

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD.

England & Wales · Charity number 1196108

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [09940764](#)

Registered 2021-10-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ('OBJECTS') ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:1) THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF AGE, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORTS OF FOOTBALL, CRICKET, BOXING AND MARTIAL ARTS.2) TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH:A. THE PROVISION RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PROVIDED IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE, DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE;B. ADVANCING EDUCATION;C. PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.3) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PERSONS LIVING IN EAST LONDON AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS WHO ARE IN A CONDITION OF NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AS DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY.

Activities: Activities of sport clubs

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Amateur Sport, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bangladesh
- Barking And Dagenham
- Bexley
- Greenwich
- Hackney
- Newham
- Redbridge
- Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-31	£295,279	£224,884	-	-
2024-01-31	£104,743	£83,892	-	-
2023-01-31	£85,915	£84,719	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sultana Rahman	Chair	2016-01-07
SAYERA RAHMAN		2019-06-15
Shamima Akther Chowdhury		2024-05-01
Sharmin Begum		2024-05-01

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Accounts

Ekota Academy Ltd

Trustees' Annual Report

Year Ended 31 January 2025

1. Reference and Administration

Name: Ekota Academy Ltd

Charity Number: 1196108

Company Number: 09940764

Registered Office: Aberdour Road, Goodmayes, Ilford, Essex IG3 9SP

Website: www.ekotaacademy.com

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Trustees / Directors: Shamima Akther CHOWDHURY, Sharmin BEGUM, Sayra RAHMAN, Sultana RAHMAN

Independent Examiner / Auditor: RK Accountants Ltd

2. Structure, Governance and Management

a. Governing Document & Objectives

Ekota Academy Ltd is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It is governed by its Articles of Association, which set out the purposes, powers, and the way the charity is to be administered.

The objects of Ekota Academy are to promote health, education, physical welfare, and community cohesion, particularly through sports, wellbeing, youth leadership, and community development, primarily in the local catchment area of London Borough of Redbridge & Barking & Dagenham, and surrounding communities.

b. Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The trustees are recruited through advertisement, nomination, and member vote. They receive induction and ongoing training.

Trustees meet quarterly to review strategy, governance, and oversight of operations.

c. Organisational Structure & Management

Day-to-day operations are carried out by a management team/staff/contractors/sessional staff and guided by the trustees. The Academy runs multiple programmes such as sports sessions, holiday camps, community/wellbeing initiatives, volunteer engagement, and partnership working.

Volunteers play a key role in delivering many activities; they are recruited, DBS-checked, and given training and support.

3. Charitable Purposes and Public Benefit

a. Charitable Objectives & Activities

During the year to 31 January 2025, Ekota Academy continued to deliver a range of programmes aligned with its mission:

- **Sports & Physical Activity Programmes:** Football, cricket, cycling, and multisport sessions aimed at children and youth.
- **Holiday Camps:** Multi-activity camps during school holidays, offering children a safe, active, and enriching environment.
- **Community & Wellbeing Initiatives:** Wellness sessions, community projects, mental health support through movement and social connection.
- **Youth Leadership & Empowerment:** Programs to build confidence, leadership, mentoring, and skills among local youth.
- **Partnerships:** Collaboration with local bodies, volunteers, and community stakeholders to extend reach and impact.

These activities benefit the public by providing accessible, structured, healthy opportunities for children, youth, and community members, promoting physical and mental wellbeing, social inclusion, education, and community cohesion.

b. Public Benefit

Ekota Academy ensures that benefits are delivered in a way that is accessible to all, regardless of background, and aims to reduce barriers to participation (e.g. cost, location). The trustees confirm that they have considered the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance, and that all activities are in furtherance of Ekota's charitable aims.

4. Achievements and Performance

Key Achievements During the Year

- Expanded and maintained **holiday camps**, delivered mayor of London's VRU programme over the summer with high uptake and positive feedback from participants and parents at Ekota Hub, Goodmayes Park. The summer programme was launched by a visit from Mayor of London himself Sadiq Khan, accompanied by sports celebrities and Tv personalities such as Professor Green etc.
- Renovated a new **youth and community space**, naming it **Ekota Hub at Goodmayes Park Pavillion**.

- and **sports programmes** at Goodmayes park, offering structured and inclusive sessions (e.g. football, cricket, cycling) that engaged children who otherwise might not have access. We hosted **Cricket One Hundred**, launching it at Goodmayes Park, working closely in partnership with Vision Redbridge and ECB attended by celebrities such as Katie Piper.
- Launched pilot **wellbeing/community projects**, learn to cycle, women-only yoga/fitness sessions, helping to address mental health, social isolation, and offering safe community spaces.
- Attracted new **volunteers and community support**, increasing capacity and engagement across programmes with 20 active volunteers.
- Sustained or improved partnerships, visibility, and reputation, being recognised for social impact, acknowledged by the Leader of the council, MP Atwal, and local councillors. Ekota is a proud **recipient of the King's Award** for Voluntary Service and **ECB Grassroots Awards**.

Monitoring & Impact

The trustees monitor performance via metrics such as participant numbers, feedback surveys, retention, volunteer hours, partnership outcomes, and community reach.

In year to 31 Jan 2025 we served

- 53670 beneficiaries through various programmes and activities:

Delivered the following sessions:

- **Cricket Sessions:** 590 sessions
- **Football Sessions:** 462 sessions
- **Badminton Sessions:** 90 sessions
- **Pilates Sessions:** 30 sessions
- **Wellbeing Sessions:** 1482 sessions
- **Kitchen Social:** 420 hot meals provided to the community
- **Education & Development Sessions:** 204 sessions
- **Summer Programme Sessions:** 589 sessions

The trustees regularly review performance in relation to objectives and adjust programmes accordingly.

5. Financial Review and Reserves Policy

a. Financial Summary

Income Overview

For the year ended 31 January 2025, the organisation received total incoming resources of **£295,279**, comprising **£258,825** in restricted grants and **£24,274** in unrestricted general funds and **£12,179** in other income.

The major funding sources were predominantly grant-based, reflecting strong support from a diverse range of institutions and foundations. Significant contributors included:

- **Compass Wellbeing** – £49,950
- **VRU Innovation Fund** – £42,314
- **Go London - GLA** – £24,270
- **Main Grant** – £21,319
- **Garfield Weston Foundation** – £15,000

Other notable grants came from **Five Rivers Child, The Hargreaves Foundation, EW Cricket Trust,** and **TNLCF - The Million ours Fund,** among others.

