COMMUNITY TECHAID

Community TechAid

Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 31 March 2023

Charity registration number: 1193210

Contents

Reference and Administrative Information 3

Letter from the Chair 4

Annual Report of the Trustees 6

Independent Examiner's Report 16

Statement of Financial Activities 17

Balance Sheet as of 31st March 2022 19

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2022 21

Reference and Administrative Information

The Board of Trustees are pleased to submit our report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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) (stepped down 19 Nov 2022) Phil Shoesmith (appointed 14 September 2021) Ashley Horsford (appointed 1 December 2021) Sarah Olubunmi (appointed 1 December 2021) Ivan Beckley (appointed 1 December 2021) Benjamin Roback (appointed 2 March 2023) Jason Scott-Taggart (appointed 2 March 2023) Shamima Akhtar (appointed 2 March 2023) Soha Adams (appointed 2 March 2023)
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2JB
Independent Examiners	Additude Ltd, 9 Rhapsody Court, London NW10 5DF

Letter from the Chair

Community TechAid's transformation from an ambitious dream into a fully fledged charity within three short years has been breath-taking! So it's been important for us to take stock and consolidate over the past year while we worked to nearly double our impact.

Our brilliant small staff team, together with our many dedicated volunteers, have re-engineered the data-wiping and refurbishment process to massively increase productivity, data security and device through-put. At the same time, our website and inhouse database are being upgraded, along with our systems and procedures.

While all that has been going on behind the scenes, we've responded to the expressed need within the community for scaled up services to device recipients. Projects to provide assistive technology to those with additional needs, and pilots providing internet connectivity, have demonstrated the enormous benefits such initiatives can generate. Our work with local children's centres and libraries has expanded significantly. And we've massively upscaled our 'Getting Started' 1-to-1 workshops to ensure that every device recipient knows how to use the technology they receive.

We've also begun piloting several different ways of generating a portion of our own revenue.

Perhaps our most significant achievement this year has been to massively increase our supply of donated technology. This has been accomplished through the launch of our 'e-waste made good' programme and a pioneering project with the South London & Maudsley Trust (SLaM). By working with businesses and organisations to reuse their decommissioned technology, we are developing an expanding, sustainable pipeline of reusable devices – one of the key elements required to end the digital divide.

All this has been achieved in the past year despite significant changes to our teams. We bid farewell to two esteemed colleagues whose contributions to CTA's development are deeply appreciated: Trustee Fatima Hassan & Technical Operations Manager Jim Ottaway. Cat Smith, who began as a volunteer soon after CTA was founded, has been promoted from COO to CEO. Steve Woolnough is our new Technical Operations Manager while our Board of Trustees has grown to include four new members.

The massive increase in donated devices, together with growing numbers of enthusiastic volunteers, means that we are rapidly outgrowing our current premises. So hang onto your seat! The year ahead is shaping up to be even more transformative than this one has been!



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 10 Trustees with a broad range of experience including 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 £47,940 (2022 - £16,927) on 31 March 2023. The Trustees remain of the view that a minimum level of free reserves of £120,000 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 both developing universal access to the online world and protecting the environment.

We operate a circular economy where we collect, repair, refurbish and reuse unwanted technology, including laptops and smartphones, returning it to the local community where it is needed. We deliver workshops and digital skills sessions to increase participants' confidence, digital literacy and overall well being, helping them to fully engage with their device and experience the benefits of being online. We also work with our community partners to provide access to connectivity and further opportunities to support members of our Lambeth and Southwark community online.

During 2022-23 we focused on building sustainability and deepening our connection with our local community. We provided over a **1000** devices to individuals across south London and enabled **270** to

access an internet connection in their homes. We delivered several programmes of workshops in collaboration with local partners aimed at strengthening and supporting digital skills, and launched our partnership programme focused on enabling local businesses to give back to the community.

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. Introduction

Last year e-waste officially became the fastest growing waste stream in the world, with the UK second to Norway in production per capita.

The climate crisis resulted in one of the hottest summers we have ever seen in the UK, highlighting the urgency and undeniable challenge that we face to protect our planet. We must reduce unnecessary consumption and waste in order to tackle emissions, and a huge part of this requires reuse and repair of items that often end up in landfill.

