

EKOTA ACADEMY LTD

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

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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.

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Date: 16/05/2024

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

	£ Restricted <u>Funds</u>	£ Unrestricted <u>Funds</u>	2024 £ <u>Total</u>	2023 £ <u>Total</u>
<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	<u>78,609.00</u>	<u>26,134.00</u>	<u>104,743.00</u>	<u>85,915.00</u>
<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	<u>61,490.00</u>	<u>22,402.00</u>	<u>83,892.00</u>	<u>84,719.00</u>
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	<u>43,016.00</u>	<u>12,364.00</u>	<u>55,380.00</u>	<u>34,529.00</u>

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.

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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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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
	£	£	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
INCOME				
<u>Grants:</u>				
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
TNLCF - THE MILLIO BGCTNLCF - THE MILLIO B	4,467	-	4,467	-
Sub Total : Income (Grants) Received:	78,609	-	78,609	71,392
<u>General Funds - Other Income Received:</u>				
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		<u>34,855</u>	<u>14,907</u>
		35,944	14,907
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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Date: 16/05/2024