



RESPONSE COMMUNITY PROJECTS (EARLS COURT) LIMITED

2024 Annual Report

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31st March 2024

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Welcome from the chair

As I reflect on this past year, I am both humbled and honoured to present the Annual Report for Response Community Projects (Earls Court) Limited. This report is more than just a summary of our achievements—it is a testament to the resilience, determination, and unwavering sense of community that defines us.

The past 12 months have been challenging. The rising cost of living, increasing demand for our services, and ongoing social and economic uncertainties have placed immense pressure on individuals and families. Yet, despite these challenges, Response Community Projects has stood as a beacon of hope, offering vital support, a welcoming space, and opportunities for growth and connection.

Our work would not be possible without the passion and dedication of our staff, volunteers, trustees, and supporters. You are the heart of this organisation, and your commitment ensures that we continue to provide essential services—from food support and education programs to community well-being initiatives. Together, we have expanded our outreach, strengthened our partnerships, and remained a source of stability for so many who rely on us.

Sustainability remains at the core of our vision. This year, the Board of Trustees has worked diligently to diversify our funding, strengthen our operational resilience, and secure our future so that we can continue serving the community for years to come. We are deeply grateful to our funders, including RBKC, The Lightbulb Trust, The Earls Court Development Company, and many others, for believing in our mission and enabling us to grow.

To our members and the wider community, thank you. Your trust and engagement fuel our purpose. Whether you have attended a class, accessed support, volunteered your time, or simply shared a kind word, you are part of this journey.

As you explore this report, I hope you feel a sense of pride in what we have achieved together. Every story shared, every challenge overcome, and every milestone reached is a reflection of the power of community. With your continued support, we will keep building a future that is inclusive, empowering, and filled with hope.

With gratitude,

Mohamed-Reda Maich

Interim Chair

Response Community Projects (Earls Court) Limited

31/01/2025



Introduction from the Chief Executive Officer

As CEO of Response Community Projects, it is with great pride that I present our annual accounts, which highlights the carefully stewarded strategic compass that directly supports our mission and serves those in need.

Our beneficiaries, communities, individuals, families and businesses inhabiting the bustling stretch of Old Brompton Road bring life to our charity organisation with their array of talent and aspirations crossing our threshold daily. We are fortunate to provide a space where individuals can thrive and contribute to the betterment of themselves and others.

Response Community Projects is situated in the southern part of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, right at the heart of its 18 wards. Earl's Court has long been celebrated for its rich diversity, bringing together people from all corners of the world. Through our collaborative partnerships - with individuals, charities, organisations and donors - a tapestry is weaved that reflects the dynamic and evolving biome of our community; one that faces significant social and economic inequalities.

The stories are never the same. Each day is different and can fluctuate from joy, to tears, laughter and/or concern. Either way it is a heartwarming to serve this community even amid social, political and economic transformations.

While the exact number of nationalities in Earl's Court is not precisely known, census data for Kensington and Chelsea reveals representation from over 100 nationalities. On busy days, we may welcome individuals speaking over 50 different languages, highlighting the vibrant and multicultural environment we serve. Leading a charity like Response is an immense privilege, offering the opportunity to engage with such a diverse and inspiring community.

Understanding our community's needs remains our top priority, and our open-door policy ensures that everyone feels welcomed and supported. As you review our achievements for this financial year, we are proud to share that we have accomplished the unimaginable, thanks to the unwavering support of our team and community and funders. We have also focused heavily on improving the space, which has been long overdue. There is still a lot to achieve, however we have planned for the improbable and have achieved the impossible.

Sheraine Williams

Chief Executive Officer

31/01/2025



Report of the Trustees

The Directors present their Report and the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

Structure, Governance and Management Governing Document

Response Community Projects (Earls Court) Limited ("Response") is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England & Wales governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 27 October 1978 (as amended). It is a registered charity. An annual fee of £8 is chargeable for members, with £3 concessions for senior citizens, students and the unwaged. In order to qualify for admission to membership persons must live, study or work within the areas of Earls Court.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

Under the Articles of Association, the trustees (who must be members of Response) are elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. The trustees are at law also directors of the company and are known as the Council of Management ("CoM") of Response. The CoM has regard to the requirements of any specialist skills needed. One-third of the CoM retires annually and is entitled to stand for re-election annually. Failure to attend three meetings of the CoM consecutively is deemed to constitute resignation from the CoM. The members of the CoM elect the Chair.

