer 2025, no safeguarding incidents were reported during sessions following the implementation of the above additional safeguarding and wellbeing strategies,

The Trustees remain committed to ensuring that all activities are safe, inclusive, and responsive to participants' needs.

Overcoming Barriers

As public spaces became increasingly inaccessible during the year, FMS adapted its delivery model by strengthening partnerships with schools, parent associations, and community organisations.

This resulted in:

- Two weekly school-based collaborations
- Monthly sessions at a Special Needs Elementary School
- Expanded delivery outside central Athens
- Increased accessibility for participants unable to travel to city-centre sessions

The organisation also continued to prioritise girl participation and FLINTA inclusion through weekly girls' sessions and dedicated community projects.

Parallel activities including art workshops, collective painting projects, breathing exercises, mindful warm-ups, and value-based games continued to support emotional regulation, creativity, and social interaction.

These activities complemented skateboarding delivery and strengthened the organisation's trauma-informed and holistic approach to youth work.

Organisational Development and Capacity Building

During the reporting period, FMS continued investing in team development, safeguarding, and organisational learning.

Training and professional development included:

- Safeguarding and emergency procedures training
- Disability inclusion training
- Youth work and active citizenship training
- Leadership and advocacy development programmes
- Inclusion training relating to migrant girls in sport

These opportunities strengthened the organisation's ability to deliver safe, inclusive, and impactful activities.

Strategic Priorities and Future Plans

Sessions and Programme Expansion

Over the next three years, FMS aims to strengthen and gradually expand weekly skateboarding sessions, with a focus on quality, inclusion, and sustainability.

Future plans include:

- Expanding school and disability-sector partnerships
- Delivering up to ten weekly sessions by 2028
- Continuing approximately ten community events annually
- Strengthening outreach beyond central Athens

Curriculum and Infrastructure

The organisation will continue developing its in-house curriculum and teaching methodology through the "Rolling Together" project funded by the adidas Foundation.

The curriculum aims to provide a comprehensive toolkit supporting instructors and youth workers in delivering safe, inclusive, and empowering skateboarding sessions.

FMS will also continue investing in:

- Mobile skatepark infrastructure
- Ramp replacement and maintenance
- Van sustainability and operational planning
- Educational resources and non-formal learning tools

Inclusion and Partnerships

The charity will continue expanding collaborations with organisations supporting refugees, migrants, and participants with disabilities.

A new collaboration with Yoga and Sports for Refugees (YSR) began in September 2025 through the Sports for Refugees Coalition programme. The partnership aims to strengthen inclusion, representation, and community leadership by involving coaches with refugee and migrant backgrounds in FMS activities.

The organisation is also participating in an Innovation Incubation Learning Hub funded by Olympism365, Women Win, and Beyond Sport to develop best-practice guidance for skateboarding sessions supporting young people with learning disabilities.

Governance and Participation

FMS aims to strengthen participatory governance by:

- Developing youth consultation structures
- Creating parent and youth focus groups
- Exploring the inclusion of a parent representative within governance structures
- Working toward the establishment of a youth advisory board

The Trustees remain committed to ensuring that young people's voices directly inform the future direction of the organisation.

Learn to Take a Break

During August, skateboarding sessions are paused due to extreme summer temperatures and reduced participant availability.

This period allows the organisation to focus on administration, strategic planning, fundraising, partnership development, safeguarding review, and preparation for the following delivery cycle.

The Trustees believe this seasonal pause contributes positively to the sustainability, safety, and long-term effectiveness of the organisation.

Conclusion

The Trustees are proud of the continued growth and impact achieved by Free Movement Skateboarding during the reporting period.

Despite significant social, economic, and operational challenges, the organisation continued to provide safe, inclusive, and empowering opportunities for hundreds of children and young people across Athens.

The Trustees remain committed to strengthening the charity's sustainability, expanding access, and ensuring that skateboarding continues to be used as a meaningful tool for wellbeing, empowerment, and social cohesion.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 9/6/2026

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Name: David Ascott

Position: Trustee

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Signature:

Date: 9/6/2026

Independent Examiner's / Auditor's Signature Page

I report on the accounts of Free Movement Skateboarding CIO for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

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Date: 7/6/2026

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Trustee Annual Report
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Financial Statements

01 September 2023 – 31 August 2024

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Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 3 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP FRS 102).

Structure, governance & management

FMS is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), number 1184649.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

The Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work for the 12 months in the year ending 31 August 2024. The Trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

Objectives

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the public benefit; by providing facilities capable of improving health, including but not limited to skateboarding.
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Charitable Activities and Public Benefit in the past year

Impact Overview

This year, we delivered **229 sessions**, including **23 community events**, across **18 locations**, engaging **588 unique participants**. These figures highlight growth in both our programming and geographic reach.

Expanding Reach:

- 78% of participants were new, showcasing our ability to attract fresh faces while maintaining strong ongoing interest in our activities.

- Total attendance reached 2,393, slightly lower than last year's 2,599, due to challenges with public space and small capacity of spaces. While per-session attendance was limited, we were able to expand our geographic reach and create stronger bonds at our sessions.

Inclusion:

- Girl participation remained steady at 35% reflecting our commitment to gender inclusivity while identifying opportunities to further engage girls in skateboarding.
- Attendees represented 32 different cultural backgrounds, underscoring our aims to create a diverse and welcoming skateboarding community.

For more detailed information and insights on our sessions refer to pages 9 - 24 in our [Annual Report 2023-2024](#).

Insights from Annual Survey

Based on responses from 31 participants, this survey offered valuable insights into the impact of our skateboarding sessions and the communities we work with.

High levels of enjoyment and inclusion: 93.5% enjoy sessions, 90.3% look forward to them, and 87.1% feel included.

Confidence boost and skill development: Most participants gained patience, resilience, and confidence, with 71% reporting feeling more confident since joining.

Making Friends: 62.1% have made more than one new friend through FMS sessions.

Cultural Exchange: 91.7% have met or spoken to participants from different backgrounds to their own.

Perceived Safety: 76.7% feel safe when skateboarding with FMS, significantly higher than the 33.3% who feel safe outdoors in general. This highlights the secure and supportive environment FMS creates.

Widening Support System: Participants feel confident discussing challenges with FMS team members, with specific staff members praised for their support.

Self-Expression: While over half of our participants feel free to express themselves (51.6% feel fully free to express themselves), we see this as an opportunity to further foster emotional safety and inclusion.

Educational Gaps: While 93.5% of these participants attended school, we recognise the need to support the 6.5% underaged participants that are not at school. This is primarily due to barriers to education for marginalised communities. Educational activities like edu-skate help to support their learning and growth. Weekly skateboarding sessions help to give them some routine and a space to socialise.

Parental Unemployment: Half of our participants' mothers face unemployment, underscoring the economic challenges in the communities we serve.

Inclusivity Gaps: We're proud that we are consistently breaking gender stereotypes, evident in our diverse participant base and the fact that 96.8% of participants believe skateboarding is for everyone.

However, we still recognise the need to enhance accessibility and inclusivity, particularly for children with disabilities. This is a priority for 2025.

Operation Environment

Greece has faced ongoing societal and economic struggles that have persisted for years. New developments every year have only strained the situation for the marginalised communities we work with and impacted the public spaces we rely on. Despite these challenges, our commitment to supporting the wellbeing, empowerment, and social cohesion of children and young people through skateboarding remains.

Socio-Economic Challenges: The years of economic struggles in Greece have been further exacerbated by the latest rise cost of living, which has had a disproportionately harsh impact on marginalised communities, especially migrant and refugee families. With limited and insecure employment opportunities and a lack of state support, many families are struggling to meet basic needs. This leaves little, if any, disposable income to accommodate their children's recreational, educational and social development. Parents are often forced to work multiple jobs or long hours, in many cases they are absent from these important aspects of their children's lives. Our free skateboarding sessions provide accessible and inclusive activities for children, offering physical activity, social interaction, empowerment, support and skill development at no cost.

Urban Development and Public Space Closures: Ongoing urban development, such as the metro line expansion, continue to result in closures of public spaces, some of which we use for sessions. Public spaces are essential for cultivating community connection, promoting inclusion, and improving overall well-being, yet they are increasingly threatened by long-term development goals that often neglect the needs of local neighbourhoods and their residents. Without careful consideration of short-term disruptions and the concerns of local users, many spaces are being taken away from the very people who need them the most. Paradoxically, while some public spaces are redeveloped or repurposed, others, particularly in overlooked or disregarded neighbourhoods, remain neglected and unsafe for users. For example, in one square where we deliver sessions, a neglected playground used by the neighbourhood was demolished due to safety concerns. While there are plans to rebuild, the site has remained derelict and inaccessible for over a year. This highlights the disparities in municipal priorities and the lack of urgency in addressing the needs of more marginalised communities and neighbourhoods. Such neglect and inconsistency in managing public spaces deprives residents, especially children and youth, of safe and inclusive places to gather, play, and build connections.

Political Developments: The 2024 European elections saw an increase in conservative and nationalist parties, shifting policies toward stricter migration controls and reduced funding for integration programs. These changes are likely to reduce funding further for vital services and programs in Greece, leaving vulnerable populations with even fewer resources.

As public spaces shrink, socio-economic challenges grow, and services for marginalised communities decline, our sessions and activities remain a lifeline for children and youth in Athens. For us Skateboarding is more than a sport; our sessions are space for resilience, connection, and empowerment.

By providing free, shared, inclusive spaces, we enable youth to thrive amidst adversity, break down barriers, and create stronger, more united neighbourhoods.

Developments, Achievements and Performance

Despite a challenging operating environment, we focused on meeting our aims of improving and supporting the wellbeing, empowerment and social cohesion of children and young people living in Athens, especially meeting the needs of the most marginalised communities in the city.

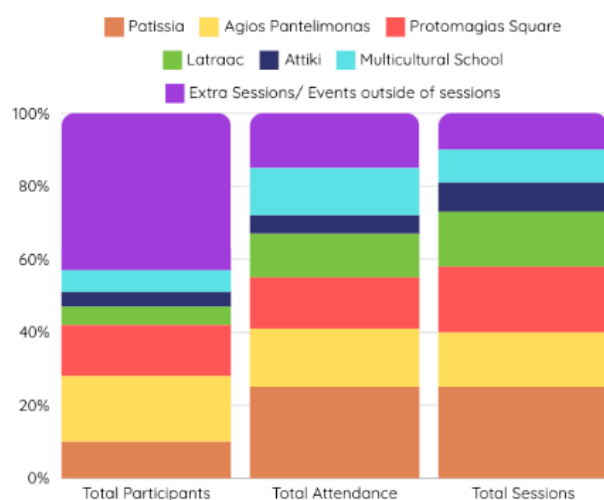
Building connections and fostering a sense of belonging remained central to our mission. This year, we celebrated the 7th anniversary of FMS with a vibrant community event in Platia Protomagias. The celebration brought together participants from various sessions, creating a joyful atmosphere filled with games, food, and surprises. The highlight of the event was a cake shaped like the number “7,” lovingly baked by one of the mothers in our community—a testament to the strong relationships we have cultivated.

This year we operated **across 18 locations** in Athens, and beyond, with a focus on disregarded and overlooked neighbourhoods where diverse communities reside, including Roma, refugees, migrants, and families experiencing economic hardship. Our free sessions, open to children and youth aged 6 and above, remained rooted in inclusivity, with a special emphasis on engaging girls and marginalised youth. Using skateboarding as a tool for empowerment, we aim to provide a welcoming and safe space where all participants can grow, connect and thrive, regardless of their background or abilities.

Diverse Approaches to Engagement

Our work is built on a dynamic model of engagement, offering three distinct types of sessions:

- **Weekly Public Sessions:** Free, open and consistent skateboarding sessions held in public spaces, where participants from all walks of life come together to skate, learn, and grow. These sessions are about breaking down walls and building community—one trick at a time.
- **Weekly School-based Sessions:** In collaboration with schools, we bring skateboarding to a school environment, reaching children directly within their educational settings, overcoming challenges like travel, accessibility, ensuring that every child can participate.
- **Special Events and Extra Sessions:** One-off event or short-term series of sessions outside our regular program, expanding our reach and creating unique opportunities for participants, celebrating milestones and collaborating with partners.