Unrestricted income was primarily from donations totalling **£24,274**, showing continued community support and general fundraising effectiveness.

Expenditure Overview

Total expenditure for the year amounted to **£224,884**, with the majority spent on core operational costs:

- **Wages, salaries, and NICs** – £24,300
- **Subcontracted services** – £103,430 where Free Lance Staff: £4200 and Youth worker: £27,137
- **Rent** – £32,465
- **Other legal and professional fees** – £13,375
- **Advertising and PR** – £12,707

Other expenditure categories included utilities, repairs and maintenance, travel, stationery, insurance, and miscellaneous operational costs.

The expenditure pattern demonstrates a strong focus on program delivery and staff support, with subcontracting representing the largest single cost, reflecting reliance on specialised services to achieve program objectives.

Income vs. Expenditure

For the year, the organisation achieved a surplus of **£70,395**, representing the excess of income over expenditure. When combined with the opening balances of **£55,381**, the total carried forward at 31 January 2025 was **£125,775**.

This indicates robust financial management and sustainability, ensuring that both restricted and unrestricted funds are effectively utilised while maintaining a healthy reserve for future activities.

Summary

Overall, the organisation maintained a strong financial position in 2024–25, supported by diverse grant income and community donations. Expenditures were carefully managed, emphasising program delivery and operational efficiency. The resulting surplus positions the organisation to continue its work with confidence into the next financial year.

b. Reserves Policy

The trustees believe it is prudent to maintain free reserves equivalent to **12 months** of operational expenditure, to provide a buffer against fluctuations in funding, ensure continuity of activities, cover unexpected costs and unexpected funding cuts. The policy is reviewed annually.

At the yearend (31 January 2025), the free reserves stood at £125,775, which is within the target level. The trustees have plans to build or maintain reserves through diversified funding, cost control, and prudent budgeting.

If there are restricted funds, the trustees ensure that they are used in accordance with donor/funder restrictions and clearly tracked in the Statement of Financial Activities and notes.

6. Risk Management

The trustees regularly review organizational risks and review operational, financial, reputational, and safeguarding risks. Key risks include funding uncertainty, volunteer retention, compliance (e.g. safeguarding, health & safety), and external changes (e.g. policy, venue). Mitigation strategies include diversified funding, regular reviews, training, strong governance, and contingency planning.

7. Plans for Future Periods

Plans include:

- Expanding outreach and youth programmes
- Developing wellbeing and mental health services
- Strengthening volunteer recruitment and training
- Improving data capture for impact measurement
- Securing new premises & long-term funding partnerships.

8. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Trustees are responsible under the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011 for preparing accounts, maintaining records, and safeguarding assets.

They ensure the accounts give a true and fair view of the charity's financial position.

9. Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 16/05/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Shamima Akther CHOWDHURY

Sayra RAHMAN

Sharmin BEGUM

Sultana RAHMAN

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)- For the Year Ended 31 January 2025

	£ Restricted <u>Funds</u>	£ Unrestricted <u>Funds</u>	2025 £ <u>Total</u>	2024 £ <u>Total</u>
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Grants	258,824.50		258,824.50	78,609.50
Subscription		24,274.10	24,274.10	26,134.33
Misc Income		12,180.00	12,180.00	
Balance as at 31/01/2024	258,824.50	36,454.10	295,278.60	104,743.83
<u>Outgoing Resources</u>				
Staffing Costs	120,128.50	7,601.50	127,730.00	41,032.00
Management & Administration Costs	77,280.50	19,873.50	97,154.00	42,859.00
Direct Charitable Expenditure	-		-	-
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources Before transfer	197,409.00	27,475.00	224,884.00	83,891.00
Gross Transfer Between Funds				
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources after transfer	61,415.50	8,979.10	70,394.60	20,852.83
Balance Brought forward at 1st Feb 2024	41,536.00	13,845.00	55,380.00	34,529.00
Balance Carried forward at 31st March 2024	102,951.50	22,824.10	125,774.60	55,381.83

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

1.0' Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevance note(s) to these accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- . the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and with preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Charity Commission.

1.2 Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2.0' Accounting policies

2.1 Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (soFA) when:

- . the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- . it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- . the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income is only recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only c Page 1

performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

2.2 Expenditures and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

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 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

2.3 Tangible assets

These are capitalised if they can be for more than one year, and cost at least.

They are valued at cost. The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed below

Asset category

Fixtures and fittings

2.4 Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

2.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts.

3.0'	Independent examiner's fees	2025	2024
		£	£
	Accountancy	500.00	500.00
	Legal and professional	-	-
		<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
4.0'	Staff costs	2025	2024
		£	£
	Salaries,wages and NICs	24,300.00	24,600.00
	Employer NIC	-	-
	Sessional Tutor's Fees	-	-
	Pensions	-	-
	Trainer's Fees	103,430.00	16,433.00
		<u>127,730.00</u>	<u>41,033.00</u>
5.0'	Average head count in the year		
	Charitable activities	5	5

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6.0'	Tangible Fixed Assets	2025	2024
		£	£
	Cost		
	At 1 April 2023	11,102.00	11,102.00
	Additions	-	-
	At 31 March 2024	<u>11,102.00</u>	<u>11,102.00</u>
	Depreciation		
	At 1 April 2023	-	-
	Charge for the year	-	-
	At 31 March 2024	-	-
	Net book value	<u>11,102.00</u>	<u>11,102.00</u>
7.0'	Debtors	2025	2024
		£	£
	Other debtors	4,384.00	1,089.00
		<u>4,384.00</u>	<u>1,089.00</u>
8.0'	Creditors	2025	2024
		£	£
	Paye	869.00	367.00
	Accountancy	1,928.00	2,000.00
		<u>2,797.00</u>	<u>2,367.00</u>
9.0'	Reconciliation of funds:	2025	2024
		£	£
	Total funds brought forward	55,380.00	34,529.00
	Net surplus/(deficit)	70,395.00	20,851.00
	Total funds carried forward	<u>125,775.00</u>	<u>55,380.00</u>

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 DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025

