COMMUNITY TECHAID



Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2022

Charity registration number: 1193210

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Reference and Administrative Information

The Board of Trustees are pleased to submit their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022.

COMMUNITY TECHAID was incorporated on 22nd January 2021 and is a registered charity (number 1193210). Its objects, powers and other constitutional matters are set out in its Constitution dated 22nd January 2021. These financial statements comply with current Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with 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) and the Companies Act 2006.

Charity Name	COMMUNITY TECHAID
Charity Registration	The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 22 January 2021. The registration number is 1193210
Registered Office	Community TechAid, 3.34 Canterbury Court, 1-3 Brixton Road, SW9 6DE
Objects	The following objects are for the public benefit of those living in London:- To relieve need of those whose ability to access the internet and other digital technologies is limited by reason of their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other social or economic disadvantage, with a view to reducing social isolation or exclusion for these beneficiaries by assisting in the provision of access to digital education and information technologies, providing recycled / donated laptops, other computer equipment, support, education and training that the trustees deem appropriate.
Board of Trustees	The Trustees who served during the year or who were serving at the date of this report were: Linda Heiden (chair) (appointed 6 September 2020) Matthew Luscombe (Treasurer) (appointed 6 September 2020) Fatima Hassan (appointed 6 September 2020) Phil Shoesmith (appointed 14 September 2021) Ashley Horsford (appointed 1 December 2021) Sarah Olubunmi (appointed 1 December 2021) Ivan Beckley (appointed 1 December 2021)
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2JB
Independent Examiners	Additude Ltd, 9 Rhapsody Court, London NW10 5DF

Letter from the Chair

Grassroots response to urgent need

Community TechAid's remarkable development grew out of a social media appeal. As lockdowns turned digital access into an absolute essential of daily life, an appeal went out for volunteers and redundant computers, tablets and smartphones. The initial group of 7 volunteers met online, aiming to combine our passion for both universal digital empowerment and environmental protection.

Our homes became tech workshops, warehouses and organising spaces. Soon we had teams of volunteers, solid contacts with dozens of community groups and a growing supply of donated devices. Digitally excluded households were referred to us by schools, refugee groups, NHS teams, disability support groups and many others. Donated computers, tablets and smartphones were moved by bicycle, bus, on foot and in volunteers' cars between donors and tech team members. Once wiped and refurbished, they were then collected and delivered to recipients.

But digital empowerment requires more than a computer or smartphone. And we soon found that responding to complex needs requires dedicated work and storage space, funding for spare parts and premises, and more. As volunteers came off furlough and returned to their careers, we needed core staff and new volunteers who could make longer term commitments to our work. Meanwhile, with so much of the world now moved online, the need for universal digital access was growing faster than ever.

Keys to success to date

Our rapid development and accomplishments to date are, I believe, due to two crucial factors. First, we identified a practical way to meet a critical social need at exactly the point that society was shaken into recognising that need.

Second, we began and are determined to remain embedded in our community. Arising out of south London, we work closely with a vast array of community groups who are themselves best placed to identify need and help us understand how best to tailor our support.

Future Plans

This has implications for how we move forward. Our focus in the past 6 months has been on consolidating and strengthening our organisation & processes. Moving forward, we will continue expanding into Southwark and, on a focused project basis, possibly into adjacent boroughs. Over the next 12 months, we aim to deepen our understanding of where and how need remains, tailoring our services to individual needs, and deepening our programmes to ensure that those we reach are fully empowered to take advantage of all that the digital world has to offer.

However, remaining embedded in local communities is at odds with broadening CTA's reach indefinitely. From the beginning we have developed our systems and methods to be transferable, and welcome opportunities to help others do similar things in their own communities. In particular, we welcome the development of initiatives like the Digital Poverty

Alliance and the Digital Inclusion Innovation Programme by LOTI to ensure that no area of the UK is left behind. We are delighted to be actively involved in these networks and are keen to be part of the local and national effort.

Debt of Gratitude

I extend my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to:

- The first volunteers who shared my vision and worked so hard to establish a framework for subsequent volunteers (and, eventually, staff) to build upon. In particular, CTA could not have flourished as it has without the stellar work of both **Liana Wood** and **Steve Akuom** as well as the over 80 other volunteers who have contributed so much time, effort and creative energy.

