

EAST LONDON METROPOLITAN OPERA
(Registered charity no. 1185310)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 APRIL 2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

Constitution	ELMO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a Constitution dated 28 April 2019. It was entered on the Register of Charities kept by the Charity Commission on 13 September 2019 with the registered charity number of 1185310.
Registered Address and Main Contact	Flat 40 Chelsfield Point Penshurst Road Hackney London E9 7DY Main contact: Emma Dogliani
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Trustees	Victoria Eze (Chair) Olivia Kilmartin (Secretary) Richard Miller (Treasurer) Paul Julian Alex Wakefield Judith Nesbit John Northover Isa Jaward (resigned December 2022) Bill Miller (appointed 22 December 2022)
Policy and Objectives	<p>ELMO's objective is to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Greater London and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.</p> <p>ELMO operates in the fields of arts, culture, heritage and science and provides services and promotes participation in arts and crafts and in particular music. It operates in the London boroughs of Hackney and Islington. It aims to carry out its purpose by running projects in schools and prisons that provide participants with technical and practical</p>

	musical education and performance opportunities.
Advisers	Bankers: HSBC 50-52 Kilburn High Road London NW6 4HJ

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Despite the impact of Covid, ELMO has made remarkable progress in fulfilling its core aims since our last AGM. The trustees have met six times since April 2021. One trustee has resigned and a new one been appointed so there are still currently eight trustees.

There have been a total of six full days of music provision in Pentonville Prison since April 2022, all extremely well received, with appreciation shown by the men and wardens, including the Head of Reduction of Reoffending, Natalie Adams, and Deputy Governor Kat Lawrence.

As well as running workshops in classrooms, ELMO has gained increasing support from senior management and prison officers and has thus been given access directly onto wings and has performed and engaged prisoners, directly on all five wings of the Prison, on some days reaching several hundred prisoners and staff.

ELMO's representatives have also run a consultation session with prisoners, collecting highly encouraging feedback and suggestions for development which are being included in plans for the current year.

ELMO has managed to take several visitors into the Prison alongside the musicians to witness and gain a better understanding of the project. These have included Trustees, an evaluation expert, and also two staff from the Howard League for Penal Reform, and a senior judge who have since contributed in various ways including support with ongoing fund raising and development plans.

Applications have been made to four funding organisations, with most rejected but with some useful feedback and encouragement to reapply in 2023 was received. A successful winter appeal letter raised over £2,000. A fund raising event is planned for April 2023 and three further applications to funding organisations are currently in preparation.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022	Year ended 30 April 2022 £	Year ended 30 April 2021 £
Income		
Donations received	60	1500
Total income	60	1500
Expenditure		
Musicians' cancellation fees	400	900
Music purchases	-	900
Bank charges	20	-
Total expenditure	420	1800
Net surplus/(deficit)	(360)	(300)
Unrestricted funds brought forward	7977	8277
Unrestricted funds carried forward	7617	7977
Balance sheets	At 30 April 2022 £	At 30 April 2021 £

Unrestricted funds (see note below)	7617	7977
Creditor - unpaid musician's fee	100	-
	7717	7977
Represented by:		
Bank balance	7717	7977

Note on reserving policy

Since the last year end, 30 April 2022, the Trustees have reviewed ELMO's policy on retained reserves/funds. As a result, £1,500 has now been earmarked as restricted funds to cover the anticipated cost of a significant fundraising event to be held in the first half of 2023 and a further £250 to fund the initial costs incurred by an evaluation of our activities which is already in progress. As a result of these changes, ELMO's unrestricted funds at 31 December 2022 amounted to some £2,600.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Victoria Eze (Chair)
Richard Miller (Treasurer)
30 January 2023