REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

COMPANY NUMBER: 1647371

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CHAIRMAN AND ADVISORS

Incorporated on 29 June 1982 under the Companies Act 1948 to 1980 and governed through a Memorandum, and Articles of Association.

Chairman Councillor M.A.S. Heaster

Members of Council Councillor V. Thompson

J Spencer (appointed 1.10.99)

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

The principal activity of the charity is the achievement of education and provision of training facilities to persons who, through their social or economic circumstances, are in need or unable to gain employment.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Council of Management submit their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000.

The accounts comply with current statutory requirements and the charitable company's governing documents.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Performance for the year can only be described as outstanding. Annual turnover again increased significantly to in excess of 1 million pounds. Costs whilst increasing were kept under tight control to record the charitable company's best trading result for a number of years with a surplus of £95,079.

This result was due to continued good performance on existing contracts particularly on Adult Training. During the year Careers Development Group were successful in obtaining several new contracts including New Deal Gateway to Work. Our principle customer the Employment Service introduced job performance league tables. I am pleased to report that our mainstream job search provision at Kingston, Heathrow and Wandsworth consistently featured amongst the top twelve performers for the whole of London and South East Region. Likewise Careers Development Group were amongst the better providers for New Deal Options with VSO & ETF contracts at Wandsworth proving highly successful in terms of jobs.

In accordance with our strategy of the previous year Quality issues were addressed with Careers Development Group gaining both IOS9002 and reaching the TSC inspection kitemark for Raising the Standard.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would once again like to thank all staff for their input, performance and dedication to the aims of the charitable company. During the year our current Operations Director became our Chief Executive and it is our intention to add further management posts during 2001 to support him in taking the group forward in what is anticipated to be another difficult year given the new training arrangements for Adults and Young People and the closure of Training & Enterprise Councils.

Financial strategy will continue to be reviewed with Trustees agreeing policy on reserves and setting aside monies to aid the development of new business and meeting existing premises liabilities. It is our intention as a charity to look to build up core business by expanding our operations to other parts of London and the Midlands. Likewise to work on our specialist projects such as our Somali Job Search Programme with Hounslow Employment Trust. This project is proving very successful in helping this group of clients return to work, many of whom having learning difficulties.

To conclude we look forward to meeting the challenges that 2001 present and continual development of our training products to wider client groups, also to employ Business Development consultants to look at commercial strategies to produce extra funds to develop our charitable aims.

Finally, we require to expand our board of trustees to facilitate the management & development of the charitable company.

FINANCIAL POSITION

At the balance sheet date unrestricted funds stood at £220,118 which is sufficient to finance the charitable company's direct charitable expenditure for over two months at existing expenditure levels and a surplus exists on the General Fund of £95,118.

STEP AHEAD LIMITED

The charitable company's subsidiary, Step Ahead Limited, remained a dormant company throughout the year under review.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

The Council of Management constitute directors for the purpose of the Companies Act 1985 and as required by the constitution are members of the Association.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

Charity and Company Law requires the Members to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Members are required to:-

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:-
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent:-
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements:-
- d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Members are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at anytime, the financial position of the charitable company and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report is prepared in accordance with special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the Council of Management

Councillor M.A.S. Heaster

Date 23/07/2001

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF CAREERS DEVELOPMENT GROUP

We have audited the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000 set out on pages 6 to 16 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 9.

Respective responsibilities of the Council of Management and the Auditors

As described on page 3 the Council of Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion on those statements, based on our audit, and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes an examination on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Council of Management in the preparation of the financial statements and an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit in order to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charitable company's state of affairs as at 31 December 2000 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including it's income and expenditure, for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

	Unrestricted Funds				
		General	Contingency	Total	Total
	Note	Fund £	Fund £	2000 £	1999 £
Incoming Resources					
Trade in furtherance of charitable objects					
Gross income	1	1,102,110	-	1,102,110	970,460
Investment income - bank deposit interest		1,015	-	1,015	261
					
Total Incoming Resources		1,103,125	- -	1,103,125 ======	970,721 =======
Resources Expended					
Direct charitable expenditure		876,114	-	876,114	748,299
Management and administration	2	131,932	-	131,932	179,023
Total Resources Expended		1,008,046	-	1,008,046	927,322
Net Movement in Funds		95,079	•	95,079	43,399
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Balances brought forward at 1 January 2000		39 ———	125,000	125,039	81,640
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2	000	95,118	125,000	220,118	125,039
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All amounts above are derived from continuing operations and the charitable company has no recognised gains and losses other than those disclosed here.