- Similarly, our founding trustee **Fatima Hassan**, together with **Cat Smith** and **Jim Ottaway**, worked tirelessly to transform our small voluntary group into the established charity that we have become.

- As furloughs ended, we have been enormously grateful for funding which enabled us to retain Cat and Jim as full time Chief Operating Officer and Technical Operations Manager respectively. Together with our wonderfully energetic Partnerships & Engagement Manager, **Stephanie Charbine**, and our Transport Officer **Justin Hughes**, they have done a brilliant job of turning CTA into a professionally run, highly regarded organisation.

- Special thanks, too, is due to **Eoin Heffernan** and his team at Integrate Agency, **Daniel Chapman** of Walcot Foundation and **Stephanie Woodrow** of Impact on Urban Health, for their invaluable advice and support. Their consistently enthusiastic encouragement and guidance have been exactly what we required to have the courage of our convictions and go for what we believe in.

- Last but not least, the moral and practical support provided by **Jane Duncan-Ribeiro** and her colleagues at **St Vincent's Centre** in Brixton was absolutely critical in supporting the rapid growth of CTA. Their generosity enabled us to move out of our bedrooms and living rooms into a welcoming community space exactly when this was absolutely essential.

We welcome your interest and invite all who share our vision to join us in working to end the digital divide.



Linda Heiden
Founder & Chair of Trustees

Annual Report of the Trustees

1. Structure, Governance & Management

1.1. Structure

COMMUNITY TECHAID is a registered charity.

1.2. Governance

Governance of the Charity is exercised through the Board of Trustees ('the Board'). The Board is made up of independent lay members who are responsible for the Charity's conduct and for ensuring that it satisfies all legal and contractual obligations. The Trustees are volunteers and are not remunerated for their time. The Board is comprised of 7 Trustees with wide international experience in finance, senior management, and Information Technology. The Board is responsible for setting the Charity's strategic direction and is ultimately accountable for how effectively the Charity meets its defined aims through direct charitable activity.

The Board employs staff members who support the Charity's strategic planning and operational activities. Trustees meet at least four times a year; financial and operational reports are provided to the Board quarterly.

1.3. Trustee Investment Powers

Investment powers are governed by the Trust Deed. There are no restrictions on the charity's absolute powers of investment to the extent that any retained funds that arise are dealt with by depositing surpluses into the COIF Charities Deposit Fund or with authorised banks.

1.4. Trustee Recruitment, Induction and Training

The Chair of the Trustees is appointed by the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees has power to appoint additional Trustees to ensure that all relevant skills and experience are represented. Every Trustee must be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees. The appointed Trustees fulfil their duties without any term limitations. A Trustee shall cease to hold office if they (1) are disqualified for acting as a Trustee by virtue of sections 178 and 179 of the Charities Act 2011 or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision, (2) are no longer able to fulfil duties due to medical reasons, (3) are absent without the permission of the Trustees from all their meetings held within a period of six months, (4) notify to the Trustees a wish to resign.

The induction process for any individual newly-appointed to the Board of Trustees comprises an initial meeting with at least 2 board members and the staff team. A newly appointed

trustee will receive:

- Constitution and articles of association
- Most recent financial statements
- The organisation's strategic objectives for the year
- the Charity Commission's guidance 'The Essential Trustee'.

1.5. Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Charity undertakes periodic reviews for different areas of risk including, insurance cover; health and safety policies in the workplace; financial affairs; personnel practices; ICT technology. In relation to these matters, and apart from matters completely outside the Charity's control, the Trustees consider that the risks to which the Charity is subject have been mitigated to a satisfactory level.

The Charity closely manages its finances. A budget is approved before the beginning of the year. All expenditure is monitored against budget and authorised by the Chair and Treasurer who are responsible for ensuring that the expenditure remains within agreed limits.

The Trustees consider the major risks to the organisation in regular board meetings, in response to updates from the senior staff team. These include financial risks, ensuring an appropriate level of reserves are held, and that all activities adhere to the organisation's objectives, vision, mission and values.