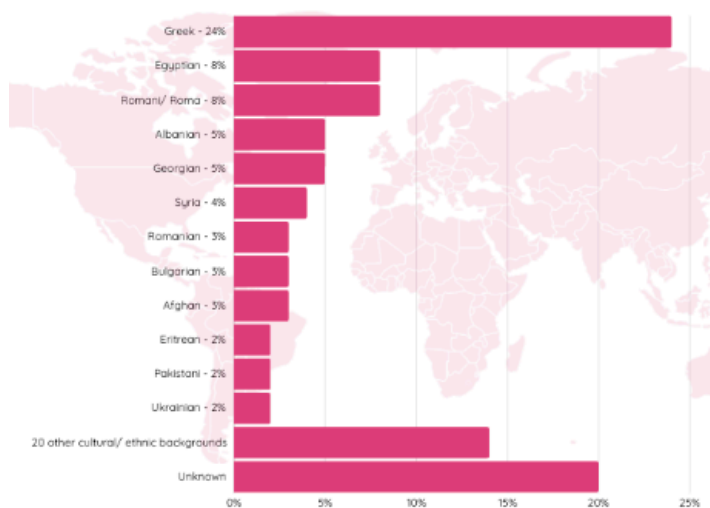


← Bar chart of the distribution of participants, attendance, and sessions across public sessions, school sessions, and community events, illustrating the reach and engagement of each session.

Our public skateboarding sessions remained at the heart of our work to create safe, inclusive and empowering spaces for children and young people from diverse and marginalised communities. These sessions are more than just an opportunity to skate - they are a chance for participants to find belonging, confidence and joy regardless of their background.

This year, our regular, public weekly sessions constituted **81% of our delivery**, reaching **48% of our unique participants** across **5 locations**. Free and open to all, these sessions ensure that no child is excluded due to financial or social barriers. By bringing skateboarding sessions into neighbourhoods that need it most, with the use of our mobile skatepark in a van, we make it accessible to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity.

Our public sessions are built on the values of **diversity and inclusion**. In the past year our sessions welcomed participants from more than **32 different cultural and ethnic backgrounds**, all residing in Athens. While Athens can sometimes feel unwelcoming due to issues like racism, bureaucratic barriers, and exclusion based on differences, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a safe, inclusive, and accessible environment for everyone. Our community speaks over 25 languages and embraces a wide array of cultural traditions and perspectives, fostering opportunities for mutual learning and sharing as we come together through skateboarding.



With 35% of attendees being girls, we continue to prioritise gender equity and representation in skateboarding—an area where girls are often underrepresented.

These sessions are not just about skateboarding. They are vital spaces for social cohesion, self-expression, emotional wellbeing, and social connection. They offer a weekly chance for young people, a weekly escape from their daily stresses, a chance to learn new skills, and experience the joy of being part of a vibrant community. As one 12-year-old participant shared:

“Skateboarding makes me forget the world, and I can do anything if I try.”

FMS acknowledges and values diversity and the importance of a sense of belonging and safety. The connections built through these sessions lay the foundation for stronger, more united communities. These connections contribute to a more peaceful society, where neighborhoods are enriched by mutual respect and understanding.

Extra Sessions and Events

Our community events, extra sessions and collaborations play a pivotal role in extending the reach of our work, creating opportunities for inclusivity and building stronger connections within and beyond our core FMS and skateboarding communities. Through various and dynamic events held across various locations, we not only offered new experiences for participants but also created opportunities for cultural exchange, empowerment, and the promotion of values such as gender equity, as well as raising awareness and introducing our work and the benefits of skateboarding beyond central Athens.

Key insights and developments:

- **Increased engagement:** Unique participants and total attendance increased.
- **Expanded Reach:** Delivered and participated in 23 events across 11 locations in Athens and beyond, including multiple sessions in Piraeus and Elefsina. We collaborated to bring skateboarding to even more communities, children and youth.
- **Girl Participation:** Rose to 44% with dedicated girl sessions to help promote gender equity and representation in the local skateboarding community. We hosted girl skate jams and advocated for alternative forms of skateboarding.
- **Sense of Belonging:** These events provided a space for participants to integrate into the local skateboarding community, strengthening their identities as skateboarders and fostering a deep sense of belonging, especially with our Easter sessions at Galatsi DIY Skatepark.
- **New Experiences:** Events also offered participants the chance to explore new activities outside of skateboarding, for example, Hip Hop dance at the Street Style Festival, in which we collaborated with Hip Hop 4 Hope, a local NGO using street dance for inclusion.
- **Cross-Cultural Exchange:** Events also provided a space for cross-cultural exchange, where diverse backgrounds were celebrated, and participants learned and celebrated new traditions, contributing to a stronger sense of inclusion. Exemplified with our annual Vasilopita cutting (Traditional Greek New Years Event) and participating in the Kypseli Munidal with many diverse community groups.
- **Promoting Our Values:** Events allowed us to highlight and promote our values, such as gender equity on International Women's Day and mental health awareness on International Mental Health Day.

Beyond Skateboarding

Edu-Skate Curriculum

As part of the Concrete Jungle Foundation Edu-Skate Network, we have now been delivering Edu-Skate sessions for over two years, continuing to use skateboarding as a tool to teach life skills and build confidence in our participants. These sessions allow us to go beyond skateboarding, introducing themes such as perseverance, respect, courage and encouragement. Over time, we have observed noticeable changes in both the mindset and behaviours of our regular participants, alongside the progress in their skateboarding skills.

We continue to be excited about the future of our sessions as we continue to adapt, refine and expand the delivery of the Edu-Skate curriculum in Athens. Together with the network, we remain committed to empowering young people through skateboarding and education.

Creative Workshops

This year, we continued our creative activities alongside our skateboarding sessions. These activities engage mainly children who may not yet feel ready to try skateboarding and offer an outlet for artistic expression within our safe and welcoming community. The activities also provide a practical solution for participants who bring younger siblings, allowing them to explore their creativity while the older siblings skate.

This year's highlights included painting skateboard decks, building finger skate ramps, and creating joint art on various themes like respect and celebrating diversity. These activities sparked excitement among participants, encouraging them to connect with skateboarding and our community in new and creative ways.

Filika Meet ups - Girl Empowerment

Over the past year, we hosted a variety of events that championed girl empowerment, both within our sessions and across the broader local skateboarding scene. The presence of girls in skateboarding in Athens continues to grow, and we are committed to ensuring they feel safe, supported, and excited to skate.

This year, we hosted 6 Filika Meet-Ups, where girls of all ages and skill levels came together to skate, connect, and celebrate the community. These gatherings help create a welcoming and inclusive space for girls to try skateboarding for the first time or advance their skills while building a sense of camaraderie. Our ongoing collaboration with Latraac Skate Cafe, hosted us for a few of these sessions, offering a supportive environment for girl skaters to share their passion and build connections.

One of the highlights of the year was our connection to the global skateboarding scene through Denia Kopita's visit to the Skate Like a Girl – Wheels of Fire event in the U.S. Denia had the chance to network and get inspired by meeting and skating with influential figures from the global women's skateboarding community. As well as share her experiences and FMS's work in Greece, including premiering a short film about our work. Her experience energised her and our local community, creating new aspirations and connections for Greek skaters.

These initiatives contribute to promoting and normalising girl skateboarding in Greece. As we move forward, we remain dedicated to providing opportunities for girls to feel empowered through skateboarding, further nurturing this positive and growing community.

In the year ahead, we will continue to support women skateboarding in Athens and actively work to get more girls on boards.

Team Training and Capacity Building

We continued the training and development of our team, ensuring that they are well-equipped to deliver safe, inclusive, and impactful sessions. By investing in training and capacity building, we not only enhanced our instructors' skills but also strengthened our ability to address the diverse needs of the communities we serve. We value creating a culture of continuous learning and growth.

- **Safeguarding and Emergency Procedures Training:** In September, the entire team participated in a comprehensive safeguarding and emergency procedures training. This reinforced our commitment to prioritising the well-being of all participants, equipping team members with the knowledge and tools to ensure safe environments during our sessions. We now deliver regular in-house training sessions so our extended team are well-versed in safeguarding protocols and youth work best practices.
- **Migrant Girls in Sports Training:** In November, two of our instructors, Denia K. and Valentina, attended a specialised training in Bulgaria. This program brought together professionals from Greece, Italy, and Bulgaria to explore how to create safe spaces and effectively include migrant girls in sports. The training provided valuable insights for inclusion.
- **Disability Inclusion:** Our trustee, Sigurd, and his colleague, Katerina, delivered a specialised training on disability inclusion. This session inspired new ideas for integrating individuals with disabilities into our sessions, broadening the accessibility of our sessions.
- **Paris Roll Models Training:** Denia K. and Sonia participated in the Paris Roll Models training program, supported by Roll Model funding. This initiative was a fantastic opportunity to further develop leadership, project implementations and advocacy skills within our team.
- **Non-Violent Communication and Active Citizenship Training:** Denia N. participated in a youth workers training in Cyprus, enhancing conflict resolution and community engagement skills in our team.

Publicity, Recognition and International Advocacy

This year, our work continued to gain visibility through multiple platforms, raising awareness about the transformative impact of skateboarding on young girls and marginalised communities. Through media, collaborations, international events, and advocacy opportunities, we can amplify our presence, strengthen our connections, and continue to champion inclusion and empowerment through skateboarding on a national and global scale.

Media Features

- **Gazetta Women Feature:** A feature article highlighted our efforts to empower young girls and support the growing girl skate scene in Athens. It explored the challenges girls face in skateboarding and showcased how we create safe, inclusive spaces for them to thrive, underscoring the importance of empowerment through sport.

Documentary Collaborations

- **CHPO Documentary (October 2024):** CHPO, a socially conscious brand, collaborated with us to produce a documentary directed by Markus Bengtsson. It authentically portrayed our work, focusing on the challenges faced by displaced and marginalised communities in Athens and the role of skateboarding in solidarity. The documentary premiered at international film festivals in the US, Sweden, Croatia, and Germany, connecting us with new audiences and amplifying our work. Denia K. attended the global gathering of non-traditional skateboarders hosted by Skate

Like A Girl, where the documentary was screened, strengthening our connections within the international skateboarding community.

- **Skateistan x FMS Film (February 2024)**: A short film created by Skateistan's communications team focused on International Women's Day and our work on girl empowerment through skateboarding. The film highlighted the work of Denia Kopita and other girls in our team, showcasing their commitment in introducing skateboarding to young girls in Athens. Released online in March, the film premiered in Athens with a collaborative fundraising event where Patari records provided the music and Noctura Brewery oversaw the refreshments. The event featured live music, a raffle, and a merchandise stall.

International Advocacy

- **Global Cultural Districts Network (GCDN) Conference, Athens 2024**: Will and Denia N. participated in a conference and panel discussion on including refugee and migrant communities in cultural spaces. Sharing the stage with The Home Project, El Sistema, and the Walking with Amal project, the event offered valuable networking opportunities and enhanced our visibility.

2024 - 2025 Plans

Fundraising Diversification

Diversifying our funding sources to achieve greater financial security and stability for our activities by 2026, aimed at reducing our reliance on a small number of grants.

Empowering More Girls

Increase our outreach efforts and host more events focused on girl empowerment and advocating for girls in the local skate scene.

Team Capacity Building

Continue to develop our team's skills and knowledge by providing training, support, and opportunities for growth. We are committed to nurturing the potential of all Athenian youth, including those on our team.

Session Quality and Non-Formal Education

Refine our session quality, starting with further developing and adapting the Edu-Skate curriculum, continuing to stay active in social skateboarding networks and creating a 'Rolling Together' activity book for our community, to help them understand the themes and values we discuss.

Expanding Engagement and Impact

Engaging new participants by delivering additional sessions, creating new collaborations and hosting and participating in community events that expand our reach and strengthen our impact.

Statement of Financial Activities

The financial results are set out in the attached receipts and payments account.

