



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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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:

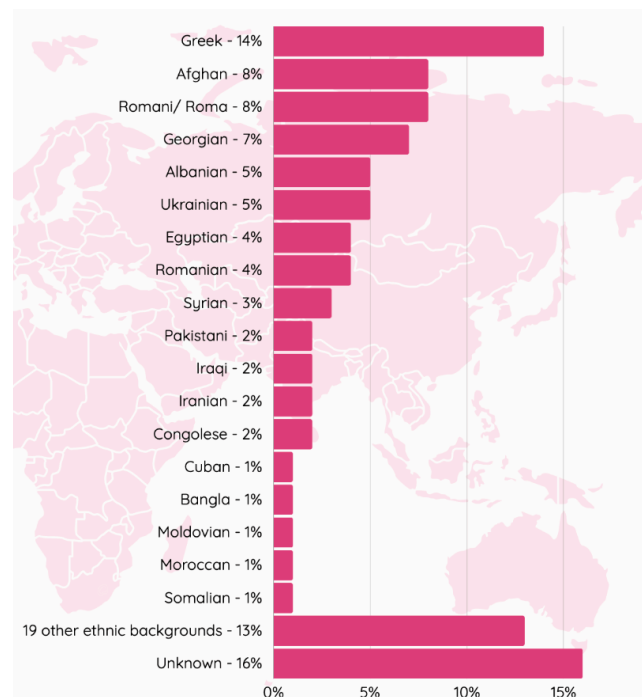
- We delivered 166 sessions to 493 participants over the past year, in 8 different locations.
- We had 458 new participants, showing a growth in our reach and engagement, but also the continuation of interest and demand in our project.

- 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

OK

Restricted funds

OK

Endowment funds

Details

to nearest £

to nearest £

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

FMS GR Grant (Greek NGOs Account)

-
-

2,587
-

-
-

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	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)

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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