	£	£	2025	2024
	Restricted	Unrestricted	£ Total	£ Total
INCOME				
Grants:				
Barking and Dagenham	1,650.00	-	1,650.00	5,020.00
Bauer Radio's	2,160.00		2,160.00	-
CHARLES S FRENCH C	2,000.00		2,000.00	-
COMPASS WELLBEING ²	49,950.00		49,950.00	-
ECCC	3,870.00		3,870.00	-
EDUCATION ECOM	550.00		550.00	-
GARFIELD WESTON FO	15,000.00		15,000.00	-
GO LONDON - GLA	24,270.00		24,270.00	-
JACK PETCHEY FOUND ²	2,700.00		2,700.00	-
LIFELINE COMMUNITY	1,000.00		1,000.00	-
LONDON CATALYST	4,950.00		4,950.00	-
London Youth	11,300.00	-	11,300.00	7,750.00
EW Cricket Trust	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	8,700.00
LBTH Small Grants				
Groundwork London	1,996.00		1,996.00	7,919.00
MAYOR S F LONDON F	5,200.00		5,200.00	-
Vision Red Culture	4,387.00		4,387.00	6,771.00
VRU INNOVATION FUN ²	42,314.00		42,314.00	-
THE HARGREAVES FOU ²	15,100.00		15,100.00	-
Main Grant	21,319.35	-	21,319.35	16,062.00
ESC Lottery Fund	13,000.00		13,000.00	9,920.00
TNLCF - THE MILLIO BGC ²	15,438.15	-	15,438.15	4,467.00
SPORTED FOUNDATION ²	10,670.00		10,670.00	-
The London Marathon	-		-	10,000.00
The RCBS	-		-	2,000.00
Sub Total : Income (Grants) Received:	258,824.50	-	258,824.50	78,609.00
General Funds - Other Income Received:				
Subscription	-	24,274.10	24,274.10	26,134.00
Wapping Youth Ltd	-	-	-	-
HMRC JRS Grant	-	-	-	-
Rental from premises		12,180.00	12,180.00	
Total Incoming Resources :	258,824.50	36,454.10	295,278.60	104,743.00

EXPENDITURES

Wages, salaries and NICs	21,870.00	2,430.00	24,300.00	24,600.00
Freelancer	98,258.50	5,171.50	103,430.00	16,433.00
Other Direct Cost	9,594.80	1,693.20	11,288.00	14,686.75
Travel & subsistence	481.10	84.90	566.00	402.75
Light & heat	6,843.20	1,710.80	8,554.00	7,049.25
Stationery and Printing	-	-	-	109.50
Insurance	330.00	110.00	440.00	432.00
Repair and maintenance	9,416.00	2,354.00	11,770.00	1,941.25
Bank Charge	23.25	7.75	31.00	-
Sundry expenses	5,185.10	272.90	5,458.00	1,309.50
Accountancy Fees	375.00	125.00	500.00	500.00
Rent	25,972.00	6,493.00	32,465.00	11,742.00
Bangla Youth Movement	-	-	-	-
Other Legal and professional fees	12,706.25	668.75	13,375.00	4,205.25
Advertising and PR	6,353.50	6,353.50	12,707.00	480.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	197,408.70	27,475.30	-	224,884.00
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025				
Excess of Income over Expenditure:	61,415.80	8,978.80	70,394.60	20,851.75
Balance Brought forward at 1st Feb 202	41,535.56	13,845.19	-	55,380.75
Balance Carried forward at 31st March :	102,951.36	22,823.99	-	125,775.35

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	11,102.00	11,102.00
Intangible assets		11,200.00	11,200.00
Current assets			
Debtors	7	4,384.00	1,089.00
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>101,886.00</u>	<u>34,855.00</u>
		106,270.00	35,944.00
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>- 2,797.00</u>	<u>- 2,866.00</u>
		103,473.00	33,078.00
Net Assets		<u><u>125,775.00</u></u>	<u><u>55,380.00</u></u>
		2025 £	2024 £
Movement of funds			
Total funds brought forward	9	55,380.00	34,529.00
Net surplus/(deficit)		70,395.00	20,851.00
Net funds		<u><u>125,775.00</u></u>	<u><u>55,380.00</u></u>

We confirm that we have made available all relevant records, bills, vouchers, information and explanation for the preparation of the above balance sheet and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account of Ekota Academy Ltd and approve the financial statements as accurate account of the surplus of the income and also the correct state of the affairs of the charity as at 31st January 2025.

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf:

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Sultana Rahman
Trustee, Company Chair

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Sayra Rahman
Trustee, Company Secretary

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Sharmin Begum
Trustee, Treasurer

Shamima Akhtar Chowdhury
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of the Ekota Academy Ltd for the Year Ended 31 January 2025

We report to the Management Committee on our examination of the accounts of the above charity ("The Trust") for the year ended 31st January 2025 set out above.

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and Examiner

As the charity's Management Committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). They 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.

We report in respect of our examination of the trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination. We have followed all the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

We have completed our examination. We have confirmed that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- * the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- * the accounts did not comply with applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We have no concerns and have come across on other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Accounts

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**Annual Report and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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Charity Registration No: 1051893

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Sayra Rahman, Position: Trustee, Company Secretary

Email: sayra@ekotaacademy.com

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Sharmin Begum, Position: Trustee, treasurer

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Banker: Barclays Bank PLC

INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIR

As Chair of Ekota, I am delighted to present our annual impact report, which highlights our organisation's achievements and contributions over the past two years. Despite facing numerous challenges, our team has remained dedicated to our mission of supporting individuals and communities, fostering empowerment through sports, education, and connection.

I am extremely proud of our team's successful work in delivering a variety of activities throughout this period. Their contribution has been essential to our success and led to the organisation being awarded the prestigious Kings Award for voluntary services. It was an honour to go to the Tower of London and Buckingham Palace to receive the award on behalf of the organisation.

Our initiatives have included sports engagement, empowering women and girls through specialised projects, promoting physical activities, and advocating for sustainable transportation through our cycling projects. Our impact has been far-reaching and transformative.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all the participants who have engaged with our activities and projects. Your dedication to creating a positive impact in your community is truly inspiring.

Our communities have been significantly affected by the ongoing impact of the challenges of the cost of living crisis. Issues such as loneliness, obesity, and financial pressures persist among the individuals we serve. Our work is therefore more crucial than ever. We have worked tirelessly to maximise our resources, collaborate with partners, and innovate our offerings to meet the changing needs of our community. One of our proudest achievements is securing capital grants to enhance the facilities at Goodmayes Park. This investment will improve the existing pavilion and create more opportunities for community engagement and participation in sports and recreational activities.

I am delighted to announce that Ekota's efforts have been acknowledged with awards for our grassroots work from the Essex Cricket Board and Redbridge Council. Additionally, our volunteers and coaches have been individually recognised, and we have expanded our reach globally through connections in Qatar and Morocco to share our knowledge and impact.