All charity funds are maintained at Barclays.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name		No (if any)	
FREE MOVEMENT SKATEBOARDING		1184649	

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.09.2023	To	Period end date 31.08.2024
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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

The Skateroom	9,411	-	-	9,411	31,635
CHOOSE LOVE Grant	-	18,348	-	18,348	8,728
Cooperate Collaborations	15,353	-	-	15,353	707
Donations	1,432	-	-	1,432	2,474
Merchandise	-	-	-	-	35
Fundraisers/ Raffles	597	-	-	597	804
Other	3,743	-	-	3,743	1,336
Other grants and partnerships	3,227	-	-	3,227	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	33,762	18,348	-	52,111	45,719

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-

Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,762	18,348	-	52,111	45,719

A3 Payments

Staff stipends	14,177	3,740	-	17,970	40,217
Van Expenses	24	-	-	24	1,463
Sessions/Equipment/Activities	221	-	-	221	1,290
GR NGO Admin Costs	0	-	-	0	274
Staff Welfare	1818	-	-	1,818	1,489
Promotion	1537	-	-	1,537	698
Other	530	-	-	530	288
Grant to FMS GR	35,450	14,608	-	50,058	18,429

Sub total	53,810	18,348	-	72,158	64,148
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	53,810	18,348	-	72,158	64,148
Net of receipts/(payments)	-20,047	0	-	-20,047	-18,429
A5 Transfers between funds	8000	8000	-	8000	596
A6 Cash funds last year end	52,465	-	-	52,465	70,895
Cash funds this year end	32,417		-	32,417	52,465

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BARCLAYS Community (Main)	2,510		-
	BARCLAYS Savings	29,908	-	-
	BARCLAYS Merchandise	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	32,417		-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	FMS GR Grant (Greek NGOs Account)	3,998	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

DPAs WA

David Ascott

24/1/2025

Notes of Financial Statement

Notes on Transfers to FMS GR (Greek NGO Entity) from FMS UK Charity

During the fiscal year ending 31st August 2024, FMS UK Charity has engaged in financial transactions with FMS GR, our Greek NGO legal entity, as per the terms outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the entities. These transactions are part of our essential operations to effectively manage and support our core activities in Greece.

a. Nature of Transactions

A total of £50,058 has been transferred from FMS UK to FMS GR to support various operational and administrative expenses of the Greek NGO. These expenses include, but are not limited to, salaries for three employees, headquarters rent, accounting services, taxes and expenses related to the maintenance and operation of the van (including parking, fuel and insurance).

b. Finding Classification

The transferred funds are classified as restricted, with their usage confined to the specified operational expenses in Greece. All instalments from these funds are subject to confirmation and oversight by the Trustees of FMS UK.

FMS UK maintains an oversight of these funds. The Greek NGO (FMS GR) reports back on the utilisation of these funds on a monthly basis, ensuring transparency and compliance with the stipulated use of funds as per the MOU.

c. Financial Statement Representation

As of 31st August 2024, the remaining balance of this grant stand at £3,998 This balance is reported under 'B2 Other Monetary Assets' in the Financial Statements of FMS UK. The remaining funds are earmarked for continuing to cover the ongoing operational costs of FMS GR in Greek.

Statement of Responsibility of the Trustees

FMS' Trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the Trustees' and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently (in this case on a receipts and payments basis);
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The opinion of the trustees is that the charitable organisation is entitled to the exemptions conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charities.

The trustees acknowledge the following responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charities subject to the small companies' regime.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Name: . Date:



David Ascott, 24/1/2025

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the Free Movement Skateboarding trustees on my examination of the accounts of Free Movement Skateboarding for the year ending 31st August 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity trustees of Free Movement Skateboarding, 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 Free Movement Skateboarding'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 Charities Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and I confirm that no material 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 Free Movement Skateboarding as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which the attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Michael Richmond

Relevant Professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA (retired)

Address: 5 Traherne Close, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9DS

Date:

16/01/2025

Trustees Acknowledgement

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with provision applicable to charities subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 24/1/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Sign: 

Name: David Ascott

Date: 24/1/2025

FREE MOVEMENT SKATEBOARDING

England & Wales - Charity number 1184649

Accounts



FREE MOVEMENT
skateboarding in solidarity

Free Movement Skateboarding CIO

UK Charity No. 1184649

Trustee Annual Report
and
Financial Statements

01 September 2022 – 31 August 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Sessional Staff:	<i>Sessional staff as of the submission of this report.</i> Valentina Davitidou Andreas Chatzigianelis Antonis Polykandriotis
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Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP FRS 102).

Structure, governance & management

FMS is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), number 1184649.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

The Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work for the 12 months in the year ending 31 August 2023. The Trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

Objectives

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the public benefit by providing facilities capable of improving health including but not limited to skateboarding.
2. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Charitable Activities and Public Benefit in the past year

Impact Overview:

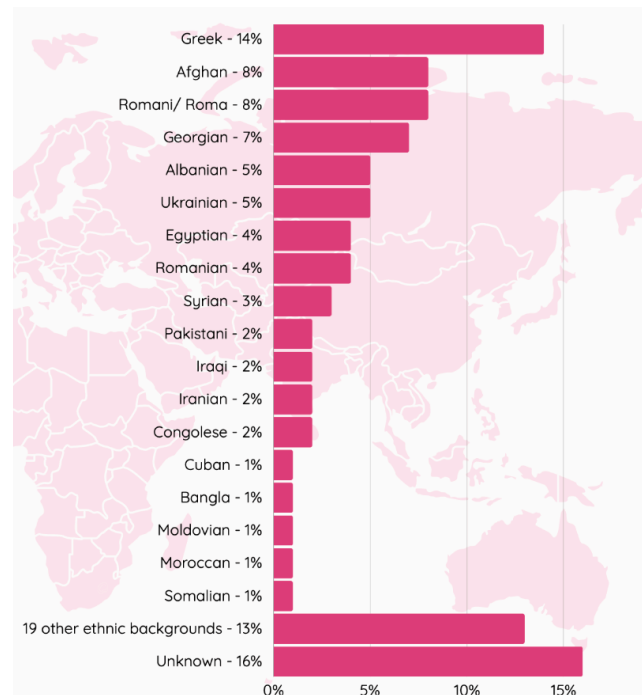
- We delivered 166 sessions to 493 participants over the past year, in 8 different locations.
- We had 458 new participants, showing a growth in our reach and engagement, but also the continuation of interest and demand in our project.

- Despite having fewer sessions, we managed to attract 2,464 attendees, demonstrating a higher per-session attendance rates.
- We saw an increase in overall girl participation to 33%, with a 36% girl participation at the end of our fiscal year, indicating our commitment to inclusivity in skateboarding.
- Despite the fewer sessions and locations, we still managed to maintain diverse participation in our activities, having recorded that our participants came from at least 37 different cultural backgrounds.
- By delivering 166 sessions in 8 locations , we optimised resource allocation while maintaining a high level of engagement and more regular participation.

Athens can sometimes be a scary and unwelcoming city, with many cases of racism, obstacles, bureaucracy, and exclusions based on difference and othering. Much is due to it being a relatively recent multicultural city with few broader schemes to encourage social cohesion and understanding. We ensure our sessions and community feel safe and are welcoming, inclusive and accessible to everyone despite differences.

In the past year, our sessions welcomed participants from 37 distinct nationalities or cultural backgrounds, adding to the 61 different backgrounds represented since our inception, all residing in Athens. While Athens can at times be perceived as intimidating and unwelcoming due to issues like racism, bureaucratic obstacles, and exclusion based on differences, our community is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and accessible environment for everyone, regardless of their backgrounds. Our diverse community speaks over 25 languages and embraces a wide array of cultural traditions and perspectives, fostering opportunities for mutual learning and sharing as we come together through skateboarding.

FMS recognises the value and beauty of diversity, acknowledging the importance of fostering a sense of belonging, safety, and community. These connections, at the individual level, lay the foundation for social cohesion within neighbourhoods and the city as a whole, contributing to a more peaceful society in the future.



Operating Environment

Situation in Greece:

Over the past year, Athens and Greece as a whole has faced challenges that have further strained its society and institutions. Despite the ongoing societal and economic struggles that have persisted for years, there have been new developments that further impact the situation.

First and foremost, the cost of living has continued to rise, making it increasingly difficult for ordinary citizens to make ends meet. This escalation in living costs has occurred with limited to no support from the state, leaving many individuals and families struggling to meet their basic needs. In such times it is the most vulnerable populations that are particularly hard-hit, as they lack the resources to cope to begin with, or face multiple obstacles in receiving any help. This is only foreseen to get worse, adding to these economic woes, Greece has experienced extreme weather conditions that have led to significant environmental destruction in the country. These events place additional strain on the government's ability to protect and support its peoples' fundamental needs and living conditions. The resources required to address the aftermath of these natural disasters divert attention and funding away from other critical areas of social welfare. Especially as this destruction is causing environmental displacement within the country, many losing their jobs, livelihoods, homes, properties etc.

Another concerning development has been the resurgence of right-wing political parties in the recent elections. The entrance of three such parties into parliament, as well as the conservative New Democracy party securing a landslide victory, has indicated once again in the country a shift in the political landscape. These election results raise questions about the direction of the country's policies and the potential impact on vulnerable populations and progressive initiatives.

Given the situation and new developments, it is unsurprising that many in Athens and across Greece still grapple with a lack of accessible and inclusive recreational activities and spaces. Equally concerning is the continued absence of comprehensive well-being and social services. Social cohesion initiatives, especially the existence of spaces shared by young people of diverse backgrounds are far from a priority in this context. This lack of community and recreational opportunities only contributes to issues of division, exclusion, isolation, and declining mental well-being and health, in the city and our society.

The withdrawal of resources from NGOs, has resulted in a reduction of their services or withdrawal from Greece altogether due to funding constraints. This not only places additional strain on the remaining organisations but also makes life even harder for those living in peripheral areas where support is already limited.

Why do we need skateboarding in solidarity?

In conclusion, Athens and Greece continue to grapple with many challenges, from economic hardship and environmental disasters to shifting political dynamics. Initiatives like ours, which focus on community, recreation, empowerment and well-being, are essential in providing support and a sense of hope to those who need it most. The work of FMS remains as relevant and necessary as ever, offering an opportunity to the youth of Athens and contributing to the resilience and cohesion of the community.

Skateboarding in solidarity remains a crucial way to safeguard the mental and physical well-being of youth. Beyond the physical activity, it provides a platform to empower young individuals, build community, widen networks, and foster social cohesion. These aspects are as vital as ever, as they offer a sense of belonging and purpose in a time of increasing division and uncertainty.

Skateboarding in Athens

The interest in skateboarding in Athens has continued to increase, with growing participation from young individuals eager to embrace this dynamic and inclusive sport over the past few years. As well as, the establishment of the National Federation of Skateboarding in Greece, following the sports inclusion in the Olympics, was a significant milestone for the sport's growing popularity and recognition on a national level.

Despite the increasing interest and enthusiasm for skateboarding, the support for the sport within the Municipality of Athens remains disappointingly minimal. One fundamental issue is the absence of a skate park within the municipality, this lack of legitimate spaces and facilities is a significant challenge and disappointment for the skateboarding community and our project, which has been forced to rely on the streets, makeshift locations, and sometimes unsafe locations.

Furthermore, the situation has taken a frustrating turn with the awaited closure of the only ramp within the municipality. This foreseen closure is a direct result of a decision to allocate a public square to Attico Metro for the construction of the new Athens metro line to house its offices using containers. This decision has raised concerns and objections from the local neighbourhoods and community at large, but unfortunately, these protests have only led to a minor delay in the square's closure. The lack of sympathy and understanding from the administration towards the need and importance for open public space in over built cities like Athens is disappointing.

While there has been some interest in understanding the social impact of our project and the benefits of skateboarding, practical action and tangible support from higher up remains elusive. It remains that skateboarding, as well as our goals for social impact, is not a priority for the administration, and there seems to be an unwillingness to take responsibility for addressing the needs of the skateboarding community, and as a result, also the projects.

It is important for us to continue advocating for the recognition and support of skateboarding as a valuable and positive activity for Athenian youth. The skateboarding community and projects like ours play a vital role in fostering physical activity, positive mental health, community engagement, and social cohesion, which are essential for well-being. As we move forward, it is our hope that the city and its administration will properly recognise skateboarding by taking concrete actions to provide safe and accessible facilities for the community and the project.

FMS Team Developments

In the new year, Lefteris took a step back from his role in the FMS core team. Although he remains a part of FMS in terms of providing consulting, expertise, he has ceased his everyday roles and responsibilities within the team. These responsibilities were smoothly transitioned to Denia N., who assumed the key operational tasks. Additionally, plans were set in motion to recruit a new core team member to address any gaps resulting from this change in roles and responsibilities. This strategic adjustment aimed to ensure the continued success and effectiveness of the FMS team.

We welcomed Sonia to the team in March. Her extensive experience from her previous role in another children's organisation youth centre, coupled with her background as a social scientist, positioned her as a valuable asset to the team. The recruitment aimed to enhance the team's capacity to establish and operate a community space, which we aimed to open. Despite those plans, as discussed on page..., were set aside. Her addition to the team marked a significant step forward in our mission to continue providing exceptional services and support to our community, especially in terms of safeguarding and social care. We have been lucky to have her on board, and she is now heading our efforts to collaborate with schools.

The team expanded further last autumn, when we successfully recruited new volunteers, primarily from the local skate community, and actively inducted them into our team. With this influx of new members, we had new fresh energy. A few of these long term volunteers received extra training and took on extra responsibilities.

Focus on capacity building and opportunities

Our team, made up of mainly local young skaters, places a strong emphasis on supporting the youth in our city. This includes the young adults in our team, we are committed to providing opportunities for skill development, fostering valuable experiences and empowering them as per our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion action plan.