1.6. Reserves Policy

The charity holds free reserves for a variety of purposes. In a relatively steady operating environment such purposes would include:

- a financial buffer to cushion any unexpected fall in income – in addition to the contingency contained within the charity's operating budgets;

- meeting cashflow requirements caused by delays in receipt of fee or grant income;

The charity's free reserves stood at £16,927 on 31 March 2022. The Trustees remain of the view that a minimum level of free reserves of £50,000 roughly equivalent to six months of core operating costs, should be maintained. While we build reserves up to that level, , the charity is committed to ensuring that no reduction in reserves occurs.

2. Activities and Strategies

Community TechAid (CTA) is a charity in south London passionate about developing universal access to the online world and protecting the environment.

2020-21 was a period of rapid growth for us, as we grew from a small team of 7 volunteers to a charity with 3 core staff, building upon CTA's key objectives and developing strategies for the future. We provided 1358 devices to members of the Lambeth and Southwark community and diverted 2307 devices from landfill through refurbishing and sustainable recycling. It also saw the pilot launch of our Device Quickstart Digital Skills sessions, providing coaching and training to beneficiaries.

Our mission is to enable everyone to have sustainable access to digital technology, and the knowledge and skills needed to use it. We work to deliver this through several key objectives:

- Providing access to the technology and connectivity people need to engage with the digital world.
- Supporting our community to develop and share skills as well as to access further training.
- Building a sustainable, community-led network of support for universal digital inclusion and development of a circular economy.
- Diverting e-waste from landfill, by repairing, reconditioning and returning devices to the community where possible, and recycling everything that we cannot reuse.
- Championing reuse, repair, refurbishment and recycling of technology, to protect the environment.

The Board confirm that they have complied with the duty in the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

3. Our Impact

3.1. Provision of Devices

Key to our work is providing access to the technology needed to engage online. From laptops to smartphones, we have taken in thousands of redundant devices, repairing and repurposing them to support our local communities to become digitally independent.

In the last 2 years, society's dependence on the technology we use has increased dramatically. As schools began to close and services moved to online provision or access, the need for your own device became essential. During the last 24 months laptops have been the primary device type needed by users. Their portability is often critical for people who may otherwise struggle to house a larger desktop computer.

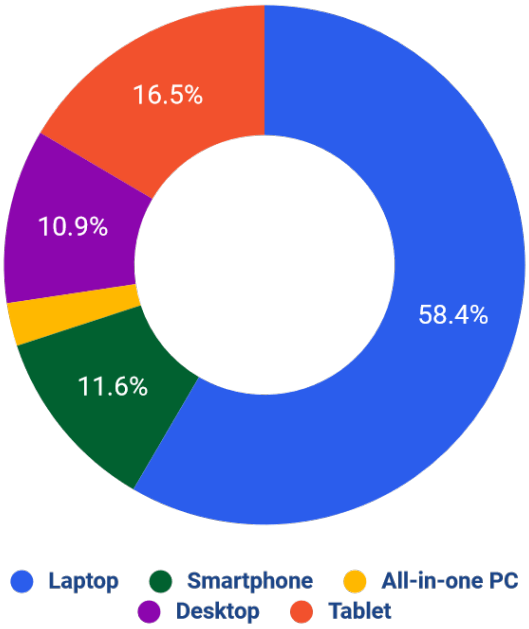
As we have grown to support more of our community, the demand for smartphones and tablets has increased. For many of the organisations that we partner with, being able to stay in contact with their patients and clients becomes impossible without client access to a smartphone or tablet. Our work is crucial in enabling our partner organisations, such as homeless shelters, NHS service providers and refuges, to deliver their services effectively and efficiently.

2307

devices donated to Community TechAid

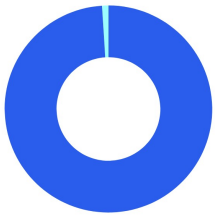
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people supported with their own device



Breakdown of device delivered by type





6.9

tonnes

Over 90% of our beneficiaries report that their device has had a significantly positive impact on their lives.