At the very same time households across the UK, only just beginning to recover from the pandemic, have been hit with some of the highest inflation we have seen in decades, resulting in the ongoing cost of living crisis. Over 1 million households* turned off their broadband in January, unable to keep on top of rising costs. And yet the digital world is growing rapidly, our move online accelerated by the pandemic.

We know that to have long-term sustainable change we must look to community driven circular economies; where waste is repurposed to tackle social and economic challenges faced by a growing number of people. Our community of volunteers, donors and beneficiaries share knowledge, experience and time to support one another and reduce the isolation felt by so many experiencing digital poverty.

Over the past 12 months we've supported hundreds of people to access the support they need, improving health outcomes, wellbeing and providing the opportunity for our community to thrive.

We've focused on deepening our impact and increasing collaboration so that more people have access to the tools and opportunities to benefit from the online world.

3.2. Provision of Devices

Core to our mission is the provision of devices through the reuse and repair of technology. This year we provided **1027** laptops, tablets and smartphones to members of our community, an increase of 35% on 2021/22. These devices were passed onto individuals experiencing digital exclusion, cut off from the online world. This exclusion is often compounded by community members experiencing additional inequalities, with nearly 44% living with a disability or long-term health condition (9% prefer not to say) and a further 16% with no recourse to public funds. These barriers prevent our community from engaging in online activities, reducing opportunities for work, education, social interaction and health benefits.

Our work has a significant impact on the communities we support, increasing accessibility and reducing feelings of stress and isolation. Many of our recipients report that it has improved their wellbeing, especially for young families, who often worry about the impact digital exclusion will have on their children:

"We used to have to book in time at the local library to complete work or send a document. We can now spend more time together rather than travelling. It has improved our lives so much"

- **Anonymous beneficiary**

We also saw a significant increase in the donations of technology we received, with over **3200** laptops, computers and mobile devices donated to Community TechAid this year. The launch of our business donation programme has significantly increased donations of laptops and phones to help our community.

"This laptop has changed my day to day life, because all my activities are online. I am so grateful to all of you."

- **Anonymous beneficiary**

72% feel more socially connected as a result of having a device of their own, and over **86%** believe their lives have significantly improved since engaging with our service.

3.3. Digital Skills

A huge focus of development for us this year has been on increasing digital skills for our community. We know that access to a device only addresses part of the problem; without the opportunity to increase digital learning, many remain digitally excluded. Our device Quickstart Sessions have continued to provide 1:1 support for our recipients addressing unique needs, however we know from speaking with our community that many are desperate for classes focused on increasing skills.

We work closely alongside the organisations we support to understand their needs and find ways of addressing the barriers faced by many of the individuals they support. Since early 2021, we have been working with Henry Fawcett Children's Centre, supporting their parents online by providing access to the technology they need. However there has been a huge skills gap for many of their parents, with many recognising that being online would hugely improve outcomes for their young family.

We helped to co-design a series of workshops with ClearCommunintyWeb that focused on building parents' digital foundational skills, introducing them to office tools and online safety. These workshops made a huge difference for parents at the school, providing them with the opportunity to ask questions and address concerns that many parents felt lost at tackling previously.

93% felt more knowledgeable about using their laptop and going online as a result of the training. All agreed that their life is easier as a result of having their own laptop, and report feeling more socially included as a result of their engagement with the project.

We know collaboration is key to empowering individuals online and that, with the right tools and opportunities, we can help many in our community overcome barriers that they face.

"Thank you for providing such a phenomenal service to the community. We appreciate your hard work and support. You are all FANTASTIC!!!

- ***Karen, participant***

These sessions have been incredibly successful and are an excellent example of how working collaboratively with other groups can help address multiple needs.

3.4. Partnering with Organisations

We have always worked closely with local organisations, recognising that they are best positioned to identify who needs our support. 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.

Our work by its very nature is collaborative; we don't do anything in silo. Our model uses existing networks and infrastructure to reach those who are isolated from the digital world; from local GPs, to schools, food banks and community groups.

A key part of this year has focused on strengthening these relationships, and improving the way we work together to provide better outcomes for our community. Since 2020 we have been working with the South London & Maudsley Trust (SLaM), and to date have supported over 300 of their patients online. (SLaM) is the UK's biggest mental health provider, supporting patients across south London by improving health and wellbeing, and the quality of life of the populations they serve.