Our cafe hub sits at the heart of the community and is a thriving space for connection. Collaboration with partners and stakeholders remains central to achieving our future visions and goals.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that the upcoming year will bring. Together with our communities, we will continue to promote enjoyment, growth, and prosperity for all.

Thank you to all our supporters, funders, partners, beneficiaries, and stakeholders for your ongoing support and belief in our mission. Together, we are truly making a difference.

Sultana Rahman Chair, Ekota

ABOUT US

Ekota's journey began humbly, rooted in the passion of a small group of volunteers determined to enact change within their community. What started as a modest offering of sporting activities has blossomed into a thriving grassroots organisation, now offering a diverse array of physical and mental well-being projects and activities. Ekota's initiatives target populations across North East London, with a fixed presence in the London Borough of Redbridge at Goodmayes Park, Tower Hamlets, and Barking Dagenham. Programmes are tailored for children, young adults, women, and older individuals. Led by a dedicated and experienced leadership team, Ekota prides itself on its commitment to inclusivity and diversity, with a strong female leadership voice guiding its direction.

Our extensive network of volunteers and staff mirrors the rich tapestry of our communities, providing invaluable role models for all. At the heart of our mission lies the aspiration to empower communities and future generations through sport, education, knowledge, and opportunities. Ekota Academy emerged from a grassroots movement initiated by people in the community, addressing challenges of anti-social behaviour and limited youth and sports opportunities in 'Goodmayes Park'. Ekota's mission aimed to tackle these issues head-on. What started with small-scale sports activities in the park evolved into a registered charity by 2021, fuelled by a steadfast commitment to effecting positive change and empowering the community. Our vision "Empowering communities and future generations through sports, education, knowledge, and opportunities "Our mission is to build connections, foster belonging, break down barriers, reduce isolation, improve self-confidence, support at-risk BAME groups, and offer mentorship and volunteer opportunities.

SUMMARY OF OUR KEY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Aims

Promote physical and mental well-being through inclusive sports activities.
Cultivate talent and provide career pathways in sports.
Foster community integration and inclusivity through sports engagement. Empower women and increase female participation in sports, physical activities, and arts.

Objectives

Increase participation in physical activities to improve well-being, including addressing societal issues like obesity and loneliness through social prescribing.

Provide opportunities for talent development and career progression in sport.

Facilitate community integration and understanding through sports and other activities, ensuring inclusivity for all groups.

Empower women from diverse backgrounds by increasing their connectivity, involvement, and leadership roles.

Develop resilience and leadership in future generations through mentoring and coaching.

Contribute to addressing health inequalities by operating as a health and well-being hub in the community.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ekota is dedicated to fostering inclusivity and community engagement through a variety of multi-sport programmes, educational initiatives, social activities, and family events. Our collaborations with organisations such as local primary schools, local authorities, the England Cricket Board, Football Association, and Sports England have enabled us to reach a broad audience and deliver impactful programmes.

Here are some of our key achievements:

Delivered weekly After-School Sports Clubs and Holiday Camps: These initiatives nurture children's talents and promote community cohesion. **Developed the refurbished pavilion 'Ekota Hub & Emerald Café' at Goodmayes Park:** Transforming disused facilities into vibrant community spaces. **Organized Regular Activities:** Including cricket and football sessions, women's exercise classes, and coffee mornings, revitalizing the under-used basketball court.

Engaged Over 1,000 Disengaged Youth: Empowering BAME mothers, children with disabilities, and individuals living in poverty.

Strengthened Bonds: Among the most deprived areas in North East London, fostering a sense of belonging and hope within the community.

In recognition of our contributions, Ekota has received the prestigious King's Award for Voluntary Services, underscoring our commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

In line with our mission to address pressing community challenges, Ekota is actively involved in tackling youth isolation and anti-social behavior through the transformative power of sports engagement. By offering opportunities for young people to participate in positive activities such as mentoring, coaching, and structured sports programmes, we aim to divert them from negative influences and towards pathways of personal growth and development. Our approach goes beyond physical activities; we also provide mental health support to help youth navigate the complexities of adolescence. Through these interventions, we strive to empower young individuals to overcome obstacles, build resilience, and realize their full potential within a supportive community environment.

Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to expanding our impact and reaching even more individuals in need. Through our initiatives in the London Borough of Redbridge, Barking & Dagenham, and Tower Hamlets, Ekota continues to inspire positive change and create a supportive environment where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

IGNITING A PASSION FOR CRICKET

During summer, Ekota facilitated the English Cricket Board's **All Stars and Dynamo Cricket programmes**, catering to children aged 5-12, to foster cricket participation and ignite their passion for the sport. In 2023, Ekota played a pivotal role in the national launch of the programme, hosted at the Olympic Park in Stratford. Over the course of eight weeks, our dedicated volunteers and coaches led engaging sessions, introducing children to cricket through a series of enjoyable activities. With over 50 enthusiastic participants, including a notable number of girls, the programme proved immensely popular. Many of the children who initially joined have since become regular attendees at our ongoing cricket sessions, showcasing the effectiveness of these introductory programmes.

To mark the end of the Dynamo and All Stars programmes, Ekota organised a celebratory event at Goodmayes Park, attended by local council representatives. Participants were presented with certificates and medals in recognition of their achievements, providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to join in celebrating their children's accomplishments.

Ekota is deeply committed to promoting cricket, offering weekly sessions for girls and boys aged 5-14. Led by **experienced male and female coaches**, these sessions aim to foster participation, enjoyment, and skill development. With an average of over 60 participants, including both boys and girls from diverse backgrounds, these sessions have become a cornerstone of our community engagement efforts.

For those showing exceptional passion and talent, Ekota provides **pathways to cricketing careers**. Several participants have earned trials at regional cricket clubs, illustrating the success of our development programmers. Throughout the year, our young cricketers have participated in various tournaments, showcasing their skills and dedication. In September 2023, Ekota organized its inaugural under-11s tournament, attracting 10 teams from across London, a testament to the dedication of our volunteers and coaches.

In addition to our youth programmers, Ekota manages a men's league cricket, with eight teams competing in weekly matches that draws strong community support. Ekota's **women's cricket team** has also achieved notable success, finishing second in their debut tournament. Comprising coaches and local community members with varying levels of experience, the team serves as a source of inspiration and empowerment for others.

Recognizing the importance of inclusivity and well-being, Ekota organizes **walking cricket sessions** tailored for older participants, aged 45-70. These sessions provide a fun and relaxed environment for individuals to enjoy cricket despite physical limitations.