Throughout the year, we continued to ensure our team's growth through various initiatives, like training and open discussions organised by experienced team members and partner organisations. Notably our collaboration with the Boat Refugee Foundation has enabled us to offer specialised training in mental health first aid, tailored to the challenges we face during our sessions, as well as handling trauma in children. They also introduced our team to intervision practices, a powerful tool that promotes teamwork, enhances skills and encourages knowledge sharing, enabling us to effectively tackle challenges together.

Moreover, two team members participated in week-long training in Thessaloniki, focusing on transforming traditional games from competitive to psychosocial, recognising the importance of this shift. Another team member engaged in a professional exchange program organised in Berlin by Respect for Greece, fostering collaboration between Greek and German NGOs. In addition, other team members attended a two day safeguarding training delivered by our funders Choose Love, which resulted in an improvement and strengthening in our recruitment policies.

Furthermore, we build on our team's knowledge, experience and confidence by providing training on safeguarding practices, youth work and skateboarding instruction, sharing experiences and conducting team meetings that fuel discussion. Our commitment to the growth and well-being of our team is unwavering, and we look forward to further empowering the youth on our team in the year ahead.

Some Highlights:

EU 'Be Inclusive' Award:

One remarkable achievement of the year was that out of 97 outstanding initiatives, we were awarded the 'Breaking Barriers' award at the EU 'Be Active' Awards grand ceremony held in Stockholm. This recognition stands as a testament to our unwavering commitment to breaking down barriers that hinder people from participating in sports and the societies they live in. Winning this award positions our project as one of the best practices in our field. As a result of the recognition, we received a grant of 10,000 euros, in order to further fuel our mission to create a positive impact in our communities. This financial support undoubtedly plays a pivotal role in expanding and enhancing our efforts to overcome obstacles and provide access to skateboarding to the youth in our city. Following this award, it opened the door to a meeting with the Greek General Secretary of Sport, an opportunity to discuss potential future collaborations and the challenges we face in Athens.

Vans Shop Riot

In September, after a hiatus of two years, Vans Shop Riot returned to Athens. In collaboration with Vans, the Shop Riot merchandise featured both of our logos. These on the day were gifted to visitors for every 5 euro donation to FMS, moreover for every 5 euro donation made, Vans donated another 2 euros to support our project. Additionally, the Shop Riot lineup featured a Hippie Jump challenge for the contestants, in which Vans donated even more money to support our work in accordance to the height that was reached. One contestant succeeded in jumping 1.35 metres, resulting in the 135 euro donation. Beyond the financial support, the day served as an opportunity to reunite the skate community from across Greece after a prolonged period of time. It provided our participants with the chance to witness FMS instructors in action, both competing and skateboarding.

The Invincible Session - Romantso

Community events become a lot harder to host in the winter months. However, in November with the release of our film 'The Invincible Summer' coming out online, both on Waterbear and on the Onassis platform, Onassis Foundation and our friends at Color Skates sponsored an event that was hosted at the venue of Romantso. We aimed to bring many communities and groups of people together during the event, knowing that it would be one of our last events until the warmer months. We set up our mobile skatepark as well as some large extra obstacles brought by Color Skates. We had a 2 hour session for our participants, a cash for tricks contest with equal prize money for boys and girls. Following the skateboarding, we showed the film, and then our friends at Fade Radio hit the decks as we caught up with everyone.

Celebrated 6 years of skateboarding in solidarity

We turned 6 years old in April and as always it was an excuse to gather all our community and celebrate. This year we decided to throw the party at Protomagias Square during our session. We had balloons, cake, refreshments, snacks, art activities for younger participants and Hip Hop 4 Hope joined us to provide music and a side activity for the children.

Beyond Skateboarding

Other community events

Community events are an opportunity to bring communities together and yet another way of demonstrating skateboarding as an expression of solidarity, both on and off the board. They take our activities and impact beyond simply skateboarding:

- Improving sense of belonging: Community events enable our participants to integrate into the local skate community, fostering a sense of belonging and strengthening their identity as skateboarders.
- Inspiration: Collaborating on skate events and contests, allows our participants to witness exceptional skateboarding talent, including from some of their instructors, fuelling respect and admiration, while inspiring them to challenge themselves and find new role models within the skateboarding community.
- New experiences: Events offer opportunities to explore new activities and skills, outside of skateboarding. They also offer an opportunity for cultural exchange and learning of annual traditions. We are able to celebrate cultural traditions in an inclusive way for participants of diverse backgrounds to participate, and fuel their sense of inclusion and belonging in this country.
- Empowerment: Listening to participants suggestions and involving them in event planning is empowering to them. For instance, responding to a request to celebrate the New Year traditionally demonstrates a sense of ownership within our communities activities. We encourage their participation and they often bring food and drinks to share with everyone.
- Promoting Non-Male Skateboarding: We aim to empower alternative forms of skateboarding, particularly girl skateboarding, which has only emerged in recent years in the local skate scene. We have worked on hosting girl skate jams and promoting alternative skateboarding to have a place in skate contests and events, as well as equal prize money.
- Promoting Values: An opportunity for us to promote our values within our community, to talk about and celebrate international days like International Women's Day in support of gender equity, or International Mental Health Day in support of positive mental wellbeing.

Community events promote positive interactions within the skateboarding community, addressing the need for community-building in today's divisive world.

Creative Workshops

We introduced art activities during our sessions, initiated by a volunteer and continued by FMS team members. These side activities have become popular among children who may not be interested in skateboarding, providing them with a chance to engage in creativity within our safe and welcoming community. Additionally, it serves as a solution for participants who bring younger siblings to our sessions, allowing them to skate freely without the added responsibility of childcare. Similarly, this gives parents a break and an opportunity to run errands, for example. To enhance this initiative, when our plans for a community centre fell through, we invested in buying a table, stools, and art supplies to establish these side activities. We have also developed skate-related worksheets and aim to collaborate with others to offer one-off workshops. Our long-term goal is to operate these activities as a mobile youth centre alongside our skateboarding sessions in the coming year, expanding our impact within the community and going beyond skateboarding.

Edu-Skate Curriculum

As a part of the Concrete Jungle Foundation Edu-Skate Network, we have now been delivering Edu-Skate sessions for over a year now. Delivering these sessions has given our session structure, and by teaching our participants about themes like perseverance, respect, courage, encouragement etc., we have witnessed changes to our regular participants mindsets and behaviours. Whilst overall the quality of skateboarding from those children has improved.

“Our biggest take away from this curriculum was the starting circles. They gave us such structure that we didn’t have before, made the session more enjoyable for the kids, and also more doable for the instructors.” - Giannis, FMS Core Team Member and Edu-Skate/ Session Lead

Concrete Jungle Foundation’s Edu-Skate Network Report was released in March, gathering all the annual impact from all the projects in the network! You can read more about the impact of the network as a whole on their social media. It has been lovely seeing social skateboarding organisations working together in this network, and knowing we are part of something bigger.

In just one year of the network running the curriculum:

- 430 Edu-Skate sessions were executed
- 61 coaches worked with the programme
- 676 children engaged with the programme in 6 countries- 13 different locations!

Girl Empowerment

Over the past year we held various events that promoted women empowerment, both amongst our participants but also amongst the local skate scene too. The number of girls who are skating in Athens has been increasing, and we are here to ensure they feel safe and are having fun on their board. Last October, we had one of our most successful events that made a great impact within the women skate scene. We worked with Color skateshop and held an event for the new Nike SB x Skate Like A Girl collaboration, where a lot of girls came to the session and skated together, had arts and crafts workshops and little prizes for everyone. In spring, we collaborated with Color skateshop again, but this time it was for the new Nike SB/Doyenne collection. We invited some Athenian girl skaters at our session

where they skated with us and our participants, taking photos of the new collection. Our participants were super excited to see so many girls skating all together. Lastly, we held a girl's meet-up at Latraac skate café which was also a success.

“Free Movement has been there for all the girls who are beginners or advanced at skateboarding, and will always be there for them. Girls empowering each other on their boards is one of the most heartfelt feelings, it's inspiring, and motivating.” - Denia K., FMS Core Team Member and Girl Empowerment Lead.

In the year ahead, we will continue to support women skateboarding in Athens and actively working to get more girls on boards.

More Sessions Insights

Our operations are primarily concentrated in central Athens, in multiple neighbourhoods that tend to be marginalised and underserved by the municipality. These neighbourhoods are characterised by their diverse populations, representing various cultural backgrounds. We utilise our mobile skatepark and accompanying equipment, which are housed and transported in our van. This approach enables us to effectively engage with and bring a distinctive experience to these communities.

Here are some interesting insights about our program's attendance:

- 63% of participants returned for multiple sessions.
- On average, participants attended 7 sessions in a year.
- Out of 67 regular participants, they attended an average of 18 sessions each, with some attending more than 45 throughout the year.
- 5% of our participants attended sessions at multiple locations. We also offered 7 sessions outside of our regular weekly program at 4 additional locations around the city.

For more detailed information and insights on our sessions refer to pages 30 - 39 in our [Annual Report 2022-2023](#).

2023 - 2024 Plans

More Community Events:

Aim to host and collaborate on even more community events this year. We value the importance of bringing people together and introducing our participants to new experiences.

Developing Edu-Skate and being active in Network:

We aim to continue to develop the Edu-Skate curriculum to tailor it to our specific context and sessions, essentially improving the overall quality of our sessions. Whilst being actively engaged in the Edu-Skate

network, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange with other social skateboarding projects worldwide.

Advocacy and Campaigning

Increase our advocacy for the betterment of our community and raise awareness about the unique challenges faced. Equally important, we aim to shed light on our own struggles, particularly those related to public space and skateboarding facilities within the Athens Municipality.

Project Expansion and Development:

Establish connections and collaborations with public schools, with the intention of expanding the scope of our activities and extending our impact.

Team Capacity Building and Empowerment:

To empower our team through providing training, opportunities, and support for their ideas, fostering skill and knowledge growth. We truly value supporting all Athenian youth, including the youth in our team.

Mental Health and Local Skate Scene:

We aim to support and enhance the mental well-being of the local skate community, beyond our session participants. We want to work on awareness raising activities and providing information, aimed to reduce stigma surrounding mental health and build a stronger, more supportive community in the long-term.

Funding Diversification:

Diversifying our funding sources to achieve enhanced financial security and stability for our activities and work.

Statement of Financial Activities

The financial results are set out in the attached receipts and payments account.

All charity funds are maintained at Barclays.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name		No (if any)	
FREE MOVEMENT SKATEBOARDING		1184649	

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.09.2022	To	Period end date 31.08.2023
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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

The Skateroom	31,635	-	-	31,635	19,634
CHOOSE LOVE Grant	8,728	-	-	8,728	40,573
Decathlon Collaboration	707	-	-	707	1,302
Donations	2,474	-	-	2,474	6,185
Merchandise	35	-	-	35	102
Fundraisers/ Raffles	804	-	-	804	2,214
Other	1,336	-	-	1,336	577
Other grants and partnerships	-	-	-	-	3,811
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	45,719	-	-	45,719	74,398

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,719	-	-	45,719	74,398

A3 Payments

Staff stipends	39,156	1,061	-	40,217	46,515
Van Expenses	1,463	-	-	1,463	3,902
Sessions/Equipment/Activities	469	821	-	1,290	4,143
GR NGO Admin Costs	274	-	-	274	882
Staff Welfare	1,489	-	-	1,489	1,619
Promotion	698	-	-	698	828
Other	288	-	-	288	1,361

Grant to FMS GR	18,429	-	-	18,429	-
Sub total	62,266	1,882	-	64,148	59,249

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	62,266	1,882	-	64,148	59,249
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Net of receipts/(payments)	-18,429	0	-	-18,429	15,149
A5 Transfers between funds	596	-596	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	68,417	2,478	-	70,895	55,746

Cash funds this year end

52,465		-	52,465	70,895
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BARCLAYS Community (Main)	2,403		-
	BARCLAYS Savings	50,062	-	-
	BARCLAYS Merchandise	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	52,465		-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Unrestricted funds

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Restricted funds

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Endowment funds

Details

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

FMS GR Grant (Greek NGOs Account)

-

2,587

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-

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

B3 Investment assets

-

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-

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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		David Ascott	20/2/2024

Notes of Financial Statement

Notes on Transfers to FMS GR (Greek NGO Entity) from FMS UK Charity

During the fiscal year ending 31st August 2023, FMS UK Charity has engaged in financial transactions with FMS GR, our Greek NGO legal entity, as per the terms outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the entities. These transactions are part of our essential operations to effectively manage and support our core activities in Greece.

a. Nature of Transactions

A total of £18,429 has been transferred from FMS UK to FMS GR to support various operational and administrative expenses of the Greek NGO. These expenses include, but are not limited to, salaries for three employees, headquarters rent, accounting services, taxes and expenses related to the maintenance and operation of the van (including parking, fuel and insurance).

b. Finding Classification

The transferred funds are classified as restricted, with their usage confined to the specified operational expenses in Greece. All instalments from these funds are subject to confirmation and oversight by the Trustees of FMS UK.