In November we were delighted to launch a pioneering initiative in which SLaM's decommissioned computers are passed to CTA for data removal and refurbishment, before being given back to the local community, including many of SLaMs own patients. These devices have been hugely impactful not only for patients but also for staff, providing means of communication, helping to build independence and confidence resulting in increased treatment engagement and overall wellbeing.

We work alongside many different teams at SLaM, from the Community Psychiatric Team to Lambeth Talking Therapies. Many of their clients are experiencing crisis and struggle to engage in online support groups and sessions without a device. We also know that engaging in online activities and learning new skills can be hugely beneficial for recovery and improved mental health.

Natalia, a care coordinator within the team explains:

"We work with rough sleepers with severe mental health issues. They often have no recourse to public funds and no way to make contact with family or key professionals. These devices make a world of difference and help me and my colleagues to deliver our support."

3.5. Sustainability

A huge part of our work centres on the sustainability of technology, and finding solutions to the growing problem of e-waste in the UK. Our circular economy is fundamental to this and showcases how reuse and repair can be used to address social and environmental challenges in our community.

During the last 12 months we have reused, repaired and recycled over **4.8 tonnes** of potential e-waste, and avoided **121 tonnes** CO2 equivalent**.** Through our ongoing partnership with ToRecycle we are able to ensure that over **95%** of the technology that passes through our workshop avoids landfill, ensuring precious metals, plastics and other elements are recycled effectively and responsibly.

Our work also reduces the production of new technology, helping to avoid emissions associated with manufacturing and delivery, whilst also raising awareness about reuse and repair. **72%** of our donors report that they have an increased awareness of e-waste and the impact it is having on our planet since engaging with Community TechAid and, as a result, **65%** are more likely to consider buying second-hand or refurbished technology in the future.

A huge amount of valuable resources are mined, often with terrible consequences for local populations, to produce computers. If we can encourage a model where we repair rather than replace, we can have a significant impact on our environment, and encourage our communities to think differently about the technology they buy.

In the past year we have piloted two workshops focused on teaching repair skills to members of our community. We believe strongly in the importance of reuse and repair, and its importance in reducing production and waste, and are beginning to explore how we can use our work to empower our community to get involved in our activity. We piloted 2 workshops to 32 students that explored the inside of PCs and laptops, guiding them through taking them apart and identifying parts within each device. These workshops were aimed at helping students build confidence with technology and

showing them how to address certain hardware issues, such as replacing a hard drive or increasing memory.

These hands-on activities not only help to demystify technology in general, but also allow us to share our message and encourage more of our local community to get involved with our work. **100%** of participants felt more confident working with technology with **82%** saying that they would try and repair a device rather than replace it in the future. Since delivering these workshops we've also had 5 students come on board as volunteers supporting our device pipeline.

4. Contribution made by the community

Our success and growth to date is testament to how much our community values our work. Countless individuals have helped support our work through donating and volunteering, not to mention the organisations and individuals who receive support directly through our service. We try to involve our community in all the work that we do, drawing on their feedback and ideas to ensure we remain rooted in the community we serve.

4.1. Volunteers

We offer a unique volunteer opportunity, open to all, to learn and gain confidence in using technology. Throughout the past year our volunteer team has grown, as we welcomed 42 volunteers to the team and recorded over 2400 hours of volunteer support.

There is a lot of crossover between our volunteers, beneficiaries and donors, supporting our circular economy not just with technology but also with skills, knowledge and support. Many join us after receiving support from our services, and go on to help shape and grow our strategy. As a result, we are extremely proud to welcome growing numbers of volunteers from many diverse backgrounds to the team at Community TechAid.

For example, Matt* has been volunteering with us since receiving a device of his own through St Mungos, a charity that helps to rebuild lives for people experiencing homelessness. Having a device of his own has enabled him to attend a construction course and pursue creative interests, as well as keeping in touch with friends and family. As part of our volunteering programme Binyam has learned new technical and administrative skills, as well as improving his written English. He is one of our most skilled volunteers and is now supporting beneficiaries by helping us to repair and refurbish devices.

