



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025**

Charity name: **South London Christmas Dinner**

Charity registration number: **1195322**

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| 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. |

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| 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 each of our Christmas Dinners a success. |
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Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| 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 2024 SLXD again ran two dinners, one in South London and one in Ealing.</p> <p>Each Dinner ran with its own separate organising team and volunteers. We were able to provide 22 adults and 2 children with Christmas Dinners in South London and 16 adults and 4 children in Ealing. SLXD and Ealing also gifted presents, food hampers, handmade quilts, hand knitted items and gift vouchers to all our guests, and to a further 2 people who couldn't attend the day (2 South London).</p> <p>South London Organising Team had 5 members. We were supported by 22 further volunteers on Christmas Eve and on our wrapping day. Our Christmas Day hosts numbered 14, 3 of whom were also on the Organising Team.</p> <p>Ealing Organising Team had 4 members, with a further 13 volunteers to support on Christmas Day, and around 50 volunteers helping with wrapping and setting the venue up.</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 again who made delightful decorations to ensure we had a jolly space to enjoy on Christmas Day and to the crafters who stitched and filled the handmade Christmas stockings for each guest at our South London Dinner.</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

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | <p>During the year we raised an amazing £12,159 (2024: £14,742).</p> <p>SLXD raised £9,220 (2024: £11,843) as unrestricted income for our South London Dinner, including £3,500 from The London Mark Benevolent Fund. Ealing raised £2,939 (2024: £2,899) recorded as restricted income, as it was raised specifically for the Ealing Dinner, including a grant of £1,250 from Gold from the Stone Foundation.</p> <p>Across both dinners we spent in total £10,934 (2024: £16,021) on gifts, food hampers, Christmas dinner and minimal running costs. Of this total, unrestricted expenditure for South London was £8,000 (2024: £12,211) and for Ealing Dinner, recorded as restricted, the expenditure was £2,934 (2024: £3,810). South London previously paid a chef for the food and managing the kitchen & food preparation, this year we reduced expenditure significantly by bringing the food in-house and a team of amazing kitchen volunteers produced a delicious, well-crafted traditional Christmas Dinner. A lovely volunteer also made scrummy brownies for our pudding. Taxis are a large outlay for South London (£2,872) as we invite guests from the 7 Boroughs that make up our catchment, we are grateful to the London Mark Benevolent Fund for their grant that enables us to cover this cost.</p> <p>Our South London and Ealing venues are generously given to us for no cost, saving both dinners around £1,600 each. We are extremely grateful to Waitrose for their food hampers which are full of cupboard staples and treats for our guests to take home with them.</p> <p>Ealing dinner benefits from storage gifted worth £2,640 per year and this year was given flyers and design worth £500 and balloons saving them £50.</p> <p>We finished the year with a small surplus of £1,225 (2024: deficit £1,279) broken down as surplus of £1,220 (2024: deficit of £368) for unrestricted income funds and surplus of £5 (2024: deficit £911) for restricted income funds.</p> <p>This brings our total reserve to £8,435 (2024: £7,210) split between unrestricted income funds for South London of £5,159 (2024: £3,939) and Ealing as restricted income funds of £3,276 (2024: £3,271).</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. Donations tend to be received close to Christmas, so having reserves is necessary to cover the cost of running the Dinner ahead of receiving donations.</p> <p>There are no paid staff or ongoing lease commitments so there is no need to hold funds in reserve to cover these costs.</p> |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | <p>Unrestricted funds of £5,159 (2024: £3,939)</p> <p>Restricted funds of £3,276 (2024: £3,271)</p> |

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| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | The Trustees are confident the CIO has enough funds to ensure continuity as a going concern. |

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | Funds are raised from public donations and fundraising activities. We do seek grant funding where we can. |
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Structure, Governance and Management

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| 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 and who have volunteered as part of the Organising Team for at least 1 dinner. |

Reference and Administrative details

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| 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 | |
| 5 | Fiona Ross | Trustee | Appointed 14 th October 2025 | |

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) | <i>KRMoss</i> |
| Full name(s) | Kathleen Rachel Moss |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Treasurer |
| Date | <i>14/10/2025</i> |



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Charity Name

South London Christmas Dinner

No (if any)

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Receipts and payments accounts

| For the period from | Period start date | To | Period end date |
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| | 01/04/2024 | | 31/03/2025 |

Section A Receipts and payments

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

A1 Receipts

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| Fundraising event | - | 129 | 129 | |
| Donations | 1,803 | 200 | 2,003 | 3,260 |
| Online donations | 2,470 | 1,340 | 3,810 | 2,454 |
| Gift Aid | 396 | | 396 | 495 |
| The London Mark Benevolent Fund | 3,500 | - | 3,500 | 3,000 |
| Colfe's School PAFA | - | - | - | 1,185 |
| St Benedict Ealing | - | - | - | 300 |
| EasyFundraising | 44 | - | 44 | - |
| Gold from the Stone | - | 1,250 | 1,250 | 4,000 |
| Holyspirit Church Clapham | 987 | - | 987 | - |
| Interest | 20 | 20 | 40 | 48 |
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| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 9,220 | 2,939 | 12,159 | 14,742 |

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

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| | - | - | - | |
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| Sub total | - | - | - | - |

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| Total receipts | 9,220 | 2,939 | 12,159 | 14,742 |
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A3 Payments

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| Insurance | 149 | 149 | 298 | 272 |
| Phone | - | - | - | 100 |
| Zoom | 156 | - | 156 | 144 |
| Gifts | 3,171 | 1,595 | 4,766 | 7,148 |
| Food | 813 | 536 | 1,349 | 3,708 |
| Activities | 176 | 42 | 218 | 117 |
| Taxis | 2,872 | 364 | 3,236 | 3,980 |
| Venue hire - training | - | - | - | 50 |
| Volunteer expenses | 125 | - | 125 | 67 |
| DBS checks | 400 | - | 400 | 300 |
| Peoplesfundraising fee | 73 | 38 | 111 | 74 |
| Fundraising | | 205 | 205 | - |
| Facebook | - | - | - | 50 |
| Bank charges | 5 | 5 | 10 | 11 |
| Other | 60 | - | 60 | - |
| Sub total | 8,000 | 2,934 | 10,934 | 16,021 |

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

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| | - | - | - | |
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| Sub total | - | - | - | - |

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| Total payments | 8,000 | 2,934 | 10,934 | 16,021 |
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| Net of receipts/(payments) | 1,220 | 5 | 1,225 | - 1,279 |
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A5 Transfers between funds

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| | 3,939 | 3,271 | 7,210 | 8,489 |

A6 Cash funds last year end

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| Cash funds this year end | 5,159 | 3,276 | 8,435 | 7,210 |
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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 £ |
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| B1 Cash funds | Triodos | 5,159 | 3,276 | 8,435 |
| | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 5,159 | 3,276 | 8,435 |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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| Signed by one trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| | KRMoss | Kathleen Moss | 14/10/2025 | |
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