



FREE MOVEMENT
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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 Agias 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
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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 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.

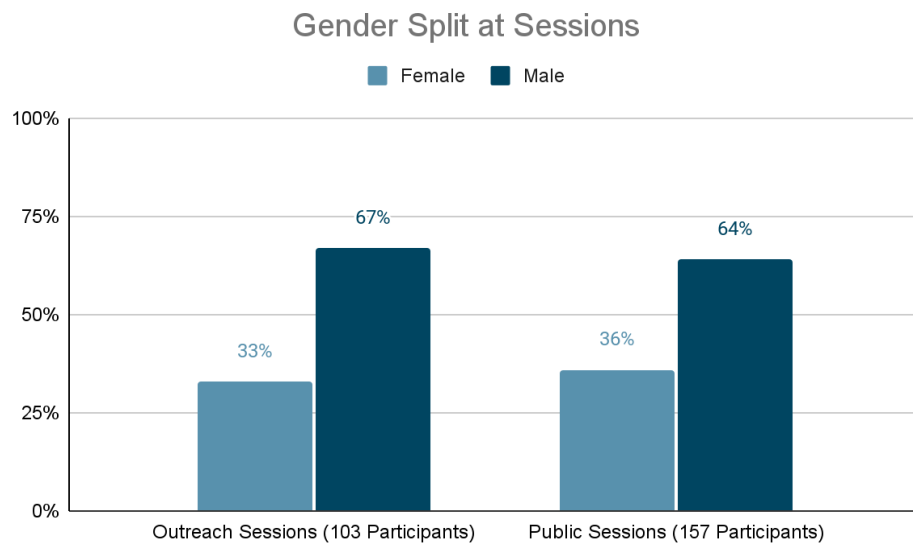
Athens Skatepark: This year, in collaboration with the Flux Laboratory, Athens Partnerships and the best skatepark designers in Greece, we submitted a proposal for the renovation of Koumoundourou Square into a skatepark and cultural space, to the Athens Municipality. Despite not yet receiving a clear 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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Current value
(optional)

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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