Ekota's impact transcends local boundaries, as evidenced by invitations to international cricket events. Young participants had the privilege of acting as mascots during an international one-day cricket match, while two of our coaches were selected to ring the bell at prestigious international matches between Ireland and Bangladesh, highlighting Ekota's talent and community engagement efforts.

International Cricket Development
Ekota has extended its cricketing outreach beyond local borders, as evidenced by a transformative visit to Morocco, where a number of Ekota representatives went to share their grassroots experience. In partnership with the English and Essex Cricket Boards, Ekota helped support the **growth of youth cricket development initiatives in Morocco**.

GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AT EKOTA

At Ekota, football is more than just a game; it's a transformative tool that engages, inspires, and nurtures young minds while promoting physical fitness and mental well-being. Our football sessions, ranging from **grassroots training to structured league pathways**, have become a cornerstone of our youth empowerment initiatives, capturing the hearts and minds of participants across age groups.

Led by dedicated young coaches and volunteers, these sessions occur twice weekly, providing a consistent platform for youth aged 5-20 to develop their skills, build camaraderie, and discover their potential. Recognising the importance of tailored support, participants are grouped into age-specific cohorts, ensuring each individual receives personalised attention and training suited to their needs.

Our Sunday sessions have emerged as a focal point of our programme, drawing an **average attendance of over 60 enthusiastic individuals**. The significant **increase in female participation and female coaches**, inspired by the remarkable achievements of the Lionesses on the global stage, highlights the growing inclusivity and success of our initiatives.

Feedback from participants, parents, and guardians consistently expresses appreciation for the structured nature of our sessions, emphasising the **enjoyment, learning, and sense of belonging** experienced by all involved. Beyond honing footballing skills, our sessions instil valuable life lessons such as teamwork, discipline, and resilience, equipping young people with the tools they need to succeed both on and off the pitch.

In essence, Ekota's football sessions represent more than just athletic pursuits; they are a vehicle for empowerment, growth, and holistic well-being, shaping the leaders of tomorrow one goal at a time.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

In one of the most deprived areas, Ekota's holiday programmes offer a **lifeline to families**, providing structure, enrichment, and a safe haven during school holiday. For many youngsters from economically challenged households, the prospect of idle hours can lead to boredom, restlessness, negative influences, and anti-social behaviours. However, holiday activities, organised by Ekota in collaboration with Barking and Dagenham Council and Vision Redbridge's MegaMix Programme, transform these potentially idle days into memorable experiences filled with laughter, learning, and growth.

Set amidst the greenery of Goodmayes Park, our holiday programmes buzz with energy and enthusiasm. Led by **passionate skilled instructors and young volunteers**, the camps offer a diverse array of dynamic sporting activities designed to engage and excite young minds. From football and basketball to cricket and athletics, each activity entertains and inspires a love for movement, teamwork, and healthy competition.

For children from BAME, low-income, and disadvantaged backgrounds, these activities provide more than recreational opportunities; they offer a structured environment filled with positive activities, becoming catalysts for personal development, instilling values of discipline, resilience, and camaraderie.

The impact of these holiday activities extends beyond Goodmayes Park. Many participants, inspired by their experiences, explore additional sporting avenues or volunteering, fostering a **lasting commitment to physical activity and personal growth**. Thus, holiday activities serve as respites from everyday challenges and as springboards for long-term empowerment and success, offering hope and inspiration to children who need it most.

MARTIAL ARTS

Ekota provides captivating and **interactive weekly martial arts sessions** aimed at imparting crucial life skills to young participants. Under the guidance of a seasoned sensei, participants learn the fundamentals of self-defense, discipline, and resilience. The program facilitates the ongoing development of specialized techniques, enabling participants to refine their skills and deepen their understanding of martial arts principles.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE AWARENESS INITIATIVES

Promoting community welfare and the preservation of our natural surroundings is integral to Ekota's mission. We believe that fostering a sense of ownership and community service instils a **deeper understanding of our environmental impact**. As part of our commitment, we actively engage in community initiatives focused on litter picking within Goodmayes Park and integrate litter picking into our activities throughout the year. Participants collaborate with fellow community members, upholding the park's cleanliness and setting a commendable precedent for others.

RECYCLING AND REDUCING CARBON FOOTPRINT

This year, Ekota welcomed a visit from Transition Town, a community organisation renowned for their nationwide projects. The event featured informative stalls on recycling and upcycling clothes, showcasing participant interest, educational insight, and creativity. It was inspiring to witness the community's engagement and enthusiasm for **sustainability initiatives** aimed at reducing our carbon footprint.

MENTORING

Ekota's volunteers and coaches offer **informal mentoring sessions and personalised dialogues** with our beneficiaries, guiding them through difficult feelings, mental health challenges, and connecting them with relevant local resources when necessary. Our multifaceted approach fosters mental health and well-being, addressing issues like isolation and loneliness while nurturing a cohesive community sense. In response to heightened mental health concerns post-COVID-19, particularly among children, young adults, and BAME communities, our staff and volunteers are adept at **providing empathetic support** and navigating safeguarding rules appropriately.

NUTRITION FOR EVERY CHILD

Recognising the profound impact of nutrition on childhood development and well-being, Ekota has implemented a **comprehensive nutrition project** ensuring every child attending our holiday camps receives nourishing meals. Understanding the economic hardships endured by many low-income families amid a cost-of-living crisis, we provide food assistance throughout our summer programmes. For six weeks during the holiday camp, each day includes wholesome, nutrient-rich meals, ensuring no child goes hungry and every participant receives vital sustenance to thrive. This initiative addresses immediate nutritional needs and highlights our commitment to fostering **holistic well-being** and supporting families facing financial adversity.

TABLE TENNIS IN THE PARK

Ekota's installation of an outdoor table tennis table in Goodmayes Park has significantly **enriched local activities and the park experience for visitors**. The table has been warmly received by the community and is consistently used by park-goers of all ages and backgrounds. Its presence encourages engagement in outdoor recreational activities, fostering a vibrant and dynamic atmosphere within the park. Families, friends, and individuals gather around the table, enjoying friendly matches and social interactions. Moreover, the table provides an accessible and inclusive leisure option for residents, promoting physical activity and social cohesion. Overall, Ekota's initiative has enhanced the **appeal and utilisation of Goodmayes Park**, contributing to the well-being and enjoyment of local residents.