FMS UK maintains an oversight of these funds. The Greek NGO (FMS GR) reports back on the utilisation of these funds on a monthly basis, ensuring transparency and compliance with the stipulated use of funds as per the MOU.

c. Financial Statement Representation

As of 31st August 2023, the remaining balance of this grant stand at £2,587. This balance is reported under 'B2 Other Monetary Assets' in the Financial Statements of FMS UK. The remaining funds are earmarked for continuing to cover the ongoing operational costs of FMS GR in Greek.

Statement of Responsibility of the Trustees

FMS' Trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the Trustees' and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently (in this case on a receipts and payments basis);
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The opinion of the trustees is that the charitable organisation is entitled to the exemptions conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charities.

The trustees acknowledge the following responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charities subject to the small companies' regime.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Name: David Ascott. Date: 20/2/2024

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the Free Movement Skateboarding trustees on my examination of the accounts of Free Movement Skateboarding for the year ending 31st August 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity trustees of Free Movement Skateboarding, 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 Free Movement Skateboarding'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 Charities Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and I confirm that no material 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 Free Movement Skateboarding as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which the attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Michael Richmond

Relevant Professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCCA (retired)

Address: 5 Traherne Close, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9DS

Date: 26/1/2024

Trustees Acknowledgement

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with provision applicable to charities subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 20/2/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Ascott', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Name: David Ascott

Date: 20/2/2024

FREE MOVEMENT SKATEBOARDING

England & Wales - Charity number 1184649

Accounts



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Free Movement Skateboarding CIO

UK Charity No. 1184649

Trustee Annual Report
and
Financial Statements

01 September 2021 – 31 August 2022

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Sessional Staff:	<i>Sessional staff as of the submission of this report.</i> Christos Seferlis Erato Chatira Valentina Davitidou Andreas Chatzigianelis
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Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP FRS 102).

Structure, governance & management

FMS is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), number 1184649.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

The Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work for the 12 months in the year ending 31 August 2022. The Trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

Objectives

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the public benefit by providing facilities capable of improving health including but not limited to skateboarding.
2. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Charitable Activities and Public Benefit in the past year

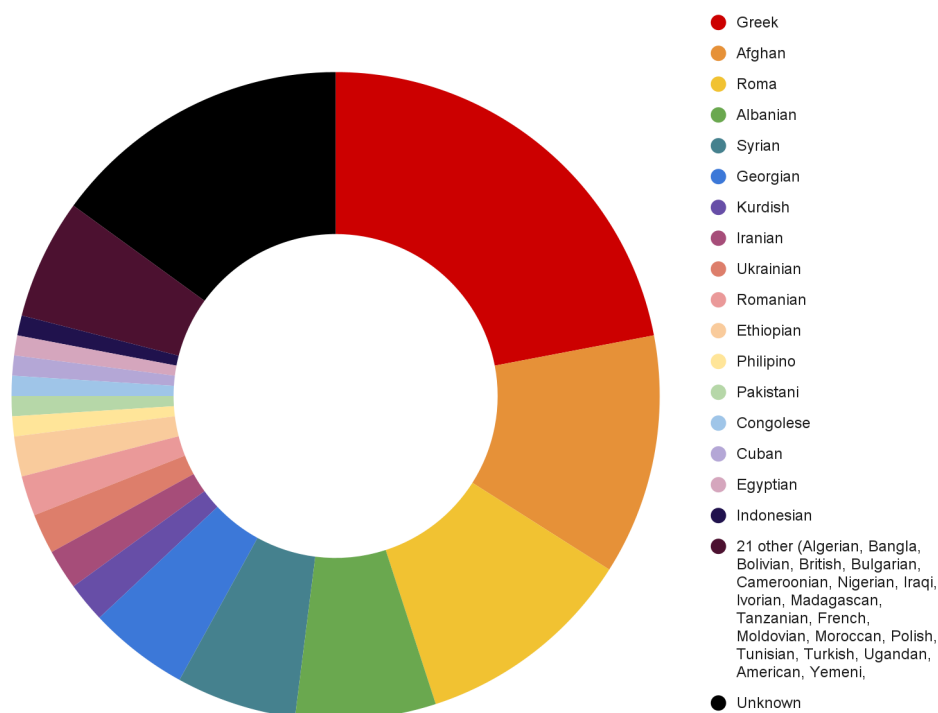
Impact

- We delivered 202 sessions to 677 participants over the past year, in 10 different locations.
- There was a 160% increase in participants that attended our sessions this year
- There was a decrease in the percentage of girl participation. This was largely impacted by the increase in new sessions and participants, as 69% of new participants were boys, especially when

we first start sessions. However, we continue to work on empowering girls to skateboard and providing them access to skateboarding and a safe space. Positively when looking at regular participation of girls in comparison to boys, more girls remain regulars than boys. 33% of girls attended more than 5 sessions compared to 29% of boys.

- 65% of new participants returned to sessions, with 31% of participants becoming regular attendees (having participated in more than 5 weekly sessions). There was an increase in participants' regularity this year, meaning that our regular participants can experience more of the benefits of skateboarding.
- Our participants were from 38 different cultural backgrounds this year, and 52 since we started, all residing in Athens.

Athens can sometimes be a scary and unwelcoming city, with many cases of racism, obstacles, bureaucracy, and exclusions based on difference and othering. Much is due to it being a relatively recent multicultural city with few broader schemes to encourage social cohesion and understanding. We ensure our sessions and community feel safe and are welcoming, inclusive and accessible to everyone despite differences.



As a community we speak more than 18 different languages spoken between us, and there are many things we can share and learn from one another as we connect through skateboarding.

FMS sees potential and beauty in diversity. We know the importance of feeling a sense of belonging and safety, of building community, and its importance for an individual's mental well-being and ability to meet their potential. These bonds at the micro-level form the basis for a neighbourhood's and city's social cohesion, as well as for a more peaceful society in the future.

Operating Environment

Coronavirus and Lockdown:

Fortunately, Coronavirus caused less disruption to our activities this year. Despite our persistence in taking all the precautions necessary, it was a relief once all the team got fully vaccinated. There was a slight scare at the end of December with the Omicron variant causing a large impact in Athens and causing many of the team to have to quarantine, meaning that it took us a while to begin sessions at the start of January, especially due to the large number of cases causing a larger risk in gathering people in a public space. The disruption caused last year is reflected in the large increase of sessions and participants this year, there was a 57% increase in sessions.

Situation in Athens:

Greece continues to face complex societal and economic issues. Athens still has a lack of accessible and inclusive recreational activities and spaces, wellbeing services and social cohesion initiatives, especially spaces shared by young people of diverse backgrounds. Many issues of divisions, exclusion, isolation, mental wellbeing and health were only exacerbated with Covid-19. These are only made worse by added crises over the past year, including the increase in living expenses impacted by the energy crisis caused by the latest of wars. These increases in living costs and even supermarket prices, has put an increased strain on many families. In addition, the withdrawal of resources towards migration NGOs has caused many projects and NGOs to withdraw from Greece and reduce services. This has not only put a strain on those that remain, but also made the life of those that live in the periphery even harder. Moreover, during the past year various stories have come to light that have shocked Greek society; whether it is femicides, racism, police brutality, abuse, paedophilia or other safety concerns. The relevance and need for the goals and service provided by FMS remain, skateboarding in solidarity remains as important as ever to safeguard the mental and physical wellbeing of youth in Athens, to empower them, build community, networks and cohesion are as important as ever.

Skateboarding:

Interest in skateboarding has only continued to increase, and interest in sessions and new young people that attend has grown. This year we also witnessed the establishment of the National Federation of Skateboarding in the country, following the Olympics.

Developments in the Team:

In the past year, Giannis, a long time FMS skate instructor, joined the core team, he has since become the volunteer and sessions coordinator, running the Edu-Skate curriculum in partnership with Concrete Jungle Foundation, and playing an important role in the development and quality of our sessions. This was a key development to meet our expansion and project development goals for 2021. Koger joined the team becoming a strong asset in making connections with the local skate scene and the skate industry. Unfortunately, he left the team due to finding a job that got him closer to obtaining some of his dreams, which we fully support despite missing him. Denia Kopita (yes, we now have two Denias in the team) joined us part-time in June and is now full time since September. She joins the team as a one of the top women skaters in the city, bringing her connections to the local and international skate scene and industry, as a fantastic skate instructor who has been with us for more than a year, inspiring and supporting the local girls skate scene. She will also create communication and promotional content for social media, as well as reigniting the blog. She's truly an asset to the project and the team.

Our team of paid sessional and volunteer skate instructors has also expanded dramatically, especially with the switch in focus last year from international to local skaters. This year we have welcomed a brilliant group of instructors to the team: Christos, Erato, Valentina and Andreas. We greatly appreciate their efforts!

Greek NGO:

We have officially become a NGO in Greece in April (AMKE Free Movement Skateboarding). This has been a goal of ours for a while now, and finally it has happened, and will open many new doors for us.

Filika Skate Meets:

Ruby, our co-founder, and Denia K. began weekly evening skate meets for girls, women and all non-traditional skaters. This is following the success of last year's skate meets and to fill the need for a space like this in the Athenian skate scene with a supportive and welcoming environment for all.

Concrete Jungle Foundation:

We are rolling out the Concrete Jungle Foundations Edu-skate curriculum. 'Edu-skate is an innovative curriculum to teach skateboarding through the life-skills its practice induces. The programme's aim is to empower and support its participants (ages 6-16 years old) in their development as a skateboarder, as well as a human being.' One of our goals is to continue to improve the quality of our sessions for the young people we support and this curriculum will help us do so, thanks to CJF. In June, we even joined a multilateral initiative aimed at connecting social skate projects and exchanging perspectives on the implementation of life-skills focused skateboarding classes through the Concrete Jungle Foundation's Edu-Skate programme. We are extremely happy to be participating in this initiative, supporting to build and strengthen the social skateboarding community, as well as participating amongst many other incredible projects worldwide.

Highlights

Beyond Skateboarding tour:

In February some of the team went on a UK training and networking tour! Together with Concrete Jungle Foundation and Skate Nottingham, Will, Giannis, Denia K. and Erato visited different cities and social skateboarding projects in the UK. The FMS instructors also completed the Skateboard GB Get Rolling coach course.

They visited Manchester, Nottingham, Birmingham and London, meeting and sharing knowledge with many social skateboarding projects in these cities and beyond. They also had the opportunity to talk at Nottingham Trent University.

The team returned to Athens with new knowledge, new ideas, new connections and contacts, and the social skateboarding network has been strengthened. This was all part of our goal to improve the quality of our sessions.

More information about what they got up to is on our social media.

The team undertook impact surveys following the trip. The following quote from Giannis says it all: 'Before the trip I was completely lost on what to follow in my work and my life in general. Now I know what I want to do in my work life.'

Community Events:

A major goal of ours over the past year was community development in our public sessions, but also in the bigger sense the FMS community with the local skate community. This year we have had different sized events and brought together diverse communities. Whether it was small workshops or bigger events by the Athenian skate shops and community for our participants or at sessions, skate demos, community events with other grassroots organisations in Athens or participating in big skate events in Athens or Refugee Week Greece. All community events, whatever size, have been a great opportunity to bring communities together, widen support and demonstrate skateboarding in solidarity, on and off the board, in practice.

Skate events allow our participants the opportunity to be included in the skate community, creating a sense of belonging and community. They also offer an opportunity to watch the FMS team skate and smash it with their incredible talent, bringing respect and admiration.

Each event welcomes lovely reactions and comments from participants, their families, the neighbourhood and the skate scene. Moreover, there have been opportunities to introduce our participants to new activities, skills and experiences through the wider community and our collaborations with others.

In October we hosted our first community skate event at our public session in Patisia. We invited local skaters from the Athenian skate community to come and skate with us and the FMS community. Local skaters skated at our mobile skatepark for the first time, while demonstrating to our participants different tricks and what can be achieved through years of committed skating. After this, our participants got to skate with them, bringing the skatepark experience to them in one of the most unlikely and unconventional settings and neighbourhoods. We mixed skaters and non-skaters, beginners and advanced skaters, the

FMS community and the local Athenian skate community, Athenians from different neighbourhoods, communities, backgrounds etc. It really was communities coming together on and off the board. Moreover, we were incredibly happy to see how many local and known skaters turned up, brought enthusiasm, interacted with our participants and showed support for our work.