99% of the local communities and organisations that we work with believe that our services have significantly improved their client's wellbeing

An estimated 6.9 tonnes of CO2e has been avoided through refurbishment and recycling of donated devices

During 2020, we saw an urgent need for laptops for school children as remote learning became the only option for those in education. This increased demand led to the launch of our first fundraising campaign to raise funds for laptops for school children in Streatham. As students have returned to schools this urgent need has shifted, with many parents desperate for a device of their own to communicate with schools and to support their children's learning.

Laptops for Learning was launched with the support of our Patron, MP for Streatham, Bell-Ribeiro Addy to address the desperate need for laptops for school children. Thanks to the public's support, we raised an incredible £11,525 to provide 47 chromebooks to children throughout Lambeth. This had a significant impact on children's learning whilst also raising awareness of the ever growing gap between those who can make full use of all the digital and online world has to offer, and those who can not.

"We had a 10 year old girl who was not engaging with online learning as a result of no suitable device. After receiving a device from TechAid, she accessed all of the online learning and all of the 4 weekly Zoom sessions with her class and teacher. She made good progress with her learning for the remainder of the time she was accessing school work remotely"

- Julian's Primary School

Although schools have reopened, the shift toward e-learning has grown substantially. Using digital tools to complete homework and engage in lessons is here to stay. And whilst there are huge benefits to remote learning, there are still thousands of families who are unable to reap the rewards of online engagement. This has resulted in increased demand from parents in need of a laptop for the entire family, as opposed to a single child; one that can be used by parents to keep in touch with schools and access other services but also used to complete homework by children in the family.

As lockdowns lifted and restrictions have eased, we have seen a significant shift in demand. As children returned to classrooms, it has become parents and other adults most in need of our support. We have seen a change in the age range of our beneficiaries, with over 60% aged between 18-65.

Many of these people are single adults living in temporary accommodation, often accessing support services from mental health treatment providers and homelessness support charities. In November 2021 we partnered with Millennium Community Solutions to raise funds for patients struggling to access healthcare services. We raised over £4000 to purchase 50 new smartphones to support patients from South London & Maudsley Trust and Kings Hospital. As we began delivering devices to users, we witnessed the huge impact these phones can have.

3.2. Provision of supporting technologies

Digital inclusion isn't just about access to a single piece of technology; assistive technology and peripheral items such as keyboards, mice and headphones can make a huge difference. We learnt early on that many of those we were supporting were struggling without headphones. In Lambeth, which has the 5th highest population density in the UK*, many people are living in shared and often cramped accommodation, lacking the space and privacy to develop digital confidence. We ran a project with support from the L&Q Foundation to provide 150 people with noise-cancelling headphones. Previously these users were struggling to engage in online activities, particularly schoolwork and remote work. We are now able to provide donated headphones to many of our users, and are looking to run future fundraising projects focused on supplying headphones.

James, a deputy headteacher at a south London school explained the difference headphones have made:

"We are a school in a London borough with low income families and large families that are in social housing. These are families that would not normally be able to afford tech like this to help their children. They are able to use the noise cancelling technology to work on their homework without the constant distraction and disturbance from others living there. This will directly impact their learning and ability to progress while at home. You made their year with your generosity."

As part of a partnership with Millennium Community Solutions, we delivered a project to support members of Autism Voice with technology and connectivity to get online. An important part of this was providing accessible technology to the families. C-Pen readers and Dragon Naturally Speaking has helped support reading and writing, making a huge difference especially for younger children. Technology can be life changing for those with a long term health condition or disability, but the digital world can often be an additional barrier, with a large number of non-internet users identifying as disable adults. We hope to further develop such work in the future, answering a critical, but often unseen, problem.

At Community TechAid we know that digital inclusion is not just about engaging online and that being able to access technology to support communication and personal interests is hugely impactful. One of our recipient organisations explains;

"She was rough sleeping in Lambeth for almost a year - she has always been a keen reader, relying on donations from the public and our team to keep her engaged with reading. She is currently in hospital where there was a library, however this closed down very recently and she is currently struggling to find as many books as she once did. This Kindle will make such a difference."

3.3. Connectivity

Access to technology is only one part of digital inclusion. As public spaces, such as libraries and cafes closed across the UK, millions of people became reliant on their home broadband to get online. But for over 1.5 million households this was not an option, instead relying on neighbours or hotspotting from smartphones to connect to the internet.