Trustee Induction and Training

New trustees are invited to attend meetings of the CoM as observers prior to their appointment so that they become familiar with the decision-making of Response. They receive an induction pack including the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the last annual report of Response and copies of current interim financial statements. They are introduced to all employees of Response and briefed by the Chair and other trustees as to their obligations as a trustee of charity and director of a company. Attention is drawn particularly to the website of the Charity Commission and the "Directors and Secretaries Guide" available at the website of Companies House for further information on the duties of trustees and directors. All new trustees are specifically briefed on potential Conflicts of Interest, which are dealt with in section 35 of the Articles of Association.

Organisation

The CoM, which may have up to 11 members, administers Response. It normally meets monthly. The CoM appoints employees on a full or part-time basis to manage the day-to-day operations of Response. At present, Response employs one full-time Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the day to day running of the charity, and one part-time Homework Club Co-ordinator - for the Response Homework Club (RHC) and Volunteer Coordinator. The charity supports its financial and premises matters through a Deputy Premises Co-ordinator, and a part time Bookkeeper.

Related Parties

The charity has a relationship with Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea who have provided an annual core operating grant as well as, from time to time, grants related to specific projects. The charity's activities support initiatives of RBKC to assist socially disadvantaged residents in the Earls Court area and youth, health, welfare and cultural objectives of Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea insofar as these are to be delivered in collaboration with the voluntary sector.

Risk Management

The CoM regularly reviews the risks, which it faces operationally and financially. A detailed Health and Safety Inspection is undertaken quarterly, and compliance reviewed by the CoM. The CoM believes that the charity is in compliance with all applicable Health and Safety regulations. In particular, fire safety equipment is checked regularly, and a premises evacuation practised at least annually.

The CoM reviewed its **Financial Operating Guideline** in **2023-2024**, this covers the best practice in paying suppliers, managing cash and back-up of key financial files off-premises. In common with many voluntary sector bodies, the charity depends upon being able to access funds from statutory bodies, charitable foundations, the business community and individuals and recognises that these funds cannot be guaranteed.

Public Benefit

In planning and reviewing the following activities, the Management Committee has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission guideline on public benefit.

Objectives and Activities

The objects for which Response is established are to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in Earls Court and to overcome social isolation in Earls Court and the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and to encourage people to reach their potential including to:

Empower and enable users by improving skills and access to employment through educational courses and drop-in sessions

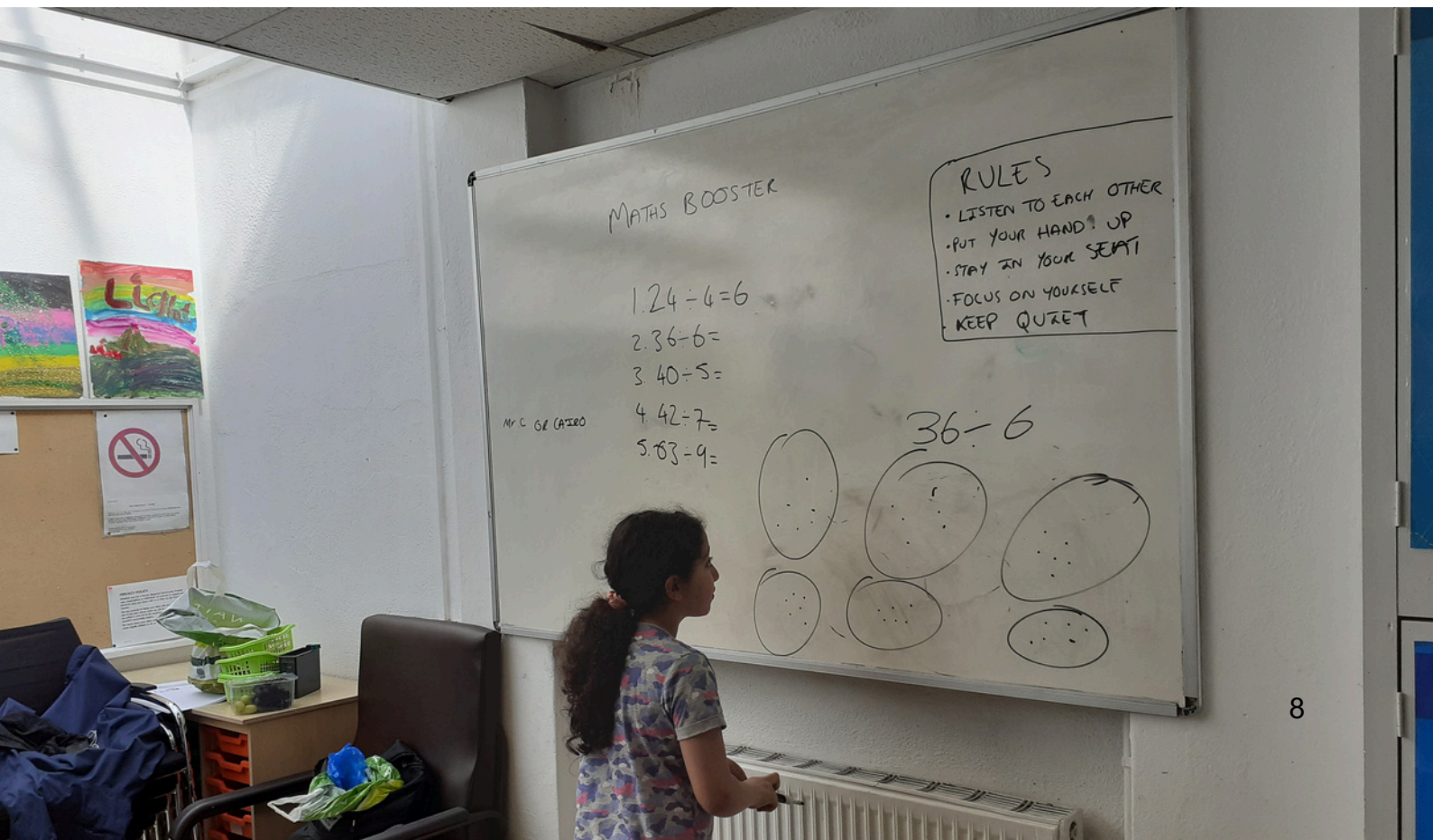
Provide opportunities for access to social and cultural events organised by Response