In March, we collaborated with Color Skate shop and Latraac skate cafe. We invited our most regular, dedicated and enthusiastic participants from different sessions to participate in a workshop on how to assemble a skateboard. These skateboards were generously donated to the children and young people at the event. They also got the opportunity to skate the bowl at Latraac, which was kindly opened for us for the event. We then watched the Color Skates team skaters and FMS instructors skate the bowl, as well as side activities like creating a massive collage out of skate magazines, used to inspire everyone. Moreover, Color arranged donuts and refreshments to treat all the kids. We had a lovely Sunday in the sun!

Game of Skate Contest:

We hosted a Game of Skate contest for the Athens skate community. Our aims were to support the local skate scene but also support and showcase the girls skate scene's skills and talents, as they feel unsupported in this country. It is important to support the girls skate scene in Athens, as these are the people that will offer inspiration for younger girls and empower them. Additionally, we want to support them to claim their space in the scene, by highlighting their skills to other skaters. We felt it was crucial to host for the first time in the country a contest that included them equally and had an equal prize to their male counterparts.

After 2 months of Game of Skate battles, in May the finals took place and it came to an end at a famous Athenian skate spot in the centre of Athens. All the finalists battled it out and we declared the winners. Notably the girl's winner won the same amount as the men. The finals were a celebration of Greek skateboarding and a great opportunity to gather, importantly showcasing women's skateboarding in Greece. We heard male skaters talking about women's skating seriously, which was a great achievement. Hopefully this is the first of many to come, as we continue to play a role in supporting and inspiring girl skaters.

All games are available online on our blog and YouTube channel.

Premier of 'The Invincible Summer':

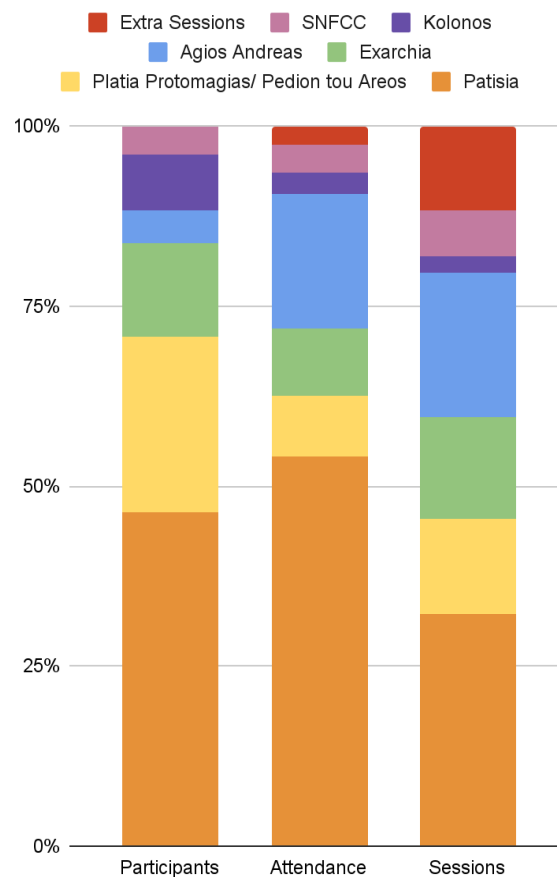
In July, The Skateroom and Evan Maragoudakis premiered the film they created about FMS. The premier was hosted at Metaphor Creative Hub in Athens, Jack and Aurelie from The Skateroom were there to present their work, the collaboration and display some of their Cindy Sherman boards. Denia N., Denia K. and Lefty, along with Evan, stood up for the panel, talking about FMS present and future in Athens, as well as answering the audience's questions. There was a great turnout and the screening went wonderfully, there were so many positive comments from people that attended, everyone loved the film and wanted more. We also met various people that have leads for our future plans and that are enthusiastic to help us out.

Sessions Insights

We delivered 66 sessions in the Patisia neighbourhood throughout the entire fiscal year. It is our largest session, and with 45% of our participants, it is the most popular and well attended session.

24% of our participants attended the 27 sessions we delivered in both Pedion tou Areos Park and Platia Protomagias next to the park, which we started delivering in November 2021. Due to the inconsistency of sessions, it being a new session and it not being amongst a neighbourhood, it took a long time to have regular attendance, as a result it has a low attendance. We are confident it will grow greatly over the coming year.

We chose to end our session in Exarchia as we felt the neighbourhood change, seeing lower interest and participation, understanding that we could meet a real need by moving to Pedion Tou Areos.



We delivered sessions at Agios Andreas children's shelter from September 2021 until June 2022, therefore it accounted for 24% of our sessions. However as it is a closed session it had the least of our participants, but a high attendance as we delivered sessions at the shelter.

In Kolonos we delivered 5 sessions to 49 participants in the short period we were delivering sessions at the location, there was a lot of interest and good attendance. We were forced to stop due to a participant safety concern in the space. We are developing plans to return to the neighbourhood.

2022 - 2023 Plans

More Community Events:

Aim for even more community events and collaborations this year. We value the importance of bringing people together and introducing our participants to new experiences.

Developing Edu-Skate and being active in Network:

To continue developing the Edu-Skate curriculum to fit our context and sessions. As well as being active in the Edu-Skate network with other social skateboarding projects worldwide.

Expansion and Project Development:

Set up a community space in the Patisia neighbourhood to better support our participants and community there. Allowing us also to expand our mobile activities and impact to other neighbourhoods.

Fundraising diversification:

We will always aim to improve and diversify our funding, to ensure greater financial security for our activities.

Statement of Financial Activities

The financial results are set out in the attached receipts and payments account.

All charity funds are maintained at Barclays.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
FREE MOVEMENT SKATEBOARDING	1184649

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01.09.2021	To	Period end date 31.08.2022
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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					
CHOOSE LOVE Grant	40.573	-	-	40.573	51.867
Other Grants	19.634	2.478	-	22.112	11.061

Partnerships	2.635	-	-	2.635	289
Donations	8.399	-	-	8.399	8.597
Merchandise	102	-	-	102	1.648
Volunteer scheme	-	-	-	-	326
Other	577	-	-	577	310
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	71.920	2.478	-	74.398	74.098

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	71.920	2.478	-	74.398	74.098

A3 Payments

Staff stipends	46.515	-	-	46.515	33.736
Instructor Training	3.166	-	-	3.166	-
Van expenses	3.902	-	-	3.902	3.713
Marketing (Digital Strategy)	714	-	-	714	1.589
CPH Trip (Networking)	636	-	-	636	-
FMS GR Costs	882	-	-	882	-
Merchandise	114	-	-	114	1.640
Session equipment	977	-	-	977	1.345
Programmes	-	-	-	-	1.620
COVID-19 response	-	-	-	-	8.968
Staff Welfare	1.619	-	-	1.619	3.108
Vol scheme	-	-	-	-	409
Other	725	-	-	725	191
Sub total	59.249	-	-	59.249	56.319

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	59.249	-	-	59.249	56.319
Net of receipts/(payments)	12.671	2.478	-	15.149	17.779
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	55.746	-	-	55.746	37.967
Cash funds this year end	68.417	2.478	-	70.895	55.746

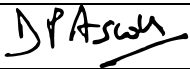
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
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				Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BARCLAYS Community (Main)	18.565	2.478	-
	BARCLAYS Savings	49.852	-	-
	BARCLAYS Merchandise	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	68.417	2.478	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		DAVID ASCOTT	01.02.2023

Statement of Responsibility of the Trustees

FMS' Trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the Trustees' and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently (in this case on a receipts and payments basis);
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The opinion of the trustees is that the charitable organisation is entitled to the exemptions conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charities.

The trustees acknowledge the following responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charities subject to the small companies' regime.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D P Ascott', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Name: David Ascott

Date: 01.02.2023

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the Free Movement Skateboarding trustees on my examination of the accounts of Free Movement Skateboarding for the year ending 31st August 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity trustees of Free Movement Skateboarding, 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 Free Movement Skateboarding'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 Charities Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and I confirm that no material 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 Free Movement Skateboarding as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which the attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Michael Richmond

Relevant Professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): **FCCA**

Address: 5 Traherne Close, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9DS

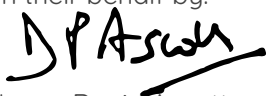
Date: 01.02.2023

Trustees Acknowledgement

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with provision applicable to charities subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 31.01.2023 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Ascott', with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Name: David Ascott

Date: 01.02.2023

FREE MOVEMENT SKATEBOARDING

England & Wales - Charity number 1184649

Accounts



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Free Movement Skateboarding CIO

UK Charity No. 1184649

Trustee Annual Report
and
Financial Statements

01 September 2020 – 31 August 2021

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Reference and Administrative Details

Registered office and operational address	73 Marshal's Drive, St Albans, Herts, England, AL1 4RD Agiar Zonis 53, Athens, Attika, Greece, 11256
Trustees	Trustees appointed as of the submission of this report. David Ascott Daniel Schweppestedde Amber Edmondson Keshini Mauree-Bain Alex Segiet
Full Time Staff	William Ascott Lefteris Xanthakis Denia Nicholas
Part Time Staff	Giannis Katsaounos
Sessional Staff	Denia Kopita Koger Serbest
Bank	Barclays Community Account Barclays, 86 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0JP
Independent Examiner	Mike Richmond 5 Traherne Close, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9DS

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP FRS 102).

Structure, governance & management

FMS is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), number 1184649.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

The Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work for the 12 months in the year ending 31 August 2021. The Trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

Objectives

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the public benefit by providing facilities capable of improving health including but not limited to skateboarding.
2. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Charitable Activities and Public Benefit in the past year

Operating Environment

Coronavirus and Lockdown: Coronavirus once again caused a lot of disruption to our activities. This year, we spent nearly 7 months in lockdown, which restricted our ability to deliver public sessions. We were however able to deliver private sessions at two Social Care Units on private grounds, because we were able to obtain the relevant governmental permits to travel to their shelters. Even then, we had many cancelled sessions caused by positive COVID-19 cases and quarantine protocols. Despite these restrictions, we are proud of the impact FMS has had over the past year and the direction of the

organisation. As we come out of lockdown and reinstate our public sessions, we still take necessary precautions at sessions to minimise risks to our participants.

Situation in Athens: In a post COVID-19 world, Greece is experiencing complex economic and societal problems. Athens still has a lack of accessible and inclusive recreational activities and spaces, wellbeing services and social cohesion initiatives, especially spaces shared by young people of diverse backgrounds. These gaps have been exacerbated during COVID-19, where we are seeing the exclusion of unvaccinated people from all activities, without an understanding of the access problems for certain communities, like the undocumented. Additionally, lockdowns have worsened isolation, especially for those that were already marginalised, increasing poor mental health and wellbeing. Whilst the pandemic reduced funding and support given to social welfare and social cohesion initiatives, the relevance and need for the goals and service provided by FMS will remain.

Skateboarding: In Athens, and indeed worldwide, there has also been a noticeable increase in interest in skateboarding. During the lockdowns, for those with skateboards, it became an accessible and easy individual outdoor activity. Of course, its rise in popular culture and skateboarding joining the Olympics, has also played a role. FMS is working to make skateboarding accessible to the many and using it as a common activity to bring communities together and focus on wellbeing.

Impact

- We had a 39% girl participation rate, an increase from the same period last year. We continue to work on increasing girl participation.
- 62% of new participants returned to sessions, with 25% of participants becoming regular attendees (having participated in more than 5 weekly sessions).
- Out of the 129 sessions delivered this year, in 7 different locations, 6 out of the 13 weekly sessions were public, accessible and inclusive for anyone to join in.
- Last year, in the same period, we had 380 participants, this was impacted drastically by a 3 month lockdown and the ending of camp sessions. Today our focus is for sessions to be developmental, improving long-term wellbeing, encouraging gender empowerment and to promote social cohesion and community, therefore long term and regular participation is important. Naturally this will reduce our annual number of participants, whilst hopefully increasing regular attendee participation. This fiscal year, we have had 260 participants, despite this year's lockdown and restrictions, and having only begun public sessions again in June. We have regular attendees, and are working on increasing this now that we do not face restrictions. As we focus on the quality of sessions through our new curriculum, we expect to see regular attendance rise.

Highlights

New Sessions and Collaborations: We began 7 new skate sessions this year. Four delivered at two different Social Care Units, in collaboration with The Mum Institute. Two sessions at a basketball court in the Patisia neighbourhood, one public and one in collaboration with Safe Place International. Lastly, during the summer we deliver one weekly session at Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Park.

