

Chairpersons Update

ECA AGM

Saturday 21st September

Welcome and Thanks:

- Thank you to Kirsty and Darren who have stepped down.
- I was interim Chair and have been voted / agreed to hold the position permanently. Welcome to Marianna who has joined the trustees as Deputy Chair and will be helping to drive the fundraising and grant application process.
- Introduce Jane, Treasurer, Helen, Secretary, and Kim, Safeguarding Lead.
- Our board are all volunteers, who conduct our role on a purely voluntary basis.

Achievements:

- Best ever year for fundraising – almost double the amount raised in the 23/24 year
- Facilitating a wide variety of fundraisers so hopefully throughout the year there will be things that everyone wants to / can be involved in.
- Improving the structure and organisation of the charity and putting more procedures in place due to the increase in size of the number of students and amount of funds that we want to raise
- Providing more updates and more clarity on where the funds are being spent
- Distinguishing between the ECA fundraising and the DWC fundraising – whilst we facilitate the DWC fundraising with the use of our account and treasurer and team of trustees to help with various required tasks, we are separate to the DWC and it is only a part of what we support in our mission.

Future Plans:

- Continue with more of what we have been doing
- Continue to grow and develop
- More focus on grant writing and planning
- Broaden our reach in community involvement
- Broaden the number of parents and community actively involved in the charity
- Further information and explanations relating to the 2025 DWC will be provided at a separate DWC meeting in the New Year

Involvement:

- Loads of ways to help – ideas are great but doing is even better
- Already have some examples of parents taking it upon themselves to arrange / organise their own fundraisers

- Continue to be changes in circumstances etc of the Board, so please let us know if you'd be interested in any future positions that may come up

Thanks:

- Sam – for the use of her facilities, stationery, studios, offices, reception staff
- Kim and Helen who were thrown in at the deep end and have stepped up and gone above and beyond their duties.
- Jane for being the numbers Queen and consistent presence on the board
- Parents – so many have helped but a couple to mention in particular are Adele Mell, Helen Rowbottom, Marianna (prior to her joining the board!) Faith Bowering, Joanne Crawshaw.
- Thanks to the students – from college kids, to minis all helping out, running events, getting involved, learning new skills above their dance training.
- Thanks to you who are here today and continue to support

ElliTe Community Association – Charity number 1198791

Treasurers Report – 12 months ending 31 Aug 2024

Introduction

This is the ECA's second full year as a charity.

The Object (i.e., purpose) of the charity is to:

Promote the education of children and young people in Wakefield, the understanding and appreciation of the arts, specifically of dance, in such ways as the charity thinks fit, including, but not limited to:

- Awarding bursaries to local children to attend dance classes
- Enabling or assisting children and young people to participate in regional, national and international dance competitions

The trustees believe we have successfully achieved our Objects in this year.

Income and Expenditure Account

Our income for the year was an incredible £27,990 (2023 - £14,814) and our expenditure was £20,235 (2023 - £13,698), resulting in a surplus of £7,775 (2023 – surplus of £1,115). Our bank account is at £13,582 (2022 - £4,722) at the year end, with £2,805 owed to parents/carers as contributions for the Team England jackets and the qualifier fees.

In terms of the DWC income, we raised £470 per young dancer and our costs were £423 per young dancer.

The funds raised for the Dance World Cup have funded the audition fees (excl. solos), totaling £1,575, team kit and flags costing £741 (sponsorship badging) and costuming, totaling £11,758 (2023 £8,213), for 41 children and young adults (aged 7 to 21). This equates to an average of £423 (2023 - £385) spent on each child/young person entering the competition.

We are pleased to be in a position to fund each child's jacket and their qualifier fee of £65, at a cost of approx. £105 per child. Some Trustees of the charity will benefit from this contribution.

Our most successful form of fund-raising is the corporate sponsorship; this has raised £7,500 (2023-£9,050), (26.8% of our entire income). Other successes have been our Ball, which raised £1,699 (2023 - £1,493). Not only did this raise a great amount for the charity, everyone who attended had a lovely evening.

Our seasonal events, organized by the trustees and fund-raisers, have also been a great success, not only in terms of raising funds, but also raising awareness of dance, through bringing members of the general public to the dance school.

The most simple and effective fundraiser was the GoFundMe, which was online fundraising, asking for donations. This raised £1,777, with very little effort, other than setting up the fundraising page, sharing it and asking parents to share it.

The Cycle to Prague was also a great success, getting children and parents/carers involved, raising £1,302.

We have supported ElliTe Studios by purchasing a new sound system, which has been used successfully at dance competitions and in the studios themselves.

Many parents/carers/teachers/grandparents have kindly got involved through various means, including donations, cake sales, coffee mornings, sponsored activities, scratch cards, smoothies, jewelry sales, sweet bags sales, reindeer food, bonus ball, bringing in books or bags of old clothes, helping at events and various other activities. Many thanks to everyone who has got involved in whatever capacity, big or small.

Many thanks to the dance teachers who gave up their free time to run boot-camp classes, these were very popular and the children loved them!

Many thanks to Ruth, Helen, Kim, Karina (who kindly stepped in to assist with the planning of the ball) and Kirsty for their contributions throughout the year. Many thanks also to Darren and Kirsty for their contributions as Trustees over the years.