Provide a warm beneficial environment for children attending Computer and Homework Club

Improve volunteering opportunities


People we aim to reach include:

- Older people living alone or in sheltered accommodation
- People with disabilities
- Refugees, asylum seekers, migrants (including those in oppressive situations)
- People who are on low income or unemployed
- Children, particularly those of the above



Achievements and Performance


We have had a remarkable year filled with fun for young people, families and our service users. Our charity has made significant strides toward fulfilling our mission, achieving both operational and programmatic successes.



We **increased** our outreach by,

30%

providing vital services to more individuals in need and expanding our support network.



Through the dedication of our staff and volunteers, we successfully launched several community initiatives, including a new youth empowerment program that has already **impacted** over

50 young people

These accomplishments reflect our commitment to making a tangible difference and our continued focus on positive social change.

Capital Works

We embarked on a capital works project that focused on **four** areas of the site; renovation of the computer room, two rooms spaces and the external roof to support the charity's of goals of creating better and safer spaces. These projects involved upgrading the existing structures and vastly improving our community spaces. A number of our services would be put on hold as the work first envisaged would need further remedy. These projects are essential for enhancing the charity's capacity to deliver services, improve community engagement, and ensure long-term sustainability.

Organisations

Community Health & Well-being sessions are designed to promote the overall health, happiness, and resilience of individuals within our community. These sessions provide a supportive environment where participants can engage in activities that enhance physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Topics may include stress management, healthy living, mindfulness, and building stronger or casual social connections. The goal is to create a sense of belonging and empowerment, encouraging individuals to take proactive steps toward improving their quality of life. Our sessions create a foundation for stronger, more connected communities where everyone can flourish addressing various aspects of well-being.



Our main aims have been the following:

01

Increasing access to health resources

04

The promotion of healthy behaviours

02

Health, education and awareness

05

Community Engagement and cohesion

03

Improved community indicators

06

Reducing health disparities

07

Strengthening social support networks

The Mending Project

The Mending Project is a totally voluntary service that has provided a dependable solution to the needs of Clothing Bank recipients, elderly residential residents, students, people rough sleeping and more. It has targeted specifically, those in need for free on a regular basis, providing a space for conversations and association. Visitors are offered a drop-in service where they can leave their item for repair and collect the same day or at sessions the following week. They also have the chance to learn how to sew and operate a sewing machine, hand

stitching methods and techniques encouraging them to mend, themselves, and have autonomy and a sense of achievement once complete. Set up with the intent to combat loneliness and reduce textile waste in Earl's Court, the mending Project was set up a local international artist, Megan Segre. It continues to be a welcoming space for supportive conversations, banter, creativity and happy results.