CYCLING PROGRAMMES

Ekota's cycling scheme at Goodmayes Park has sparked a passion for cycling among participants, thanks to a **comprehensive three-year programme**. Weekly cycling education sessions, facilitated by trained instructors, have empowered young children to develop confidence and safety skills on bicycles. The programme has become a cherished community activity, drawing enthusiastic participation. Additionally, Ekota has introduced a women-only cycle project, specifically catering to BAME women interested in learning cycling. This initiative aims to promote inclusivity and empowerment through cycling.

As a testament to Ekota's commitment to cycling education, three team members have completed rigorous training and testing to become **certified cycling instructors**. This achievement not only enhances our capacity to deliver high-quality cycling programmes but also lays a strong foundation for future endeavours. Ekota's forthcoming plans include initiatives to encourage more women to embrace cycling, leveraging our newly trained instructors to expand access and participation in cycling activities.

IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

- Total number of beneficiaries: 2277 Age range 5 years old to 65+ 29.5% were female, 70.5% were male

Total number of boys across all sports activities aged 9-14 years was 550 Total number of girls across all sports activities aged 9-14 year old was 216 Total number of boys across all sports activities aged 15-25 years was 363 Total Number of girls across all sports activities aged 15-25 was 117

The most popular sessions were cricket, football, and cycling training in 2023

- Total number of activity sessions delivered was 672
- Total number of hours of sports activities delivered was **1488.5 hrs**
- Cricket being the highest number of hours delivered 21.4% followed by cycling 14.9% and football 14.3%
- Total number of volunteers: 82
- Total number of volunteers trained: 20

- Total number of volunteer hours committed was **10,097.5hrs**
- 3 staff members acquired Cycle trainers accredited certification.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Emerald Cafe Bistro is located in Goodmayes Park, the Emerald Cafe Bistro has become a **popular spot for park-goers, visitors, parents, and school children** since its launch in 2021. We facilitate weekly walking groups, mothers' morning coffee gatherings, and cricket groups, contributing to a footfall increase of 70% compared to 2021.

The cafe serves as a **sustainable income generation model** for Ekota, enabling the charity to achieve financial autonomy while advancing its social mission. By leveraging entrepreneurial ventures that generate revenue, Ekota diversifies its funding streams, reducing reliance on traditional donations and grants. This approach fosters long-term financial stability, empowering the organisation to adapt to evolving challenges and seize opportunities for growth.

Moreover, the social enterprise aligns with Ekota's values of **community empowerment and self-sufficiency**, as profits are reinvested to fund impactful programmes and initiatives. Ultimately, this innovative model enables Ekota to create lasting social impact while ensuring its sustainability for years to come.

SUCCESS STORIES

TESTIMONIALS FROM INDIVIDUALS

- “Ekota has helped my son to develop new skills and I can see the week on week improvements – he is always excited to attend the sessions” **Parker Scott.**
- “I have enjoyed meeting other mums and my daughter has had lots of fun during dynamo sessions; will definitely look to attend more programmes.” **Holly Edwards**
- “My son absolutely loved summer camp. It was super positive experience.” **Rafique Chowdhury**
- “The sessions are the best part of the week” **Sanjay Patel**
“Ekota is such an important part of this community, nothing like it”. **Manjit Gill**

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

SCHOOLS PROGRAMMES

The summer programme played a pivotal role in strengthening Ekota's partnerships with local schools. **Hosting the borough school games at Goodmayes Park** provided a fantastic opportunity for schools across the borough to unite and engage in a variety of running activities. Through concerted efforts, Ekota has cultivated robust relationships with numerous local schools, resulting in frequent invitations to attend school activities and offer support at events. These partnerships hold significant importance for us, as we recognise the importance of inspiring and engaging young people from an early age. It is through these collaborations that Ekota's schools programme has developed, enabling us to effectively contribute to the holistic development of students and **foster a lasting impact within the community.**

MULTI-SPORTS AT SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Ekota collaborates closely with schools to **enhance their sports programmes** by introducing after-school multi-sports cricket and football sessions. Recognising that some schools may not include these sports in their regular PE curriculum, Ekota steps in to fill this gap, providing **additional opportunities for children** to participate in diverse sporting activities.

Our experienced coaches and volunteers work closely with school staff to ensure seamless integration and effective delivery of these sessions. Through structured training and engaging activities, we aim to foster skill development, teamwork, and a sense of accomplishment among participating students.

Ultimately, Ekota's collaboration with schools in providing after-school multi-sports cricket and football sessions contributes to the **holistic development of students**, enriches their health and wellbeing and reinforces the importance of regular physical activity in their lives.

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

During the reporting period, Ekota encountered various challenges that tested the resilience and adaptability of the organisation. One significant obstacle was the delay in capital funding due to planning permissions, hindering the progress of projects at Goodmayes Park Pavilion. Overcoming this hurdle required **meticulous attention to detail, collaboration and support** from the London borough of Redbridge's Leisure and Culture Team, and perseverance to ensure necessary approvals were obtained, ultimately allowing Ekota to proceed with its community initiatives.

Another challenge arose from the seasonal opening and closing times of Goodmayes Park, which necessitated adjustments to our programme timetables. While this presented logistical challenges, Ekota successfully adapted to these constraints, ensuring that **beneficiaries remained informed** and accommodated within the revised schedules.

In addition, securing new funding for projects proved to be an ongoing challenge, demanding innovative approaches and sustained efforts from the charity's team. Despite these hurdles, Ekota demonstrated **resilience by successfully securing funding for projects** spanning the next two years. Continual fundraising and proactive pursuit of funding opportunities remain essential for the charity's growth and development.

The small staff base posed limitations on Ekota's ability to attend all council meetings in person. However, the organisation addressed this challenge by leveraging online resources, including webinars and mailing lists, to stay informed about local discussions and developments. This **adaptive approach** enabled Ekota to remain actively engaged with the community and relevant stakeholders.

Despite these challenges, Ekota persevered by **prioritising networking and relationship-building** with key stakeholders. By nurturing these connections, the organisation strengthened its support network and enhanced its ability to navigate challenges effectively. Overall, the reporting period highlighted Ekota's resilience, adaptability, and commitment to overcoming obstacles in pursuit of its mission to serve the community.

“Ekota Community Café, **working in conjunction with Vision with the council**, really engaging youngsters, engaging the community, bringing women forward, making sure we have this safe facility, a park not only people can come for a walk but enjoy a conversation, meet neighbours, a **place where people can come together**, bringing our parks right into the homes of our community, a fantastic

initiative, which we hope will be delivered all over Redbridge, really looking forward to working with Ekota and delivering this all over the borough.