Hannah Bailey Visit: In May, Hannah Bailey, a photojournalist who often works with Skateistan, visited us in Athens for a week, while working on a project based on female skaters. She attended some of our sessions, and photographed some of our instructors as part of her project. In July, she featured FMS in National Geographic in a wonderful article [‘How skateboarders have reclaimed an abandoned Olympic Stadium in Athens’](#)

Zoumboulakis Gallery x The Skate Room ‘Art on Boards’ Exhibition: In June Zoumboulakis Gallery, in Kolonaki, hosted The Skate Room exhibition, which was postponed from last year. The ‘Art on Boards’ exhibition displayed the works of 17 Greek artists created on the back of boards. This exhibition was in support of the work that FMS and The Mum Institute do at the Social Care Units. It was a great opportunity to promote our work to people who would not know of us otherwise. Moreover, the artwork sold, of which a percentage of the profits will be donated to FMS.

Developments at FMS

Developments in the Team: This year, and especially due to COVID-19, there has been a shift to a locally run team. This began in September with the introduction of Denia N. and Constantina to the team, with the departure of Jack and Ruby, and then Zelia in the winter. Moreover, with the international volunteer scheme still on pause, we have built an instructor base locally, with Giannis K. joining the team as an instructor in September, Denia K. joining us in November, Marwane in April, and more recently Koger. This makes for a strong local team, great instructors and skaters, with roots in the Athenian and International skate scene. They consistently inspire our participants. Moreover, by shifting to a locally based team with links to the skate community we achieved one of our long term goals.

Rebrand: In April, during our 4th birthday we launched our rebrand. This followed on from revisiting and realigning our objectives as an organisation, it was time for new branding and a new website.

ThinkBeyond Consultancy: We received consulting from ThinkBeyond, through the Laureus Grant. It was great working with the team at ThinkBeyond, and greatly appreciate the advice, feedback and work they have been helping us with, specifically around messaging and fundraising.

Pushing Against Racism: We cosigned Pushing Against Racism, a commitment to anti-racism in skateboarding in May. Initiated by Goodpush, and signed by many other skateboarding organisations, it is a commitment to challenge racism and build equity in skateboarding. Complementing this the team completed an online Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training; we are continuously trying to better our practices. Trustee Keshini Mauree-Bain of Kick it Out is working on further training for us.

Equipment: In July, we received 30 new decks from Clown Skateboards! Our participants were thrilled to test them out for the first time. We are extremely grateful to Clown Skateboards for their generosity.

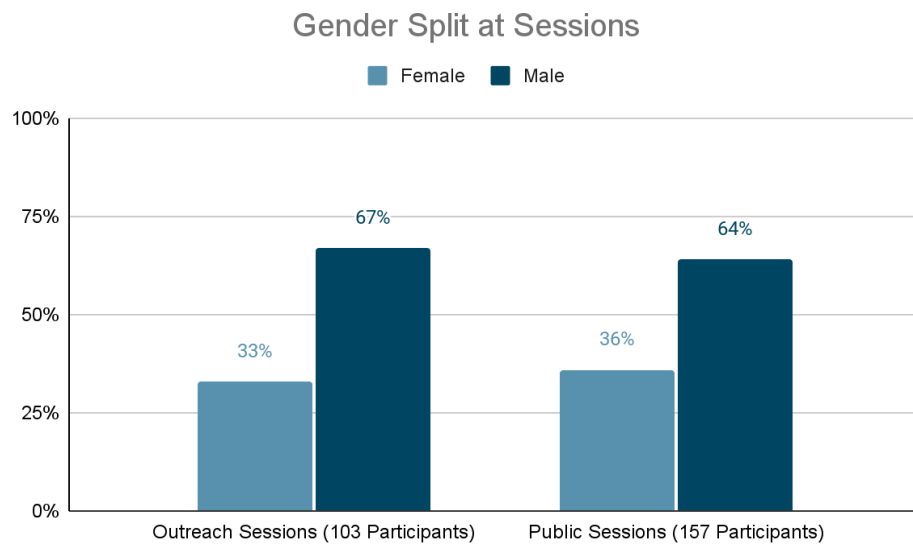
Athens Skatepark: This year, in collaboration with the Flux Laboratory, Athens Partnerships and the best skatepark designers in Greece, we submitted a proposal for the renovation of Koumoundourou Square into a skatepark and cultural space, to the Athens Municipality. Despite not yet receiving a clear answer, we are confident we will work with Athens Partnerships to successfully build a skatepark in central Athens, as this gap needs to be filled.

FMS Blog Posts: Since July, Co-Founder Ruby has been writing for the FMS website *Stories*. This blog explores various themes relating to FMS, our activities, the benefits of skateboarding and the

skateboarding world. Our blog posts, especially those exploring the benefits of skateboarding are popular and drive people to our website. There have been posts exploring Skateboarding and Neuroscience, our collaboration with Safe Place International and Hannah Bailey's visit to Athens.

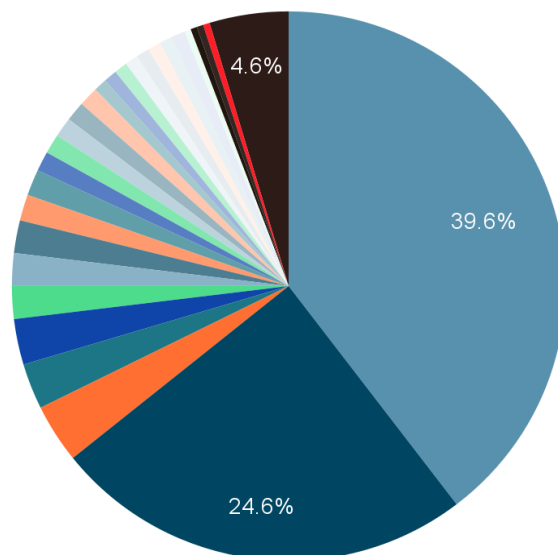
Session Statistics – July 2019 – August 2020

1. Outreach Sessions (Agios Andreas and Agia Barbara (Social Care Units), Velos Youth Center, Kampani Shelter, Safe Place International Community Center)
2. Public Sessions (Exarchia Neighborhood, Patissia Neighbourhood, Sepolia Neighborhood, Stavros Niarchos Park (SNFCC), OAKA Skate Park)



Diversity within Participants and Athens

Indicator of promoting social cohesion



Notable statistics September 2020 – August 2021:

- **260** unique young people attended
- **129** sessions delivered
- **28** ethnicities reached
- **7** distinct locations in the Athens, Attica region, **13** different sessions
- **39%** female participation across all sessions
- **62%** returning participants
- **25%** regular attendees (attended 5 or more sessions)
- **12%** attended 10 or more sessions, reaping the most long term benefits

Future Plans and Changes

In the Next Year

Sessions: More public sessions focused on social cohesion and community development. Moreover, we will work on more opportunities to introduce participants at outreach sessions to sessions in public spaces, focused on bringing people together.

Flexible curriculum: Focused on the development of participants, not just progression in skating, but learning life skills, working on positive mental wellbeing and community building. This will come from Concrete Jungle Foundation's Edu-Skate curriculum, using the self-determination theory.

Expansion and Project Development: A skate park and community space for FMS sessions, expanding our activities and ensuring greater impact. This may happen in collaboration with the municipality, publicly or privately, and necessitates becoming a Greek legal entity.

Fundraising diversification: We will always aim to improve and diversify our funding, to ensure greater financial security for our activities.

In the Next 3 Years

- Build a permanent skatepark in Athens, creating a hub for integration and the growing skate scene, and allowing us a safe space to run skateboarding, educational and creative workshops all year round.
- Register as a Greek charity and start a youth/community center to secure a private location to host the Women's Program, other classes and launching the Youth Leadership Program in Inner City neighbourhoods in order to help with integration.
- Continue facilitating smaller projects in various locations; using knowledge, experience, and a network of volunteers to help other projects start up.
- Reinforce existing local collaborations and work towards bringing similar projects together to strengthen impact towards social cohesion and participant wellbeing and empowerment.

Statement of Financial Activities

The financial results are set out in the attached receipts and payments account.
All charity funds are maintained at Barclays.



Charity Name FREE MOVEMENT SKATEBOARDING		No (if any) 1184649	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date 01.09.2020	To	Period end date 31.08.2021

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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					
CHOOSE LOVE Grant	51.867	-	-	51.867	56.770
Other Grants	2.521	8.540	-	11.061	7.341
Partnerships	289	-	-	289	4.956
Donations	8.597	-	-	8.597	4.172
Merchandise	1.648	-	-	1.648	325
Volunteer scheme	326	-	-	326	4.948
Other	310	-	-	310	2.481
Staff donations	-	-	-	-	5.525
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	65.558	8.540	-	74.098	86.518
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Van fundraiser	-	-	-	-	3.462
Sub total	-	-	-	-	3.462
Total receipts	65.558	8.540	-	74.098	89.980
A3 Payments					
Staff stipends	33.736	-	-	33.736	44.644
Instructors	-	-	-	-	1.214

Motor expenses	3.713	-	-	3.713	2.584
Marketing (Digital Strategy)	1.589	-	-	1.589	-
Rent	-	-	-	-	12.497
Household expenses	-	-	-	-	1.169
Travel	-	-	-	-	35
Merchandise	1.640	-	-	1.640	-
Session equipment	1.345	-	-	1.345	-
Programmes	1.620	-	-	1.620	-
COVID-19 response	428	8.540	-	8.968	-
Staff Welfare	3.108	-	-	3.108	-
Vol scheme	409	-	-	409	-
Other	191	-	-	191	2.970
Sub total	47.779	8.540	-	56.319	65.113

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Van purchase	-	-	-	-	6.187
Sub total	-	-	-	-	6.187

Total payments	47.779	8.540	-	56.319	71.300
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Net of receipts/ (payments)	17.779	-	-	17.779	18.680
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	37.966	-	-	37.966	19.286
Cash funds this year end	55.745	-	-	55.745	37.966

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

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
Categories	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	BARCLAYS Community (Main)	5.901	-	-
	BARCLAYS Savings	49.844	-	-
	BARCLAYS Merchandise	-	-	-
	Paypal	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	55.745	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

OK
Unrestricted
funds

OK
Restricted funds

OK
Endowment funds

B2 Other monetary
assets

Details

to nearest £

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to nearest £

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to nearest £

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B3 Investment assets

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

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-
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Current value
(optional)

-
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-
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B4 Assets retained for
the charity's own use

Details

Fund to which
asset belongs

Cost (optional)

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Current value
(optional)

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B5 Liabilities

Details

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Fund to which
liability
relates

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Amount due
(optional)

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When due
(optional)

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		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

DAVID ASCOTT	DAVID ASCOTT	01.12.2021

Statement of Responsibility of the Trustees

FMS' Trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the Trustees' and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently (in this case on a receipts and payments basis);
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware; and
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The opinion of the trustees is that the charitable organisation is entitled to the exemptions conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charities.

The trustees acknowledge the following responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charities subject to the small companies' regime.
Signed on behalf of the trustees

Name: David Ascott
Date: 01.12.2021

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Free Movement Skateboarding

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Free Movement Skateboarding for the year ending 31st August 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity trustees of Free Movement Skateboarding, 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 Free Movement Skateboarding'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 Charities Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination and I confirm that no material 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 Free Movement Skateboarding as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which the attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Mike Richmond

Relevant Professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):

Address: 5 Traherne Close, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9DS

Date: 01.12.2021

Trustees Acknowledgement

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with provision applicable to charities subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 01.12.2021 and signed on their behalf, by:

Name: David Ascott

Date: 01.12.2021

FREE MOVEMENT SKATEBOARDING

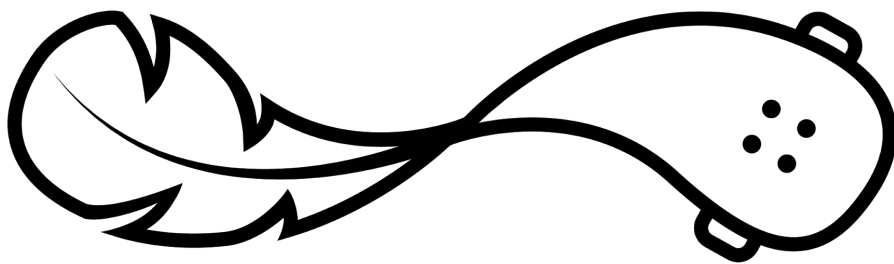
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Annual Report and Financial Statements

29 July 2019 – 31 August 2020



Free Movement
SKATEBOARDING

UK Charity No. 1184649

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Reference and Administrative Details

Registered office and operational address	73 Marshal's Drive, St Albans, Herts, England, AL1 4RD Agias Zonis 53, Athens, Attika, Greece, 11256
Trustees	Trustees appointed as of the submission of this report. David Ascott Emma Terry Daniel Schweppestedde
Full Time Staff	William Ascott Lefteris Xanthakis Denia Nicholas Constantina Xafi
Sessional Staff	Giannis Katsaounos Denia Kopita
Bank	Barclays Community Account Barclays, 86 Town Centre, Hatfield AL10 0JP
Independent Examiner	Mike Richmond 5 Traherne Close, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9DS

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 3 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP FRS 102).