Local Artist, Elspeth Scott



Our resident Floral Artist, Elspeth Scott, facilitated visually captivating floral arrangements projects using flowers, foliage, and other natural elements with our service users. The projects included designing bouquets, centre pieces, and decorative installations were reflective of each season with specific themes, providing both beginners and seasoned enthusiasts with valuable techniques and inspiration. Floral artistry has enhanced the positive expressive art forms celebrated in nature allowing connection the local environment promoting a sense of pride and achievement; elevating mood, reducing stress and promoting relaxation.

Grenfell Stars

The Grenfell Stars workshop in conjunction with the Grenfell Wellbeing Service, paved the opportunity and space, for those affected by the Grenfell Tower disaster, south of the borough, to reflect and hold a moment of thought. We were joined by mental health professionals and community members who connected and took part in decorating hearts and stars, sharing testimonies and mindfulness exercises designed with an emphasis on healing and resilience. The workshop also provided valuable resources and information about ongoing support available at the services. Positive feedback from attendees reflected the workshop's success in promoting both emotional recovery and a sense of solidarity. This event marked an important step in continuing the well needed support for the Grenfell community.

The Nubian Professionals & Business Owners Networking Event

The Nubian Professionals & Business Owners Networking event successfully brought together a diverse group of 40 professionals and entrepreneurs. Partnering with business and marketing expert, Nu9Empire, attendees including three London wide councillors of BAME origin engaged in meaningful conversations, exchanged valuable insights, and cemented new business connections. The event identified much needed safe and supportive environments, promoting collaboration and growth within the community.



Response Food Bank & Community Support & Advice



The **Response Food Bank** has grown to become a vital destination for supporting vulnerable individuals and families in need, and addressing food and financial insecurities. We provide essential produce; fresh (fruit and vegetables), ambient, dairy for nourishment and vitality, promoting dignity, respect and resilience to alleviate hardship within the community. Income disparities contribute to these issues, leading to varying levels instability. We deliver this service to ensure that those visiting do not go hungry, and that there is a destination that provides fresh produce and of excellent/good quality.

Our foodbank initiative strengthen social ties and offers a safety net for those experiencing isolation, mental health, homelessness and low income.

City Harvest has been a solid partner since the Covid -19 pandemic began in 2020. We have a built a solid relationship with this charity who strives to maintain professionalism in all they deliver. Drivers are welcoming and consistent, and through in-depth conversations, understand the needs of our service users and beneficiaries. They have enabled us to provide an incredibly nutritious and varied set of options to distribute.



The **Felix Project**, have also supported us through our holiday periods in conjunction with our **Holiday, Activity & Food (HAF)** programme (see more information below), where hikes in food insecurity is on the increase putting more financial pressure upon families. Again, with professionalism and efficiency, The Felix Project has given the Response foodbank opportunity to provide astounding surplus food quantities to our beneficiaries with a lot of great choice.

Child poverty is prevalent

1 IN 4
CHILDREN in the borough living in poverty.

The proportion of children receiving Free School Meals has risen to

33% indicating increasing financial strain on families.

To counteract the effects of child hunger during the school holidays, **The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea**, in conjunction with Young K+C has funded the Holiday, Activity & Food (HAF) program for 20 children and young people who are in receipt of Free School Meals (FSMs). Response is a service provider of this initiative. We deliver fun activities, trips and provide a hot meal for all attendees on this programme. The project is a life line for families who are struggling and worrying about making ends meet during this time. We carefully plan and map out each holiday series, and all experiences are well planned and thought out.

We are proud to have enabled enthralling trips in this period to; The Lion King - at the Lyceum theatre, Lego Land (Windsor, by coach), Uber boat ride, Battersea Power Station, The Design museum, The Science Museum, Vue Cinema, BBC Earth Experience (courtesy of the ECDC), singing, dance and Djembe drumming workshops, carefully researched food eateries – and many more. Our enthusiasm rests upon creating life long memories for young people, disbanding the barriers that may hinder their basic needs - through play.

Response became a proud member of the **Kensington and Chelsea Social Council's 'Food Roots' network**. This initiative was created to improve the partnership working between VCS/Statutory sectors in provision of services for residents in need of financial, food and other forms of support.

Through this 'advice' partnership, we provided a familiar and trusting space to support and impart residents from solely just food collection being their primary motivation for visiting our food bank. Together with two KCSC staff members and an Information and advice advisor from the Nucleus Advice Centre, we assisted residents, from RBKC, with Benefit, Welfare, Debt & Money Problems, Housing Problems, Proof of Residency, Immigration and Asylum advice and more. Residents were also matched and referred to grant giving organisations such as Campden Charities. Together, the aim was to steer those who were open to receive help closer toward the resolutions they might need

Every Thursday, Response has supported Turning Point, an organisation that provides supported housing to residents with mental health and physical disabilities, by providing a variety of food items from our foodbank to support their 'Thursday lunch time cooking programme'. The residents and staff would collect from our foodbank each week and then prepare a cooked meal together. This helped Turning Point to offer a more and reliable project delivery on a long term basis.