Bursary

We are pleased to say that we have supported 4 individuals attending the ElliTe Studios College who asked for assistance with their funding. This bursary will be reviewed on a school term basis to assess the impact on the child and whether the situation of the parents/carers has changed. The charity has committed to continue with this support over the next 12 months

No-one has come forward with regards to the support scheme to assist parents whose circumstances have changed and are looking for assistance in buying dancewear. However, this may be as it has not been publicised effectively. We will look to publicise this across the dance school.

Grants

We have applied for a number of grants, however unfortunately as our scope is not inclusive for anyone to get involved, we have been unsuccessful in our funding applications. We will look to consider how we can remedy this.

Going forward

We start the year in a strong position, with reserves of £10,777. We continually consider how we can improve the dance education of the young people in Wakefield. If anyone has any ideas, please do feel free to get involved with the charity.

Many thanks

The significant amount we have raised is testimony to the joint efforts of the children, parents, grandparents, the trustees and teachers. This demonstrates that the more of us who are involved, contributing in whichever way we can, be it big or small, the more funds we can raise to further educate Wakefield children in the art of dance. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed this year, however big or small.

Jane Wardell ACA

Treasurer
ElliTe Community Association

Elite Community Association
Income and Expenditure Account

Income

	2022-2023 Income	2023-24 Income
Corporate Sponsorship	£ 9,050	£ 7,500
Barbie event		£ 293
World of Books		£ 10
Adele - Strictly		£ 100
MacMillan bake sale		£ 167
Bag Pack x 2		£ 1,670
Book sale		£ 72
30/30	£ 100	£ -
Easy Fundraising	£ 77	£ 38
Change jar		£ 90
Raffle	£ 36	£ -
Snacks etc	£ 350	£ 124
Clothing sale rail	£ 154	£ 898
Bags2school	£ 144	£ 526
Frozen show		£ 550
T-Shirts		£ 141
EC Students - Wreath Making		£ 238
Go Fund Me		£ 1,777
Gallaghers Neighbourly		£ 550
Crystal Tutus raffle		£ 600
D Hindle Videography		£ 30
L Taylor - Leg warmers		£ 110
D Burling photoshoot		£ 50
Cheesecake		£ 40
Bootcamp		£ 610
Bootcamp 2		£ 465
Sweet Bags		£ 75
Donations		£ 136
JD Sports		£ 145
Starstruck raffle		£ 40
Bun wraps		£ 70
Millie raffle		£ 117
Poppy Bracelets		£ 376
Beth Jewellery		£ 348
Millie P's bracelets		£ 15
Hamper raffle		£ 250
Bun sale		£ 50
Talulah raffle		£ 24
Stickers		£ 17
Annie sale		£ 254
Anais's Smoothies		£ 148
Bow Colouring		£ 150
Show Preview		£ 180
Dancers Raffle		£ 637
Cycle to Prague		£ 1,302
Euro sweepstake		£ 115
50 Club	-£ 42	£ -
Lindsay's wreaths	£ 16	£ -
Chloe's cake sale	£ 54	£ -
Neve's coffee morning	£ 199	£ -
Ball	£ 1,493	£ 1,699
Easter Fun Day & raffle	£ 308	£ 740
Halloween Party	£ 65	£ 434
Christmas Party	£ 508	£ 1,047
Scratch cards	£ 614	£ 1,304
Frozen Sing-along		£ 410
Poppy Bonus Ball		£ 164
Name the Teddy		£ 28
Teddy Tombola		£ 104
Disney		£ 40
WBD dressing up	£ 58	£ -
Santa letter	£ 55	£ -
E Pantan reindeer food	£ 75	£ -
Gallentine night	£ 311	£ -
Christmas jumper day	£ 28	£ -
Christmas Table		£ 5
I Cox - cake	£ 20	£ -
Calendar	-£ 390	£ -
Dancewear sale	£ 140	£ -
Smarties	£ 430	£ 920
Barbie	£ 25	£ -
Sale of books	£ 9	£ -
Coronation cake sale	£ 185	£ -
Niah's key rings	£ 61	£ -
Danceathon	£ 274	£ -
Tombola	£ 26	£ -
To be allocated		£ -
A Casswell Gofundme	£ 382	£ -
Total income	£ 14,814	£ 27,990

Costs

Bursary

DWC Costs

Qualifier entry fees	-£ 1,540	-£ 1,575
Entry fees	£ -	
Costumes	-£ 8,213	-£ 11,758
Team kit and flags	-£ 555	-£ 741
Jackets - ECA donation to parents/carers	-£ 1,700	-£ 960
Qualifier fees - ECA donation to parents/carers		-£ 1,495
Props	-£ 445	
Teacher chaperoning costs	-£ 660	-£ 840
	-£ 13,113	-£ 17,369
Donations to ES		
PBT dance equipment	-£ 202	
Sound system		-£ 474
Other costs		
Insurance	-£ 384	-£ 392
Total costs	-£ 13,698	-£ 20,235
Net Income and Expenditure	£ 1,115	£ 7,755

Balance sheet

	As at 31 Aug 23	As at 31 Aug 24
Bank account	4722	13582
Cash to bank	0	0
Costs to pay out	-1700	-2805
	3022	10777
I&E Account		
I&E B/fwd	1907	3022
Current year I&E	1115	7755
	3022	10777

Prepared by: Jane Wardell ACA

Reviewed by: Sarah Sundin ACA

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of ElliTe Community Association

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of ElliTe Community Association for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no 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. Some trustees have benefitted from the refund of Team England jacket costs and the entry fee. This was due to their children being dancers in the Dance World Cup and a distribution was made to all parents.

Signed: 

Name: Sarah Sundin

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): ICAEW

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Date: 25 June 2025