Our volunteers are organised into three teams:

a. Workshop Volunteers

Our largest volunteer team, our workshop volunteers, help us with everything from logging received devices to repairing broken screens. They support our Device Pipeline, which is the process that donated technology goes through to get to the hands of an individual. This team of volunteers is diverse, with a mixture of technical ability and experience but all work together to support one another. They are responsible for supporting our senior team to ready devices, ensuring data removal and troubleshooting. They also support general administration of our workshop and work closely with our Quickstart Volunteers.

b. Quickstart Volunteers

Our Quickstart Volunteers deliver our 1:1 coaching sessions. They help to assess an individual's needs and will deliver 4-6 sessions focused on these. They will guide a beneficiary through foundational digital skills, from setting up their account to managing settings including sound and font size. They document these sessions and are responsible for gathering feedback from beneficiaries to help inform future sessions. They work closely with our workshop volunteers, and often a volunteer may perform both duties.

c. Marketing & Fundraising Volunteers

Our Fundraising & Marketing Volunteers help us with one off projects and support related to our digital presence, helping to increase our reach and spread the word about our work. They will work on a specific function, for example designing and scheduling social media posts or helping to maintain our website. They will also support us by researching available funding opportunities and reviewing applications when appropriate.

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

4.2. Donors

The donation of technology is fundamental to our work and continues to increase as we raise more awareness about the importance of tackling digital exclusion through our circular economy.

Over the last 12 months we have increased our drop points to 13 throughout Lambeth and Southwark. These locations help increase awareness of our work whilst providing easily accessible points to donate technology and strengthen community solidarity.

5. Looking Ahead

Thanks to increased awareness raising, more people than ever before are aware of the impact digital exclusion has on individuals, but we know more is needed to ensure everyone has the tools, skills and opportunities to benefit from the digital world. Community driven circular economies will be key in addressing improved outcomes both environmentally and socially. We are keen to find ways we can share our model with other communities.

As our network has grown, and requests for our services have increased, we are looking at ways we can best meet the needs of our south London community. Our vision for the next 12 months focuses on increasing our capacity to deliver our work, as well as collaborating with more groups to address digital challenges.

We are planning to open a digital community hub in the Autumn so that we can take in more technology, provide more volunteer opportunities and deliver more skills workshops. This hub will become a drop-in space for all those engaged with our work, and provide more opportunities to involve our community in our service delivery. We will also look to perform more outreach by

increasing our presence in north and south Southwark, and opening more drop point locations throughout both boroughs.

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
Founder & Chair of Trustees

Date: 11th October 2023

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 2023

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 16 to 25.

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.



Andi Dollia, CPFA
ADDITUDE LTD
9 Rhapsody Court
Wakeman Road
London
NW10 5DF

Date: 09 September 2023

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31st March 2023 (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

				2023	2022[1]
		Restricted	Unrestricted	**Total**	Total
Income from:	Note	£	£	**£**	£
Donations and legacies	3	139,262	33,051	**172,313**	223,408
Charitable activities	4	-	16,375	**16,375**	4,889
Total income		**139,262**	**49,426**	**188,688**	228,297
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	32,784	-	**32,784**	26,240
Charitable activities	5	130,630	18,413	**149,043**	147,178
Total expenditure		**163,414**	**18,413**	**181,827**	173,418
Net income (expenditure)		**(24,152)**	**31,013**	**6,861**	54,879
Transfers between funds		-	-	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**(24,152)**	**31,013**	**6,861**	54,879
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		37,952	16,927	**54,879**	-
Total funds carried forward		**13,800**	**47,940**	**61,740**	54,879

The notes on pages 19 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

[1] Year one was April 2020 - March 2022

Balance Sheet as of 31st March 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed Assets	8	-	-
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	11,883	733
Cash at Bank		116,237	119,443
		128,120	120,176
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	**66,380**	65,297
Net Current Assets		**61,740**	54,879
Net Assets	11	**61,740**	54,879
Funds	12		
Restricted		13,800	37,952
Unrestricted		47,940	16,927
Total Funds		**61,740**	54,879

For the year ended 31 March 2023 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

11th October 2023

and signed on their behalf by:



Linda Heiden
Founder & Chair of Trustees

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

1. Accounting policies

1.1. General information

COMMUNITY TECHAID is a charity registered with the Charity Commission (charity registration number 1193210).