A special message of appreciation goes to Ada - "The Bread Lady", who spends her evenings and weekends rescuing bread and related products from 'upmarket' local bakeries', who have created various initiatives to reduce food waste. She then redistributes the items to the Response food bank and other local Charities and food banks, South of the borough. Our food bank would not be the same without her incredible hard work and commitment to serve our community.

We'd also like to thank our local Tesco Express for providing us top-ups of extra produce to support our food bank service and St Cuthbert and Mathias Primary School for their Harvest donation, and the kindness of personal food donations.



The Earls Court Community Aid hosted their Food Bank on Saturday afternoons. This provided an extra outlet for those who were unable to attend the food bank on our regular Thursday.

The Solution Session, helping residents of RBKC with housing and local issues continued on every Friday from 1-5pm.

All of this could not have been possible without the consistency and strong partnerships that we have built with our food bank suppliers and local donations.

Support For Older Users



Our **Chair Yoga** classes continues to provide a safe and peaceful space for socially isolated elderly members of our diverse community. This class has continued to act as a reliable and coherent meeting place, promoting healing and spiritual stimulation.

Our partnership with **Open Age** has continued to encourage physical and mental well-being. Their popular Creative writing and Theatre Writing courses ignite creative & mentally stimulating, learning, and healthy activities. We are proud to have return to a safe and warm setting for their education and recreational programmes to thrive.



Age UK hosted a workshop in 5-week Health & Strength workshop which included chair- based exercises, a light lunch and discussion topics related to health and wellbeing in later life.

Partnering with **Lafia Vibes**; via the **Dalgarno Trust's Healthwise** project fund & Notting hill Genesis, invited and brought a new cohort of BAME women over 50 years to our space via the “**Steady & Stable**” project. The main aim being to provide advice, guidance, healthy eating - with a plant based focus, physical chair exercises and mindfulness segments to each session primarily aimed at residents of RBKC. These sessions complimented our physical and active programme and enabled participants to discover pain management solutions. Days out to Buckingham Palace, Kew Gardens and The “BBC Earth Experience (ECDC) fostered a team spirit, strengthened relationships, promoted positive group dynamics and cohesion.



Homework Club & Supplementary Education

During the period covering September 2023 to July 2024, the Response Homework Club reduced its frequency as we focused on capital works project.

The works took longer than anticipated as the structural repair estimates unveiled more works that needed to be remedied. Despite this set back, the results are astonishing and has created a modern working space for our young people.

Our Mission & Vision

- To empower socially and economically disadvantaged 25-30 local children aged 8-16 from diverse cultures
- Ensure that no one is left behind in their learning and development
- To develop confidence & independent learning in our young persons' homework, Math, English & Art
- To create enrichment opportunities and activities that bring joy and happiness into the lives of our young people.

Our Homework Club is a treasured space where our young people thrive and are encouraged to be themselves. Whether it is improving their academic attainment, social interactivity or simply, a break from their home environment, our doors are welcome to all. We have endeavoured to continue building on partnership relations with local schools, organisations, and institutions.



The homework club is a space for all children to experience new, engaging and professional learning support and academic enhancement. It also explores the diverse homework tasks from several different Primary and Secondary schools, acting as a destination for progress and refinement. Educators and volunteers aid the children and help whenever its needed. We also provide a variety of supplies that they might need such as pens and pencils and art supplies for term time projects.

The Octavia 'Better Lives' Fund rooted the message of 'process' and 'patience' in creative activities. Participants were directed through design preparation of how idea and thought could be transformed into a digital design - then the cutting of material and then the vinyl and heat application techniques. Full participation was required for the complete process of creating custom t-shirts and hoodies. The workshops provided an environment of opportunities to explore various print methods. The sessions played an epic role in learning, experimentation and how visualisation can become an amazing reality.



We were humbled to have continued our partnership with the **Kingston University Hub's School Plus** programme where we were gifted 12 volunteers to engage with and mentor our students. The '**Code +**' programme brought coding workshops to the homework club as part of introducing young people to computer programming and coding experiences. Sadly the project ceased to continue the new academic year. We are elated to have been part of this brilliant volunteering network.

The **Natural History Museum Community Engagement** sessions connected our young people with the museum via visiting their exciting weekend workshops and access to their amazing exhibitions.