Thanks to funding support through Lambeth Council's Digital Inclusion Fund and Thrale Almshouse we were able to deliver 2 projects focused on connectivity for households. In February 2021 we supported 18 households in Lambeth with their own devices and 24 months worth of broadband connectivity. This was followed by a joint project with Millennium Community Solutions to provide broadband to households from Autism Voice.

Connectivity on mobile devices is a vital part of their function and thanks to Vodafone's everyone.connected programme and a collaboration with Hubbub and O2 we have been able to provide hundreds of sim cards with 6 month's worth of data to our beneficiaries.

Providing data continues to be challenging, with solutions often temporary and support provided by network providers minimal. We believe strongly in a longer term, nation-wide, permanent solution to this critical issue.

"It's been vital for our family. We can access online learning, keep in touch with family back home, access the GP and communicate with the Home Office, Migrant Help and lawyers."

- Anonymous Beneficiary

We also understand that being able to access the internet in the comfort and convenience of your own home makes a huge difference to people's ability to develop their digital skills. Those who have internet access at home are more likely to complete an online course than those who can only connect through a shared public space.

34	279
Homes connected with Broadband	people connected with mobile data

3.4. Digital Skills

In January 2022, thanks to funding from WCIT and the National Lottery we launched our Device Quickstart sessions, aimed at supporting our beneficiaries to get the most out of their

device by building their digital skills and confidence. These sessions have helped us to better understand the needs of our beneficiaries and build stronger relationships.

Our Device Quickstart began as a pilot project, but we are already seeing the positive impact these interactions are having on our work and hope to continue developing them as part of our core service, recognising that digital inclusion is rarely about one intervention.

Participants vary in their ability, but an often common experience is uncertainty and a lack of confidence. Technology moves incredibly quickly, and with the introduction of cloud based file sharing and regular updates it can be overwhelming logging on for the first time. Device Quickstart has enabled us to offer coaching and learn about our beneficiaries needs. It's also taught us a lot about communication, and how language can play a huge role in communicating new terminology for abstract concepts that might have little bearing in the real world.

"I just wanted to pass on a big thanks for the session you ran with Steven last week, and the warmness of the whole team!

Steven was so elevated afterwards and can't wait to return again this week. You were so patient with Steven, and it was lovely to watch the interaction."

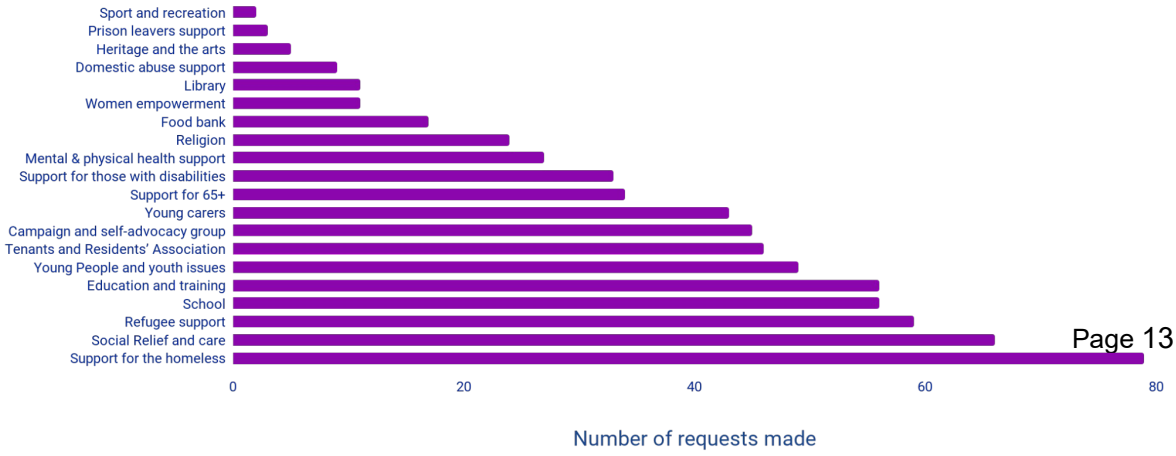
- ***Support worker***

3.5. Partnering with Organisations

From the beginning we have worked closely with local organisations, recognising that they are best positioned to identify who needs our support. Community is at the heart of everything we do. It's through these connections, both with members of the community and with organisations working in it, that we have been able to understand the need and tailor our work to the vast range of specific needs of individuals. Our experience has proven that there is no one-size-fits-all solution to the digital divide.