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	**2023 Total**	2022 Total
	£	£	**£**	£
Guys & St Thomas'	85,738	-	**85,738**	98,950
Housing For Women	-	-	**-**	2,000
London Borough of Lambeth	9,000	-	**9,000**	17,500
London Funders-Crisis Response	-	-	**-**	10,000
Walcott Education Foundation	28,000	-	**28,000**	35,000
Travis Perkins	-	-	**-**	9,851
Worshipful Company of IT	-	-	**-**	9,783
Big Lottery – Awards For All	-	-	**-**	9,572
Battersea Power Station Foundation	-	-	**-**	5,000
Thrale Almshouse and Relief in Need	2,000	-	**2,000**	-
Hyperoptic	-	10,000	**10,000**	-
London Bridge Co.	4,672	-	**4,672**	-
L&Q Place Makers	9,372	-	**9,372**	-
Power to Change	-	5,000	**5,000**	-
John Armitage Charitable Trust	-	11,000	**11,000**	-
Other Income and donations	480	7,051	**7,531**	25,752
Total Donations and Legacies	**139,262**	**33,051**	**172,313**	223,408

4. Income from Charitable Activities

	Restricted	Unrestricted	**2023 Total**	2022 Total
	£	£	**£**	£
Sales and Earned Income	-	16,375	**16,375**	4,889
Total Income from Charitable Activities	**-**	**16,375**	**16,375**	4,889

5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	Raising funds	Charitable activities	Support Costs	**2023 Total**	2022 Total
	£	£	£	**£**	
Staff costs (note 6)	21,079	84,314	21,079	**126,472**	84,003
Recruitment and Training	-	-	2,495	**2,495**	2,693
Rent and Insurance	-	-	26,599	**26,599**	32,517
Office Overheads	-	-	3,838	**3,838**	5,955
Project Expenses, Devices, Parts and Spares	-	17,908	-	**17,908**	42,220
Ind. Examination fee	-	-	1,350	**1,350**	1,250
Other Professional fees	-	-	1,912	**1,912**	660
Bank Charges	-	-	72	**72**	2,245
Travel and subsistence	-	-	1,181	**1,181**	1,875

	21,079	**102,222**	**58,526**	**181,827**	173,418
Add: allocation of support costs	11,705	46,821	(58,526)	-	-
Total Expenditure on Charitable Activities	**32,784**	**149,043**	**-**	**181,827**	173,418

6. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:	**2023**	**2022**
	£	**£**
Salaries and wages	116,489	78,847
Social security costs	6,719	3,283
Pension contributions	3,264	1,773
	126,472	**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

	2023	**2022**
	£	**£**
Trade debtors	7,197	-
Other debtors	4,686	733
	11,883	**733**

10. Creditors: amounts due within 1 year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-
Deferred income	64,500	63,200
Accruals and provisions	1,350	1,490
Other creditors	530	607
	66,380	**65,297**

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted funds	**Total funds**
	£	£	**£**
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	**-**
Net current assets	13,800	47,940	**61,740**
Net assets at the end of the year	**13,800**	**47,940**	**61,740**

12. Movements in funds

	At the start of the year	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	**At the end of the year**
		£	£	**£**
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	**16,927**	49,426	18,413	**47,940**
Total unrestricted funds	**16,927**	**49,426**	**18,413**	**47,940**
Restricted funds:				
Guys & St Thomas'	**18,632**	85,738	98,670	**5,700**
London Borough of Lambeth	**5,942**	9,000	8,342	**6,600**
Walcott Education Foundation	**4,764**	28,000	32,764	**-**
Worshipful Company of IT	**4,949**	-	4,949	**-**
Big Lottery - Awards For All	**3,665**	-	3,665	**-**
Thrale Almshouse and Relief in Need	**-**	2,000	500	**1,500**
London Bridge Co.	**-**	4,672	4,672	**-**
L&Q Place Makers	**-**	9,372	9,372	**-**
Other Income and donations	**-**	480	480	**-**
Total restricted funds	**37,952**	**139,262**	**163,414**	**13,800**
Total funds	**54,879**	**188,688**	**181,827**	**61,740**

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.