The **Earls Court Arabic School** utilised the space on Saturday mornings and then in September by the *Al-Sham Arabic School*. Both provided much needed cultural and learning support for children who are learning the Arabic language.

Community Celebrations

Kings Coronation Street Party

In celebration of the King's Coronation, Response hosted a street party in conjunction with the Earl Court ward councillors and Earls Court Community Aid. In what has been described as an unforgettable celebration of history, we brought communities together through our arts and cultural activities outcomes. Beneficiaries, neighbours, families, friends and visitors came together to enjoy a day filled with music, delicious food, and fun activities for all ages. 160 people registered for the event via the poster QR code, leading to an even higher turn out on the day.

The atmosphere was lively, with everyone dressed in festive attire. The event not only marked the coronation but also strengthened the sense of togetherness within our community. **Our Earls Court Community Champions** and volunteers totalled 15 and delivered a highly esteemed service, preparing unlimited waves of delicious food and refreshments. The highlights included; an ice cream van, face painting, 'Street Floristry' – with Elspeth Scott. Games such as 'Tug 'o' War and musical chair were played in the street, as local young musicians brought out their musical instruments to entertain the crowds. It was a joy to see the community of Earls Court come together and revel in what became an open, friendly and memorable day for all with the support from the CLLL fund.

International Women's Day

To celebrate the achievements and contributions of women throughout history and worldwide, we invited the women of Earls Court and neighbouring wards in RBKC & boroughs to our **International Women's Day event**. Women of all nationalities and walks of life graced our space.

The event featured inspiring speakers, panel discussions, live music, and creative activities that highlighted the importance of gender equality and women's empowerment. Sharing stories of resilience, leadership, and strength from across cultures and backgrounds. Attendees were engaged and motivated by the discussions and workshops, and there was a strong sense of solidarity in the room. We were also able to raise awareness about the challenges women continue to face globally, while acknowledging the progress we've made and will continue. **Kamitan Arts**, our guest performer, shared poetry and songs in reflection and testimony of world and spiritual liberation. Goody bags were provided to each attendee.

Organisational Support & Donations

We are proud to have maintained our partnerships with, for example Open Age, Kensington & Chelsea Foundation, Octavia Foundation, Kensington & Chelsea Social Council, Kensington and Chelsea Volunteer Centre, RBKC Council, Team London Volunteer Hub, The Nucleus, Earls Court Development Company and the Earls Court Youth Club.

CAMPDEN CHARITIES

Age UK

HOLICK FOUNDATION – HOMEWORK CLUB

Maternity Champions – Support with nappies and supplies

VCKC

Richer Sounds

Open Age

Royall Palaces - Community Access Scheme

Councillors

West way CT

Response has been able to fundraise for and provide the above services within its set budget. Activities are monitored using take up, progression and evaluation forms, which reveal that Response has met its objectives in the provision of services during 2023-2024. For this we, the trustees, are indebted to the enthusiasm and hard work of our volunteers and staff especially our CEO Sheraine Williams.

Financial Review



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA

During the financial year 2023-2024 Response received core funding from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) and the Lightbulb trust. Additional core funds were generated from meeting room hire, the internet shop and referrals to the Campden Charities.

Core funding partially incorporates salaries of our Chief Executive Officer and our in-house bookkeeper. Performance-dependent grants were awarded from various sources. We are particularly grateful to The Hollick Family and Octavia for support of the Response Homework Club. The club sustained its popularity and continuity through our HAF initiative. We were able to continue providing our quality service to 45 young people during the year.

Overall Response generated an income of £139,287 in the period April 30 2023-March 1 2024 compared to £111,832 in the previous year.

The charity's expenditure for the year 2023-2024 was £130,618 resulting in a surplus of £8,669. The reserves at year-end totalled £31,873 of which £23,834 was unrestricted and £8,039 was restricted.

Investment Powers and Policy

Under the Articles of Association, the CoM may invest the charity's funds in any lawful manner the trustees see fit. The trustees' policy is to invest funds that are surplus to current operating and liquidity requirements in a COIF Charities Deposit Fund account.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees consider that it is their responsibility to have a minimum reserve of at least three months of running cost to ensure an adequate safety margin for the operation of the Charity and for any statutory contractual liabilities. The Trustees keep these reserves under review annually. The total unrestricted reserve as at the 31 March 2024 is £23,834 and the restricted reserve is £8,039

The CoM has conducted a review of Restricted Funding arrangements to ensure that Unrestricted Reserves may benefit to the maximum extent possible from release of grants at the end of any relevant period of restriction. Cost containment and fund-raising from new and commercial sources are being targeted by the CoM.