Involving those we support in the development of our work is vital to its success. We are keen to encourage those who benefit from our work to return as volunteers, helping ensure that our work is led by lived experience. We are an integral part of the local community and recognise the importance of being in close proximity to both donors and recipients, ensuring that we never stop learning about our community's needs.

Breakdown of organisation by primary focus area:



3.6. Sustainability

Sustainability is fundamental to our vision. The production of new technology contributes to global climate change. In addition to the energy required to produce and transport devices, it requires mining of scarce minerals, damaging the landscape and often causing conflict and irreparable harm to the land and people who live there.

We recognise that to deliver a sustainable approach to digital inclusion we must work together to reduce e-waste and encourage the repair and reuse of devices. Throughout 2021 we worked hard to develop ways of repairing and refurbishing donated items. Alongside our team of volunteers we have diverted nearly 2500 laptops, computers, tablets and phones from landfill, alongside countless cables and other items that have since found second lives.

2500

devices diverted from landfill

Our work focuses on the circular economy, whereby devices are fed back into the local community, supporting digital inclusion and protecting the environment.

4. Contribution made by the community

4.1. Volunteers

Volunteers were how we began and are an integral part of our work, from helping us to refurbish donations to supporting the promotion of our work through social media, and even supporting our day-to-day running.

We would not be where we are today without the support of our volunteers, and we remain committed to providing meaningful opportunities for our local community to contribute to our work. From 7 strangers communicating through a local WhatsApp group, our volunteers continue to grow, generously sharing their knowledge, time and skills to support our mission.

Our volunteers are engaged in three broad types of work, depending upon their interests and experience:

- Technical

Wiping and refurbishing donated devices, and supporting the development of our technical processes. Harvesting working parts and repairing damaged items. Mentoring recipients to help them understand how best to use and maintain them.

- Donations & Distribution

Using our internal database application to manage, monitor and oversee donations and device requests. Communicating with donors and organisations to support collection and delivery of items

- Outreach and Marketing

Publicising our work through social media, press opportunities and leafleting. Encouraging donations and partnerships in the local community and raising awareness about our work.

Many of our volunteers support multiple facets of our work, from data collection to the delivery of our digital skills sessions.

"It's been great meeting a positive, committed, talented and open group of individuals who share a common goal to improve the quality of life for all members of our community. Community TechAid's ethos of community action coupled with green awareness is powerful and something I am proud to be part of."

-Community TechAid Volunteer

4.2. Donors

We would not be where we are today without the overwhelming support we have received from the local community. What started off as donations from neighbours, friends and family has grown enormously, and we are delighted to now receive donations from as far as Liverpool!

The launch of campaigns such as "Drop in to Drop off" with Clear Community Web, together with drop points in our neighbourhoods has helped to grow our reach, helping provide safe, impactful ways to recycle old technology. Support from local businesses has also been a large part of helping to realise our mission. The need for technology continues to be high, and over 1400 business device donations have enabled us to connect even more people via their own device.

Thanks to larger schemes and organisations including the Digital Poverty Alliance and The Good Things Foundation, we have been able to connect with national businesses to receive donations of equipment and connectivity, including 200 smartphones from Currys, making a real difference in the lives of our beneficiaries.

5. Looking Ahead

The digital divide continues to be a pervasive and unavoidable issue for so many in our community. As we head into our second year we are dedicated to bridging that gap, not just through access to technology but through skills, opportunity and awareness. We know that in order to meet the increasing demand for our service, we need to increase our capacity and grow opportunities, not just for those that we support but for our partners, donors and volunteers.

Over the next 12 months we are looking at ways we can deliver more devices to those without, building on relationships with local businesses to ensure sustainable long-term support and increasing the reach of the work that we do. Being a part of the national conversation around digital inclusion will also inform much of our future work; collaboration is where we are strongest and is a fundamental part of our values.

