



Annual Report: Year Ending 1st November 2021 - 31st October 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1st November 2021 to 31st October 2022.

Objectives and Activities

Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit. The principal objectives of the Charity are:

(1) To advance, improve, promote, develop and maintain public education and appreciation of the arts and science of music in all its aspects especially, but not limited to the steelpan, by any means the trustees see fit, including through the presentation of, public concerts and recitals in the United Kingdom or abroad.

(2) To further such charitable purpose or purposes as the Trustees in their absolute discretion shall deem appropriate.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission 9th October 2019 and is constituted under a CIO Foundation constitution.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the constitution.

Organisational structure and decision making

The charity is managed by its Trustees.

Trustees Statement

Introduction:

Since Southside Org's registration with the commission, our journey has been marked by both challenges and triumphs. Following our official establishment, the unforeseen onset of the global pandemic unleashed a wave of unprecedented disruption, profoundly impacting our ability to kickstart our full schedule of planned activities. The pandemic's untimely arrival cast a shadow over our aspirations, presenting daunting obstacles and unforeseen hurdles. As the community grappled with the economic downturn and widespread uncertainty, our initial momentum was met with numerous unforeseen roadblocks.

However, adversity has served as a catalyst for resilience and innovation within Southside. Despite the daunting landscape, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to serving our community and advancing our mission. Faced with unprecedented challenges, our team rallied together, leveraging our collective strength and determination to navigate the stormy seas of uncertainty. Through unwavering dedication and resourcefulness, we have adapted and evolved, emerging stronger and more resilient in the face of adversity.

Key Achievements and Activities:

Throughout the year, we achieved several milestones and undertook impactful initiatives:

Successful Fundraising Events:

Noteworthy fundraising events, including Child Friendly Lambeth and the National Autistic Society Cheer Point at the London Marathon, garnered significant support and contributions from the community.

Charitable Activities:

Our charity made substantial investments in charitable activities, such as providing musical education and support services to underserved communities.

Governance and Compliance:

We maintained robust governance structures and adhered to legal and regulatory requirements, ensuring transparency and accountability in our operations.

Special Performances:

Proclamation of the King:

We had the honour of being the orchestra of choice for Lambeth's Proclamation ceremony, where we performed "God Save the King" for Lambeth Council members, Borough MPs, ministers, and community members. Additionally, we were selected as the band of choice for the launch of the Child Friendly Lambeth campaign. These opportunities allowed us to showcase our talent and support important community initiatives.

Partnership with the National Autistic Society:

Southside Org proudly partnered with the National Autistic Society, where we performed for them and other participants during the London Marathon. As an inclusive organisation, we are committed

to supporting individuals with autism and other disabilities. Having members who also have autism and other disabilities, Southside was delighted to provide encouragement and support. We recognise the importance of fostering understanding and acceptance of autism within the community and will continue to build inclusive spaces where everyone feels valued and supported.

Lambeth Palace Conference:

The Lambeth Palace Conference, an esteemed gathering of Anglican bishops from around the world, was a remarkable event attended by 660 priests, bishops, and vicars coming from 165 different countries. Our performances were met with enthusiasm and joy, as bishops and vicars gracefully danced and sang along with delight. It was a testament to the power of music to unite and uplift communities across borders.

Challenges Faced:

Despite our achievements, we encountered certain challenges that tested our resilience and resourcefulness:

Financial Constraints:

Limited financial resources posed challenges in scaling our initiatives and expanding our reach to more beneficiaries.

Operational Hurdles:

Operational inefficiencies and logistical constraints occasionally hindered the seamless execution of our programs and events.

Future Outlook:

Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to driving positive change and fostering greater community upliftment:

Expansion of Programs:

We aim to expand our programmatic offerings and reach a wider audience through strategic partnerships and collaborations.

Enhanced Fundraising Efforts:

Efforts to diversify fundraising channels and engage with donors on a deeper level will be prioritised to ensure sustained financial sustainability.

Strengthened Governance and Impact Measurement:

We will continue to strengthen our governance mechanisms and enhance impact measurement frameworks to maximise the effectiveness of our interventions.

Acknowledgments:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders who have supported us on our journey.

Donors and Supporters:

Your generosity and unwavering support have been instrumental in enabling us to advance our mission and serve those in need.

Volunteers and Staff:

The dedication and commitment of our members and volunteer staff have been invaluable in driving our initiatives forward and making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Community Partners:

Collaborations with community partners and stakeholders have enriched our work and facilitated greater impact in the communities we serve.

Lambeth Partnership:

We express gratitude to Lambeth Council for their partnership and support, providing rehearsal and storage space crucial for our operations. We remain committed to strengthening and developing this partnership further.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the past year has been marked by notable achievements, transformative initiatives, and valuable learnings. As we navigate the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, we are emboldened by the collective spirit of compassion, resilience, and solidarity that defines our organisation. Together, we will continue to forge ahead, guided by our shared vision of creating a more equitable and inclusive society for all.

Financial review:

Despite the turbulent economic climate, Southside Org has remained financially robust and resilient:

Total Income: £6,035.00

Total Expenditure: £5,795.41

Income Breakdown:

Our primary source of income stemmed from voluntary contributions and fundraising endeavours.

Voluntary Income: £6,035.00

Expenditure Breakdown:

We allocated funds prudently across various aspects of our operations.

Expenditure Breakdown:

Charitable Activities: £3,443.03

This expenditure supported the execution of our charitable programs, including music membership, instrument tuning, and bass instrument procurement.

Governance Costs: £488.85

These expenses were incurred to ensure effective governance and compliance with regulatory standards, encompassing web hosting and subscription services.

Fundraising Costs: £209.92

Funds were utilised to organise and execute fundraising events, covering refreshments and other logistical expenses.

Other Costs: £1,962.11

These miscellaneous costs encompassed transportation, venue rentals, equipment purchases, and administrative expenditures.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on 12th January 2023

Signed on behalf of the trustees
Trustee - Julian Gibbs