We gratefully acknowledge the support and goodwill of users, parents as well as the dedication and professionalism of all our volunteers, staff and trustees.

The Board of Trustees at Response Community Projects would like to thank the following organisations and Friends of Response for all their help and support throughout 2023-2024.

- Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
- Kensington & Chelsea Social Council
- Lightbulb Trust
- Earls Court Development Fund
- Octavia
- Young K+C Foundation
- The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust
- The Hollick Family
- Westway Trust
- Campden Charities
- Kingston University, London
- Team London Volunteer Hub
- Wetherby Primary School
- Leyland (Earls Court)

Although cuts in traditional voluntary sector funding streams begin to bite we at Response Community Projects have every confidence that we can remain at the forefront of the challenge. This will allow us to benefit the lives of the often overlooked socially, financially and/or physically disadvantaged individuals living in Earls Court and the surrounding areas.

Responsibilities of the Directors

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at balance sheet date and of its surplus or deficit of the company for that financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to

1. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
2. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
3. State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
4. Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue to operate.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements 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.

By order of the Council of Management:



..... Date:.....31/01/2025.....

Zein Jaward

(Honorary Treasurer & Director)



..... Date:....31/01/2025.....

Mohamed Reda Maich

(Chairman)

Independent Examiners Report

TO THE TRUSTEES OF RESPONSE COMMUNITY PROJECTS (EARLS COURT) LIMITED

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Response Community Projects (Earls Court) Limited (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

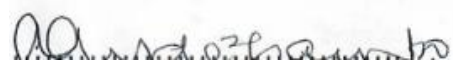
Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.



Dated ...31/01/2025.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES						
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024						
			Unrestricted funds 2024	Restricted funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes		£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3		29,000	0	29,000	27,500
Charitable activities	4		0	77,713	77,713	89,167
Investments	5		0	1	1	1
Other Income	6		14,373	0	14,373	22,619
Total Income			43,373	77,714	121,087	139,287
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	7		39,042	58,359	97,401	96,496
Support and Governance			0	27,286	27,286	34,122
			39,042	85,645	124,687	130,618
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers			4,331	-7,931	-3,600	8,669
Gross transfers between funds			0	0	0	0
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in			4,331	-7,931	- 3,600	8,669
Fund balances at 1 April 2023			23,834	8,039	31,873	23,204
Fund balances at 31 March 2024			28,165	108	28,273	31,873
The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.						
All income and expenditure derived from continuing activities.						
The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.						

BALANCE SHEET			Company Registration No. "01396494"			
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024						
			2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Assets	11		11,607			477
Current Assets						
Debtors	12	17,640		17,757		
Cash at bank and in hand		5,233		21,044		
		22,873		38,801		
Creditors: amounts falling due						
	13	-6,207		-7,405		
Net Current Assets			16,666			31,396
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			28,273			31,873
Income Funds						
Unrestricted funds			28,165			8,039
Restricted funds	14		108			23,834
			28,273			31,873
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024.						
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.						
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question						
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.						
These financial statements were approved by the trustees on						
Signed						
Print Name						
Trustee and company director						

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Response Community Projects (Earls Court) Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 300 Old Brompton Road, London SW5 9JF.

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The charity made a deficit of £3,600 of which £7,931 was in restricted funds and the surplus balance of £4,331 is in the unrestricted fund. At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are to be used for purposes specified by the donor. Expenditure which meets the criteria is charged to the fund.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

Grants both revenue and capital, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are receivable. Income from the bookshop, meeting room and sundry items are included when receivable.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised in the period to which it is incurred inclusive of irrecoverable VAT and is allocated to the particular activity to which the cost relates.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Fixed assets are capitalised when the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and Machinery 25% pa reducing balance basis

Fixtures, fittings & equipment 10% pa reducing balance basis

Computers 25% pa reducing balance basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/ (expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

The charity makes defined contributions to pension schemes on behalf of its employees and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity in respect of the year.

1.12 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future.