CllrJasAthwal

Leader of Redbridge Council.

“I’m **really proud** to come to Ekota Hub, Emerald Café, a bistros more importantly a Community Hub, designed around physical activity for everybody in our area especially centred around cricket, Im really, really, please to hear they have **female members of board, female members of staff, cricket for women and for the disabled and disadvantaged is the priority within Ekota**”... “This is a brilliant place for this kind of sport to go on and for the community to get together, and I look forward to lots of people coming here and playing the game and getting involved”.

Cllr Kam Rai

Deputy Leader of the Council

Cabinet Member for Finance, Leisure and Culture

AN AWARD WINNING ORGANISATION

Over the years Ekota has won numerous award for our work. This year we received recognition from Essex Cricket Club and Redbridge Council for our education and grass roots work. However , it was the **achievement of the Kings Award** that was the highlight of our year. This award was only given to a handful of organisations across the country, following a rigorous assessment process. It is an honour for Ekota to receive this in recognition of our efforts throughout the years and on behalf of everyone that has supported us. Visits to the **Tower of London and Buckingham Palace** to accept the award made this an extremely special moment in Ekota’s journey !

OUR SUSTAINABILITY AND FUTURE PLANS

- Cycle Hire at Goodmayes Park Coming Soon
- Renovation of Ekota hub facilities

- Expansion of youth engagement activities and sporting provisions at Goodmayes Park site
- Development of additional mental well being projects
- Exploration of sustainable models and ongoing partnerships with Morocco
- Re launching Youth Fluent – Voice of the Youth on Social Media - dynamic discussions, challenging topics for the youth by the youth – a programme we conducted during covid lockdown to keep young people engaged is coming back on demand.
- Sports and wellbeing programmes at sites in Barking and Dagenham
- Strategic Business Development plans 2024-2029

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We extend heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and hardworking staff whose unwavering support has propelled Ekota forward. Their contributions, whether financial, time, or expertise, are invaluable in realising our mission and empowering the communities we serve. We also extend appreciation to our stakeholders for their collaboration and partnership, vital in navigating challenges and seizing opportunities. Together, we've made meaningful strides in fostering connections, breaking down barriers, and building a more inclusive society. Thank you for your commitment to Ekota's vision and for making a difference in the lives of others.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of the Ekota Academy Ltd for the year ended 31 January 2024.

We report to the Management Committee on our examination of the accounts of the above charity ("The Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 8 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and Examiner

As the charity's Management Committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). They 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

We report in respect of our examination of the trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination. We have followed all the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

We have completed our examination. We have confirmed that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect.

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not comply with applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We have not concerns and have come across on other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of the Ekota Academy Ltd for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

We report to the Management Committee on our examination of the accounts of the above charity ("The Trust") for the year ended 31st January 2024 set out on pages 2 to 5.

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Ekota Academy Ltd**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)- For the Year Ended 31 January 2024**

	£ Restricted Funds	£ Unrestricted Funds	2024 £ Total	2023 £ Total
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Grants	78,609.00		78,609.00	63,932.00
Donations		26,134.00	26,134.00	21,983.00
Misc Income		-	-	
Balance as at 31/01/2024	78,609.00	26,134.00	104,743.00	85,915.00
<u>Outgoing Resources</u>				
Staffing Costs	30,775.00	10,258.00	41,033.00	30,682.00
Management & Administration Costs	30,715.00	12,144.00	42,859.00	54,037.00
Direct Charitable Expenditure	-	-	-	-
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources Before transfer	61,490.00	22,402.00	83,892.00	84,719.00
Gross Transfer Between Funds				
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources after transfer	17,119.00	3,732.00	20,851.00	1,196.00
Balance Brought forward at 1st Feb 2023	25,897.00	8,632.00	34,529.00	33,333.00
Balance Carried forward at 31st March 2024	43,016.00	12,364.00	55,380.00	34,529.00

**EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

1.0' Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevance note(s) to these accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- . the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities and with preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by Charity Commission.

1.2 Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2.0' Accounting policies

2.1 Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (soFA) when:

- . the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- . it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- . the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income is only recognised to the extent that the charity

has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the Page 1

performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

2.2 Expenditures and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

2.3 Tangible assets

These are capitalised if they can be for more than one year, and cost at least.

They are valued at cost. The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed below

Asset category	Annual rate
Fixtures and fittings	0% reducing balance

2.4 Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

2.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts.

3.0' Independent examiner's fees	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy	500	500
Legal and professional	-	-
	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

4.0' Staff costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries,wages and NICs	24,600	20,011
Employer NIC	-	-
Sessional Tutor's Fees	-	-
Pensions	-	-
Trainer's Fees	<u>16,433</u>	<u>11,363</u>
	<u>41,033</u>	<u>31,374</u>

5.0' Average head count in the year

Charitable activities	5	5
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EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

6.0' Tangible Fixed Assets	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2023	11,102	11,102
Additions	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>11,102</u>	<u>11,102</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2023	-	-
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net book value	<u>11,102</u>	<u>11,102</u>
7.0' Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	1,089	-
	<u>1,089</u>	<u>-</u>
8.0' Creditors	2024	2023
	£	£
Paye	367	435
Accountancy	2,500	2,000
	<u>2,867</u>	<u>2,435</u>
9.0' Reconciliation of funds:	2024	2023
	£	£
Total funds brought forward	34,529	33,333
Net surplus/(deficit)	20,851	1,196
Total funds carried forward	<u>55,380</u>	<u>34,529</u>