The notes on page 7 and pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

1. TRADE IN FURTHERANCE OF CHARITABLE OBJECTS

	2000 £	1999 £
Income Grants Fees Receivable Sundry Income	288,764 813,346	227,720 742,290 450
	1,102,110	970,460
Expenditure		
Staff costs Depreciation	534,674 18,726	468,571 18,710
Other Operating Costs	322,714	261,018
		
	876,114 ======	748,299
Net income	225,996 ======	222,161

2. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Salaries and office costs	Other operating costs	Depreciation £	Total £
Management and administration	51,220	76,031	4,681	131,932

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

	Note	£	2000 £	£	1999 £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	10		50,257		30,070
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	12	245,231 127,218		193,059 47,049	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13	372,449 (199,046)		240,108 (141,597)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			173,403		98,511
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABIL	ITIES		223,660		128,581
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(3,542)		(3,542)
			220,118		125,039
RESERVES					
Income and Expenditure Account Contingency Reserve Account	16 17		95,118 125,000		39 125,000
			220,118		125,039

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of special exemptions applicable to small companies, conferred by Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

The financial statements were approved on behalf of the Council of Management on

Councillor M.A.S. Heaster

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

The notes on page 7 and pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

1. STATUS

The Association is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member is determined by the constitution of the Association and shall not exceed the sum of £1.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies of the charitable company have remained unchanged from the previous year and are set out below:

(a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities.

(b) Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided for on all tangible assets which are held for the furtherance of the charitable company's objects, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset, evenly over their anticipated useful economic life as follows:-

Refurbishment of premises

- Cost over 2 years

Machinery and equipment

- 25% per annum straight line

Furniture and fittings

- Cost over 4 years

Computer hardware

- 33% per annum straight line

Computer software

- 33% per annum straight line

(c) Grants

All grants are included on a receivable basis.

(d) Lease and Hire Purchase Commitments

Payments under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account as incurred.

Assets financed under hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the Balance Sheet and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives.

Assets financed under finance leases are capitalised in the Balance Sheet at their fair value and are depreciated over the shorter of the term of the lease, and their estimated useful economic lives.

Finance charges and interests, in conjunction with the finance leases and hire purchase contracts, are charged to the Income and Expenditure account on a straight line basis.

(e) Income

Charitable donations and covenanted income are included in the accounts when received and are attributable to the furtherance of the charitable company's objects.

(f) Pensions

Certain employees are in pensionable employment within the Local Government Superannuation Scheme. The Government Actuary sets the defined contribution rate and this is reviewed every five years.

In addition the charitable company operated a separate defined contribution scheme with Equitable Life.

(g) The charitable company has taken advantage of the statutory exemption not to prepare group accounts by virtue of its size as permitted by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985.

3. COMPANIES ACT 1985

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The prescribed profit and loss account formats, required by Schedule 4 Part 1 of the Companies Act 1985, have not been adhered to in disclosing the financial results of the Association for the twelve months ended 31 December 2000. It is the opinion of the Members of the Council of Management that strict adherence to these formats would be misleading to the membership of the Association and prevent the financial statements from showing a true and fair view as required by Section 226(5) of the Companies Act 1985.

In all other respects the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985.

4. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Contingency Funds	Total 2000 £	Total 1999 £
Staff costs	534,674	-	534,674	468,571
Depreciation	18,726	-	18,726	18,710
Other operating costs	322,714	-	322,714	261,018
		 		
	876,114		876,114	748,299
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OF THE CHARITABLE COMPA	IN Y			
	Unrestricted	Contingency	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2000	1999
	£	£	£	£
Salaries and office costs	51,220	-	51,220	108,950
Legal and professional fees	9,372	-	9,372	4,090
Audit and accountancy	9,318	-	9,318	9,824
Depreciation	4,681	-	4,681	4,677
Publicity	9,611	-	9,611	4,185
Other	47,730	•	47,730	47,297
	131,932		121 022	170.003
	131,932		131,932	179,023 =======
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDE	ED			
	Staff costs	Other	Depreciation	Total
	£	£	£	£
Direct charitable expenditure	534,674	322,714	18,726	876,114
Management and administration	51,220	76,031	4,681	131,932
	585,894	398,745	23,407	1,008,046
				

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

7. OPERATING SURPLUS

The operating surplus for the year ended 31 December 2000 may be attributed to the principal activity of training.

	2000	1999 £
The operating surplus is stated after charging:	*	~
	169 720	162,691
	_	•
	5,000	5,000
•		
	-	21,280
 assets held under Lease Purchase contracts 	1,756	2,107
- Interest payable under Lease Purchase contracts	588	706
STAFF COSTS	2000 £	1999 £
Wages and salaries	476,038	422,619
	_	35,200
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2,227
Staff recruitment costs	60	-,
	518,210	460,046
	STAFF COSTS Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	The operating surplus is stated after charging: - Payments under operating leases (buildings) - