



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024**

Charity name: **South London Christmas Dinner**

Charity registration number: **1195322**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The object of the CIO is: for the public benefit to promote social inclusion among young people aged between 18 and 25 who are socially excluded from society as a result of their status within or experience of the public care system in particular but not exclusively by the provision events, activities and experiences during the Christmas period. For the purposes of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of an individual's status within or experience of the public care system and the resulting factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth, ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards); crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	South London Christmas Dinner is organised by a team of volunteers who work together to provide a special and fun-filled Christmas day, along with a most scrumptious dinner for young care leavers, aged between 18 and 25. As well as a Christmas dinner, guests are gifted presents and treats.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	South London Christmas Dinner is only possible due to the hard work and huge contribution of the volunteers who give their time to make the Christmas Dinner a success.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In 2023 SLXD again ran 2 dinners, one in South London and one in Ealing. Each Dinner ran with its own separate organising team and volunteers. We were able to provide 23 adults and 4 children with Christmas Dinners in South London and 23 in Ealing. SLXD and Ealing also gifted presents, food hampers, handmade quilts, hand knitted items and gift vouchers to all our guests, and a further 11 people who couldn't attend the day (5 South London & 6 Ealing).</p> <p>SLXD Organising Team had 6 members. We were supported by 15 further volunteers on Christmas Eve. Our Christmas Day hosts numbered 11, 3 of who were also on the Organising Team.</p> <p>Ealing Organising Team had 5 members, with a further 14 volunteers to support on Christmas Day.</p> <p>We had a lot of other volunteer support with fundraising, making Christmas decorations and decorating the venue. A special thanks to Greenwich 40th Cub Scouts and a lovely local family who made delightful decorations to ensure we had a jolly space to enjoy on Christmas Day and to the crafter who stitched and filled the handmade Christmas stockings for each guest.</p> <p>We also extend our thanks to Q4CL for the beautiful handcrafted quilts gifted to our guests and to the lovely knitters of Leeds who knitted hats, scarves and gloves for our guests. Our guests enjoyed choosing from the lovely selections and were immensely touched by the hard work gone into handcrafting such lovely gifts for them to enjoy.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During the year we raised an amazing £14,742 (2022: £14,739), including grants of £2,000 from Gold from the Stone Foundation for each Dinner, £3,000 from The London Mark Benevolent Fund with a further £7,694 raised through donations & Gift Aid and £48 interest. SLXD raised £11,843 (2022: £12,413) as unrestricted income for our South London Dinner and Ealing raised £2,899 (2022: £2,326) recorded as restricted income, as it was raised specifically for the Ealing Dinner.</p> <p>Across both dinners we spent in total £16,021(2022: £13,043) on gifts, food hampers, Christmas dinner and minimal running costs. Of this total, unrestricted expenditure for South London was £12,211 (2022: £11,110) and for Ealing Dinner recorded as restricted the expenditure was £3,810 (2022: £1,934). Ealing was given the venue, some food and many gifts for free. SLXD benefited from a free venue with some donated food and gifts. Both received donated microwave ovens from John Lewis Partnership and food hampers from Waitrose.</p> <p>We finished the year with a small deficit of £1,279 (2022: surplus £1,696) broken down as deficit of £368 (2022: surplus £1,304) unrestricted income funds and deficit of £911 (2022: surplus £392) restricted income funds. This brings our total reserve to £7,210 (2022: £8,489) split between Ealing as restricted income funds of £3,271 (2022: £4,182) and unrestricted income funds for South London of £3,939 (2022: £4,307).</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>SLXD holds reserves simply to ensure there are enough funds to host a Dinner in the following year. There are no paid staff or ongoing lease commitments so there is no need to hold funds in reserve to cover these costs, however the Trustees feel it is prudent to have some funds to give confidence of continuity.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>Unrestricted funds of £3,939 (2022: £4,307) Restricted funds of £3,271 (2022: £4,182)</p>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The Trustees are confident the CIO has enough funds to ensure continuity as a going concern.</p>
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>Funds are raised from public donations and fundraising activities. We do seek grant funding where we can.</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO - FOUNDATION
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	A minimum of 3 Trustees are required by our constitution. Trustees are invited from existing volunteers who have completed the volunteer recruitment process.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	South London Christmas Dinner
Other name the charity uses	SLXD
Registered charity number	1195322
Charity's principal address	48 Lawn Terrace London SE3 9LP


Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paminder Phull	Trustee	Appointed 13 th September 2021	
2	Kathleen Moss	Treasurer	Appointed 5 th July 2021	
3	June Diegan	Trustee	Appointed 26 th October 2022	
4	Vibeke Fussing	Trustee	Appointed 26 th October 2022	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Kathleen Rachel Moss	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	1st Sept 2024	



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Charity Name

South London Christmas Dinner

No (if any)

1195322

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

Fundraising event	-	-	-	-
Donations	3,260	-	3,260	2,998
Online donations	1,860	594	2,454	2,990
Gift Aid	490	5	495	3,187
The London Mark Benevolent Fund	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
Colfe's School PAFA	1,185	-	1,185	-
St Benedict Ealing	-	300	300	-
EasyFundraising	-	-	-	49
Gold from the Stone	2,000	2,000	4,000	2,000
Tesco Community Grant	-	-	-	500
Interest	48	-	48	16
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,843	2,899	14,742	14,740

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	11,843	2,899	14,742	14,740
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A3 Payments

Insurance	272	-	272	136
Phone	100	-	100	-
Zoom	144	-	144	-
Gifts	5,168	1,980	7,148	7,058
Food	3,050	658	3,708	2,800
Activities	117	-	117	408
Taxis	2,826	1,154	3,980	2,262
Venue hire - training	50	-	50	55
Volunteer expenses	67	-	67	-
DBS checks	300	-	300	256
Peoplesfundraising fee	56	18	74	59
Facebook	50	-	50	-
Bank charges	11	-	11	9
Subscription	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,211	3,810	16,021	13,044

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

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	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-

Total payments	12,211	3,810	16,021	13,044
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 368	- 911	- 1,279	1,696
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A5 Transfers between funds

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A6 Cash funds last year end

	4,307	4,182	8,489	6,793
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Cash funds this year end

	3,939	3,271	7,210	8,489
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Triodos	3,939	3,271	7,210
		-	-	-
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			-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,939	3,271	7,210
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	- 0
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Kathleen Moss	1st Sept 2024	