Note 3								
Donations and legacies								
		Unrestricted Funds 2024	-	Restricted Funds 2023		Total Income 2024		Total Carried forward
		£		£		£		£
Donations and gifts								
	The Lightbulb Trust	20,000		0		20,000		0
	CAF	<u>9,000</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>9,000</u>		0
		29,000		0		29,000		0

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024			
4 Charitable activities			
	Charitable Income		Charitable Income
	2024		2023
	£		£
Performance related grants	77,713		89,167
Analysis by fund			
	-		-
Restricted funds	77,713		89,167
	77,713		89,167
For the year ended 31 March 2024			
Unrestricted funds	31,873		31,873
	-		-
	31,873		31,873
Performance related grants			
RB Kensington & Chelsea - Core	34,588		41,080
RB Kensington & Chelsea - Projects	10,200		3,955
Octavia	5,025		4,508
Westway Trust	-		5,174
Earls Court Development Fund	13,300		20,000
Julia & Hann Rausing Trust	-		4,540
The Hollick Family	5,000		5,000-
Young K&C	9,600		4,910-
	77,713		89,167

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024			
5 Investments			
	Unrestricted Funds		Total
	2024		2023
	£		£
Interest receivable	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024			
6 Other income: Room Hire etc			
	Unrestricted Funds		Total
	2024		2023
	£		£
Other income	<u>14,373</u>		<u>22,619</u>
7 Charitable activities			
	Direct Charitable Expenditure		Direct Charitable Expenditure
	2024		2023
Analysis of expenditure	£		£
Staff costs	62,736		72,397
Depreciation and impairment	3,870		174
Charitable direct expenditure	<u>39,042</u>		<u>24,099</u>
	<u>105,748</u>		<u>96,670</u>
Share of support costs (see note 8)	21,916		32,622
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	1,500		1,500
	<u>23,416</u>		<u>34,122</u>
	<u>124,687</u>		<u>130,792</u>

Analysis of income by fund			
Unrestricted funds	43,373		50,119
Restricted funds	77,714		89,168
	121,087		139,287
For the year ended 31 March 2024			
Unrestricted funds	28,165		23,834
Restricted funds	108		8,039
	28,273		31,873

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)							
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024							
8 Support costs							
				Support Costs	Governance Costs	2024	2023
				£	£	£	£
Premises and equipment costs				31,969		31,969	26,286
Office & insurance costs				4,312		4,312	4,735
Accountancy				755	1500	2,255	3,101
				37,036	1,500	38,536	34,122
Analysed between							
Charitable activities				<u>37,036</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>38,536</u>	<u>34,122</u>
Governance costs comprises payments to the independent examiner of £1,500 (2023 - £1,500) for independent examination fees.							
9 Trustees							
None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year, none were reimbursed expenses (2024 - Nil)							
10 Employees							
Number of employees							
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:							
					2024		2023
					Number		Number
Direct charitable (part-time)					1		1..5
Administration (part-time)					1		1
					2		2.5
Employments costs							
					2024		2023
					£		£
Wages and salaries including severance					55,590		59,165
Social security and pension costs					7,246		11,171
					62,736		70,337
There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.							

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023/4						
11 Tangible fixed assets						
	Building		Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment		Computers	Total
	£		£		£	£
Cost						
<u>At 1 April 2023</u>	15,000		143,794		36,154	194,948
<u>At 31 March 2024</u>	15,000		143,794		36,154	194,948
Depreciation and impairment						
<u>At 1 April 2023</u>	0		143,794		35,676	179,470
Depreciation charged in the year	3,750		-		120	3,870
<u>At 31 March 2024</u>	<u>3,750</u>		<u>143,794</u>		<u>35,796</u>	<u>183,340</u>
Carrying amount						
<u>At 31 March 2024</u>	11,250		0		<u>357</u>	<u>11,607</u>
<u>At 31 March 2023</u>	0		0		477	477
12 Debtors						
Amounts falling due within one year:						
					2024	2023
					£	£
Operating debtors					4,390	4,507
Other debtors: Rent deposit					8,500	8,500
Prepayments: 3 month's rent					<u>4,750</u>	<u>4,750</u>
					<u>17,640</u>	<u>17,757</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024			
13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	2024		2023
	£		£
Taxation national insurance and pension	4,707		5,905
Operating creditors	0		0
Other creditors independent examination	1,500		1,500
Accruals	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>
	<u>6,207</u>		<u>7,405</u>
14 Retirement benefit schemes			
Defined contribution schemes			
The charity operates a defined contribution and pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.			

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023			
15 Operating lease commitments			
At the reporting end date, the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases which fall due as follows:			
	2024		2023
	£		£
Within one year	20,000		2,0000
Between two and five years	<u>80,000</u>		<u>0</u>
	<u>100,000</u>		<u>20,000</u>
A new five-year lease came into place on 31-3-23			
16 Related party transactions			
Remuneration of key management personnel			

The remuneration of key management personnel including tax, national insurance pension:			
	2024		2023
	£		£
Aggregated compensation	<u>62,736</u>		<u>70,337</u>
There were no other related party transactions during the year.			