We are developing workshops that support users with the skills to repair and troubleshoot their own technology, providing more opportunities for development and improving outcomes for those in our community. Involving recipients in our future work will also be an important step moving forward, ensuring that those with lived experience of digital exclusion are part of our development.

We know that, with the cost of living and climate crises upon us, our work will be more vital than ever through the coming months, and that increasing our capacity will be an important part of this. Changing attitudes toward the lifespan of technology and increasing awareness of the devastating impact manufacturing new devices can have on our environment will also play a key role in our growth. We want to provide safe, sustainable routes of reuse and repair, encouraging communities and businesses to rethink their attitudes toward technology.

Statement as to Disclosure of Information to Independent Examiner

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this report is approved confirms that:

(a) So far as each Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware; and

(b) to the best of their knowledge and belief, each Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee, including making appropriate enquiries of fellow Trustees and of the charity's independent examiner for that purpose, in order to make themselves aware of any information needed by the charity's independent examiner in connection with preparing its report and to establish that the charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiners

The officers of the charity have agreed to re-appoint Additude Ltd as the charity's Independent Examiner and the proposal of this appointment will be put forward to the board at the forthcoming Board Meeting.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Linda Heiden

Linda Heiden
Founder & Chair of Trustees

Date: 12 Sep 2022

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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income or expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper and 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 Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of COMMUNITY TECHAID for the year ended 31st March 20212

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 19 to 26.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of CIPFA.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 09 September 2022

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2022 (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

				2022
		Restricted	Unrestricted	**Total**
Income from:	Note	£	£	**£**
Donations and legacies	3	193,594	29,814	**223,408**
Charitable activities	4	-	4,889	**4,889**
Total income		**193,594**	**34,703**	**228,297**
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	13,120	13,120	**26,240**
Charitable activities	5	142,522	4,656	**147,178**
Total expenditure		**155,642**	**17,776**	**173,418**
Net income (expenditure)		**37,952**	**16,927**	**54,879**
Transfers between funds		-	-	**-**
Net movement in funds		**37,952**	**16,927**	**54,879**
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		-	-	**-**
Total funds carried forward		**37,952**	**16,927**	**54,879**

The notes on pages 22 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet as of 31st March 2022

	Note	2022 £
Fixed Assets	8	**-**
Current Assets		
Debtors	9	733
Cash at Bank		119,443
		120,176
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	**65,297**
Net Current Assets		**54,879**
Net Assets	11	**54,879**
Funds	12	
Restricted		37,952
Unrestricted		16,927
Total Funds		**54,879**

For the year ended 31 March 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under section 476. No members have required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question. The Trustees acknowledge responsibility for: i) Ensuring the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386; and ii) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the year-end in accordance with requirements of section 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far applicable to the charity. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Trustees on

and signed on their behalf by:

Linda Heiden
Founder & Chair of Trustees

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022

1. Accounting policies

1.1. General information

COMMUNITY TECHAID is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (charity registration number 1159343).

1.2. Going concern

The Trustees confirm that at the time of approving the financial statements, there are no material uncertainties regarding the Charity's ability to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. In arriving at this conclusion the Trustees have taken account of current and anticipated financial performance in the current economic conditions, its business plan and its reserves position. For this reason, the going concern basis continues to be adopted in the preparation of the Charity's financial statements.

1.3. Basis for preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes and 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 (FRS102) (effective 1st January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The principal accounting policies that have been applied to all years presented in these financial statements are set out below.

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires Trustees to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies. Use of available information and application of judgement are inherent in the formation of estimates. Actual outcomes in the future could differ from such estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 2.

1.4. Recognition of outstanding employee benefits

No provision for outstanding holiday pay was made under previous UK GAAP. Under FRS 102 the costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.
The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employees' services are received.

1.5. Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £2,000 or more are initially recorded at cost.

1.6. Fund accounting

The nature and purpose of each fund is explained in Note 14 to the financial statements.

1.7. Financial instruments

The only financial instruments held by the charity are debtors and creditors. These are categorised as 'basic' in accordance with Section 11 of FRS 102 and are initially recognised at transaction price. These are subsequently measured at their transaction price less any impairment.