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024

			2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
INCOME	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Grants:				
Barking and Dagenham	5,020	-	5,020	2,440
London Youth	7,750	-	7,750	5,500
EW Cricket Trust	8,700	-	8,700	5,000
Groundwork London	7,919	-	7,919	500
Vision Red Culture	6,771	-	6,771	4,984
The London Marathon	10,000	-	10,000	10,822
Main Grant	16,062	-	16,062	15,770
ESC Lottery Fund	9,920	-	9,920	21,375
The RCBS	2,000	-	2,000	5,001
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Sub Total : Income (Grants) Received:	78,609	-	78,609	71,392
General Funds - Other Income Received:				
Donations	-	26,134	26,134	14,523
Bangladesh Youth Movement (CRM Subscription)	-	-	-	-
Trapped in Zone	-	-	-	-
The Growth Company	-	-	-	-
Sub Total :	-	26,134	26,134	14,523
Total Incoming Resources :	78,609	26,134	104,743	85,915
EXPENDITURES				
Wages, salaries and NICs	18,450	6,150	24,600	20,011
Subcontract	12,325	4,108	16,433	10,671
Other Direct Cost	11,015	3,672	14,687	11,363
Travel & subsistence	302	101	403	-
Light & heat	5,287	1,762	7,049	-
Stationery and Printing	82	28	110	1,793
Insurance	324	108	432	431
Repair and maintenance	1,456	485	1,941	-
Sundry expenses	982	328	1,310	324
Accountancy Fees	375	125	500	1,072
Rent	8,807	2,935	11,742	21,407
Other Legal and professional fees	3,154	1,051	4,205	12,715
Advertising and PR	360	120	480	4,932
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	62,919	20,972	-	83,891
Excess of Income over Expenditure:	15,690	5,162	20,852	1,196
Balance Brought forward at 1st Feb 2023	25,897	8,632	34,529	33,333
Balance Carried forward at 31st March 2024	41,587	13,794	-	55,381

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JANUARY 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	11,102	11,102
Intangible assets		11,200	11,200
Current assets			
Debtors	7	1,089	-
Cash at bank and in hand		34,855	14,907
		<u>35,944</u>	<u>14,907</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	8	<u>(2,866)</u>	<u>(2,680)</u>
		33,078	12,227
Net Assets		<u>55,380</u>	<u>34,529</u>
		2023 £	2022 £
Movement of funds			
Total funds brought forward	9	34,529	33,333
Net surplus/(deficit)		20,851	1,196
Net funds		<u>55,380</u>	<u>34,529</u>

We confirm that we have made available all relevant records, bills, vouchers, information and explanation for the preparation of the above balance sheet and the annexed Income and Expenditure Account of Wapping Bangladesh Association and approve the financial statements as accurate account of the surplus of the income and also the correct state of the affairs of the charity as at 31st JANUARY 2024.

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:

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Sultana Rahman
Trustee, Company Chair

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Sayra Rahman
Trustee, Company Secretary

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Sharmin Begum

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Shamima Akhtar Chowdhury

Trustee, Treasurer

Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Management Committee of the Ekota Academy Ltd for the Year Ended 31 January 2024

We report to the Management Committee on our examination of the accounts of the above charity ("The Trust") for the year ended 31st January 2024 set out on pages 2 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of the Management Committee and Examiner

As the charity's Management Committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). They 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.

We report in respect of our examination of the trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination. We have followed all the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

We have completed our examination. We have confirmed that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives us cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- * the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- * the accounts did not comply with applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

We have not concerns and have come across on other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Prepared by
RK Accountants Ltd
Hall 3, The Whitechapel Centre
85 Myrdle Street
London, E1 1HQ

Date: 16/05/2024

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD.

England & Wales - Charity number 1196108

Accounts

**EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

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**EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023**

Directors	SULTANA RAHMAN SAYRA RAHMAN SALEEMA ABDIN
Company Number	9940764 (England and Wales)
Registered Office	167 LICHFIELD ROAD DAGENHAM RM8 2BA ENGLAND
Accountants	RK ACCOUNTANTS LTD HALL 1 THE WHITECHAPEL CENTRE 85 MYRDLE STREET LONDON E1 1HL

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
(COMPANY NO: 9940764 ENGLAND AND WALES)
DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 January 2023.

Directors

The following directors held office during the whole of the period:

SULTANA RAHMAN
SAYRA RAHMAN
SALEEMA ABDIN

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

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Approved by the board on:

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Accountants' report to the board of directors of EKOTA ACADEMY LTD on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts for the year ended 31 January 2023

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of EKOTA ACADEMY LTD for the year ended 31 January 2023 as set out on pages 6 - 9 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of EKOTA ACADEMY LTD, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of EKOTA ACADEMY LTD and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them, as a body, in this report. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than EKOTA ACADEMY LTD and its Board of Directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that EKOTA ACADEMY LTD has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of EKOTA ACADEMY LTD. You consider that EKOTA ACADEMY LTD is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of EKOTA ACADEMY LTD. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

RK ACCOUNTANTS LTD

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LONDON
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11 October 2023

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover	14,523	36,494
Cost of sales	(22,034)	(22,536)
Gross (loss)/surplus	(7,511)	13,958
Administrative expenses	(62,685)	(43,247)
Other operating income	71,392	36,228
Operating surplus	1,196	6,939
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation	1,196	6,939
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
Surplus for the financial year	1,196	6,939

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 JANUARY 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	4	11,200	11,200
Tangible assets	5	11,102	7,942
		22,302	19,142
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		14,907	15,191
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,680)	(1,000)
		12,227	14,191
Net current assets		34,529	33,333
Net assets		34,529	33,333
Reserves	7		
Profit and loss account		34,529	33,333
Members' funds		34,529	33,333

For the year ending 31 January 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by

Director

Company Registration No. 9940764

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

1 Statutory information

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales, registration number 9940764. The registered office is 167 LICHFIELD ROAD, DAGENHAM, RM8 2BA, ENGLAND.

2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

3 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Presentation currency

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

Intangible fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets (including purchased goodwill and patents) are included at cost less accumulated amortisation.

4 Intangible fixed assets

	Goodwill
	£
Cost	
At 1 February 2022	11,200
At 31 January 2023	11,200
Amortisation	
At 1 February 2022	-
At 31 January 2023	-
Net book value	
At 31 January 2023	11,200
At 31 January 2022	11,200

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fittings
	£
Cost or valuation	At cost
At 1 February 2022	7,942
Additions	3,160
At 31 January 2023	11,102
Depreciation	
At 31 January 2023	-
Net book value	
At 31 January 2023	11,102
At 31 January 2022	7,942

6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals	2,680	1,000
	2,680	1,000

7 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

8 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 2 (2022: 0).

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD
DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2023

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover		
Fees	14,523	36,494
Cost of sales		
Subcontractor costs	10,671	-
Other direct costs	11,363	22,536
	22,034	22,536
Gross (loss)/profit	(7,511)	13,958
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	20,011	17,330
Rent	21,407	13,632
Stationery and printing	1,793	-
Insurance	431	345
Sundry expenses	324	-
Accountancy fees	1,072	800
Advertising and PR	4,932	1,771
Other legal and professional	12,715	9,369
	62,685	43,247
Other operating income		
Other operating income	63,932	-
Government grants	7,460	36,228
	71,392	36,228
Operating profit	1,196	6,939
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1,196	6,939