Structure, governance & management

The organisation is a UK Charity, number 1184649.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

The Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work for the 12 months in the year ending 31 August 2020. The Trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the Trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

Objectives

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation for the public benefit by providing facilities capable of improving health including but not limited to skateboarding.
2. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.

Charitable Activities and Public Benefit in the past year

FMS managed to deliver skateboarding sessions to its beneficiaries despite delivering 2 months of sessions with its van unusable and completely losing all December sessions for the same reason.

In addition, COVID-19 restrictions kept us away from sessions for 15 weeks, from early March '19 to the end of June '20.

Finally, tightening restrictions on NGO access to camps by the government meant we could not return to sessions after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.

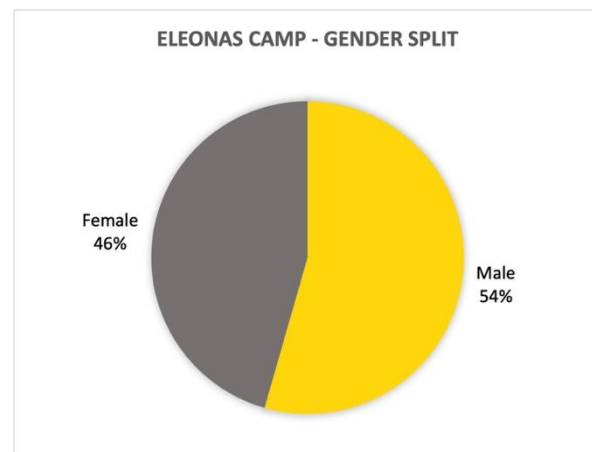
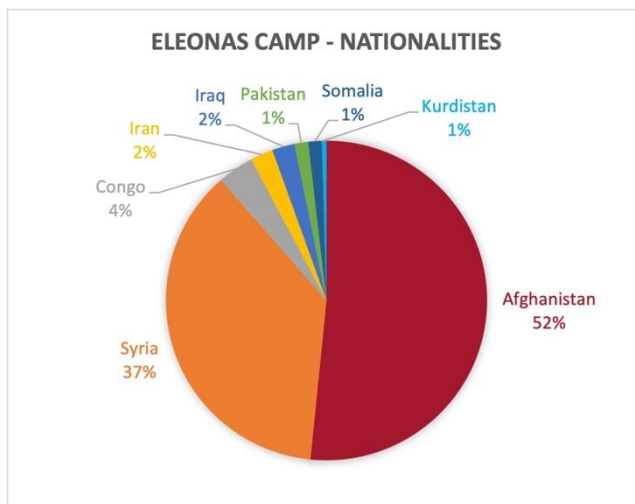
However, during that very challenging year, we managed to

- successfully fundraise for and purchase a Greek vehicle, which has decreased the resources required to maintain and use for sessions, while increasing its availability.
- significantly diversify fundraising by improving the process of researching and completing grant applications.
- start new collaborations with other local organisations, and increased outreach to overcome government sanctions on camps and COVID restrictions.

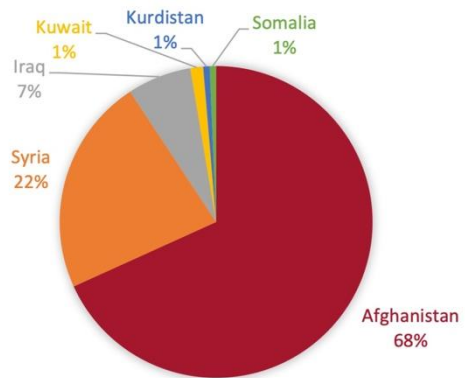
- maintain contact and involvement with beneficiaries over the COVID restrictions period through social media, creating DIY content and involving people with creative ideas, contests and raffles.
- attend and present at the Good Push Summit hosted by Skateistan in South Africa, furthering networking with fellow skateboarding NGOs and improving knowledge on NGO governance and sustainability along with educational programming.
- successfully fundraise in order to provide every staff member with access to psychological support, at least once a month.
- follow our 3-year plan of transitioning to a fully local team to increase local participation and ownership of the project with the full team of 6 (4 core, 2 sessional) now 5/6 local.
- continue the development of the International Volunteer Scheme until the first COVID wave hit, maintaining international outreach and some fundraising and also allowing for a long-term internship position.
- institute a COVID-19 policy which was advised and reviewed by a medical professional to safeguard the team and participants health.

Session Statistics – July 2019 – August 2020

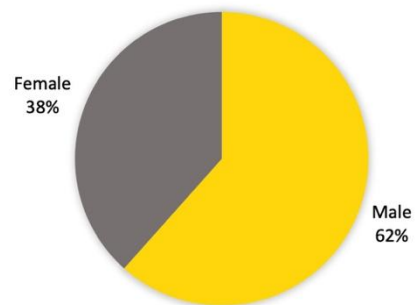
1. Eleonas Camp
2. Schistou Camp
3. Inner City Sessions (St. Nikolaos Park, Velos/Halcyon Days, Kampani str. shelter)



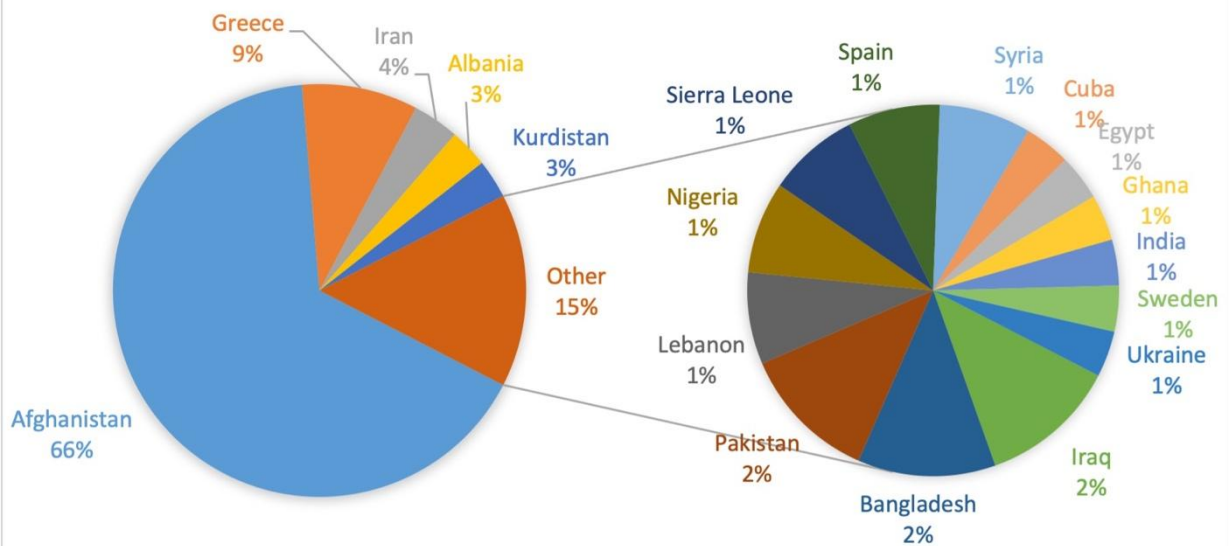
SCHISTO CAMP - NATIONALITIES

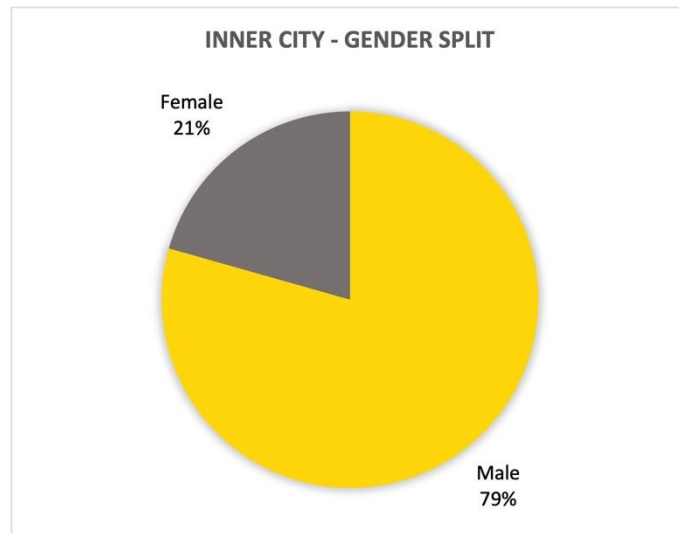


SCHISTO CAMP - GENDER SPLIT



INNER CITY - NATIONALITIES





Notable statistics July 2019 – August 2020:

- **461** unique young people attended
- **176** sessions delivered
- **23** ethnicities reached
- **5** distinct locations in the Athens, Attica region
- **37%** female participation across all sessions
- **68%** retuning participants
- **38%** returned to 4 or more sessions

Future Plans and Changes

In the Next Year

- Take advantage of COVID-19 lockdown down time to improve internal procedures, rewrite policies, clarify our advocacy messaging and better express our Vision, Values and Mission statement.
- Launch a new website to improve the way we are getting our message through.
- Continue to diversify fundraising by expending our merchandise taking advantage of our new part-time position for researching and completing grant applications.
- Register as a Greek charity and start a youth/community center to secure a private location to host the Women's Program, other classes and launching the Youth Leadership Program in Inner City neighbourhoods in order to help with integration.
- Continue to establish closer relations with other skateboarding NGOs across the world; for information/resource sharing and collaborations.
- Organise fundraising events in the UK and internationally, to raise awareness and extra funds.

In the Next 3 Years

- Build a permanent skatepark in Athens, creating a hub for integration and the growing skate scene, and allowing us a safe space to run skateboarding, educational and creative workshops all year round.
- Handover all operations on the ground to a mixed local and refugee team, who have been trained up to these positions over the course of a couple of years.
- Continue facilitating smaller projects in various locations; using knowledge, experience, and a network of volunteers to help other projects start up.

The financial results are set out in the attached receipts and payments account.
All charity funds are maintained at Barclays.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Free Movement Skateboarding

No 1184649

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 29-Jul-19	To	Period end date 31-Aug-20
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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					
Grant from Help Refugees	56.770	-	-	56.770	56.974
Donations	4.172	-	-	4.172	14.539
Merchandise	325	-	-	325	1.998
Other	2.481	-	-	2.481	-
Volunteer scheme	4.948	-	-	4.948	-
Other Grants	2.000	5.341	-	7.341	-
Staff donations	5.525	-	-	5.525	-
Partnerships	4.956	-	-	4.956	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81.177	5.341	-	86.518	73.511
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Van fundraiser	3.462	-	-	3.462	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3.462	-	-	3.462	-
Total receipts	84.639	5.341	-	89.980	73.511

A3 Payments

Staff stipends	44.644	-	-	44.644	28.647
Instructors	1.214	-	-	1.214	4.335
Motor expenses	2.182	402	-	2.584	5.059
Marketing	-	-	-	-	-
Rent	12.497	-	-	12.497	11.860
Household expenses	1.169	-	-	1.169	958
Travel	35	-	-	35	1.117
Merchandise	-	-	-	-	999
Other	2.970	-	-	2.970	2.300
Sub total	64.711	402	-	65.113	55.275

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan repaid		-	-		1.400
Van purchase	6.187	-	-	6.187	
Sub total	6.187	-	-	6.187	1.400

Total payments	70.898	402	-	71.300	56.675
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Net of receipts/(payments)	13.741	4.939	-	18.680	16.836
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A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
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A6 Cash funds last year end	19.286	-	-	19.286	2.450
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Cash funds this year end	33.027	4.939	-	37.966	19.286
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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 £
	Barclays Main account	19.597	4.939	-
	Barclays Merchandise account	4.844	-	-
	PayPal	8.586	-	-

Total cash funds	33.027	4.939	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

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
DPAswY	DPASCOTT	24.2.21

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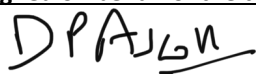
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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charities subject to the small companies' regime.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Name: David Ascott

Date: 24.2.21

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Free Movement Skateboarding

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Free Movement Skateboarding for the year ending 31st August 2020.

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity trustees of Free Movement Skateboarding, 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 Free Movement Skateboarding'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 Charities 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which the attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Mike Richmond

Relevant Professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FCA .

Address: 5 Traherne Close, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 9DS

Date: 25th Feb 2021.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with provision applicable to charities subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 01/02/2021 and signed on their behalf, by:

David Ascott

1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements 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 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (August 2014) and the Companies Act 2006.

These accounts have been prepared on a cash received and paid basis in accordance with the exemption for small charities.