1.8. Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:
Donations and grants are split between restricted and unrestricted funds in accordance with the terms of the grant or donation.
Donations and gifts are recognised in the statement of financial activities when receivable.
Income from government and other grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.
Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.
Bank interest is recognised on an accrual basis.

1.9. Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered. It is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for it. Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Certain other costs, which are attributable to more than one activity, are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of an estimate of the proportion of time spent by staff or resources used on those activities.

1.10. Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.11. Leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities over the period they are incurred.

2. Critical judgements and estimates

No critical judgements have been made by management in applying the charity's accounting policies.

3. Donations & Legacies

	Restricted	Unrestricted	**2022 Total**
	£	£	**£**
Guys & St Thomas'	98,950	-	**98,950**
Housing For Women	2,000	-	**2,000**
London Borough of Lambeth	17,500	-	**17,500**
London Funders-Crisis Response	10,000	-	**10,000**
Walcott Education Foundation	35,000	-	**35,000**
Travis Perkins	9,851	-	**9,851**
Worshipful Company of IT	9,783	-	**9,783**
Big Lottery - Awards For All	9,572	-	**9,572**
Battersea Power Station Foundation	-	5,000	**5,000**
Other Income and donations	938	24,814	**25,752**
Total Donations and Legacies	**193,594**	**29,814**	**223,408**

4. Income from Charitable Activities

	Restricted	Unrestricted	**2022 Total**
	£	£	**£**
Sales and Earned Income	-	4,889	**4,889**
Total Income from Charitable Activities	**-**	**4,889**	**4,889**

5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Raising funds	Charitable activities	Support Costs	**2022 Total**
		£	£	**£**
Staff costs (note 6)	14,000	56,003	14,000	**84,003**
Recruitment and Training	-	-	2,693	**2,693**
Rent and Insurance	-	-	32,517	**32,517**
Office Overheads	-	-	5,955	**5,955**
Project Expenses,	-	42,220	-	**42,220**
Devices, Parts and Spares Ind. Examination fee	-	-	1,250	**1,250**
Other Professional fees	-	-	660	**660**
Bank Charges	-	-	2,245	**2,245**
Travel and subsistence	-	-	1,875	**1,875**
	14,000	**98,223**	**61,195**	**173,418**
Add: allocation of support costs	12,240	48,955	(61,195)	-
Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities	**26,240**	**147,178**	**-**	**173,418**

6. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:	**2022**
	£
Salaries and wages	78,847
Social security costs	3,283
Pension contributions	1,773
	84,003

7. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

8. Tangible fixed assets

During the year, the charity had no tangible fixed assets in its possession.

9. Debtors

	2022 £
Other debtors	733
Prepayment and accrued income	-
	733

10. Creditors: amounts due within 1 year

	2022 £
Trade creditors	-
Taxation and social security	-
Deferred income	63,200
Accruals and provisions	1,490
Other creditors	607
	65,297

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted funds £	**Total funds** **£**
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	**-**
Net current assets	37,952	16,927	**54,879**
Net assets at the end of the year	**37,952**	**16,927**	**54,879**

12. Movements in funds

	At the start of the year	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	**At the end of the year**
		£	£	**£**
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	-	34,703	17,776	**16,927**
Total unrestricted funds	**-**	**34,703**	**17,776**	**16,927**
Restricted funds:				
Guys & St Thomas'	-	98,950	80,318	**18,632**
Housing For Women	-	2,000	2,000	**-**
London Borough of Lambeth	-	17,500	11,558	**5,942**
London Funders-Crisis Response	-	10,000	10,000	**-**
Walcott Education Foundation	-	35,000	30,236	**4,764**
Travis Perkins	-	9,851	9,851	**-**
Worshipful Company of IT	-	9,783	4,834	**4,949**
Big Lottery - Awards For All	-	9,572	5,907	**3,665**
Other Income and donations	-	938	938	**-**
Total restricted funds	**-**	**193,594**	**155,642**	**37,952**
Total funds	**-**	**228,297**	**173,418**	**54,879**

Purposes of funds

General funds: these are available for use at the Trustees ' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds: these are donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

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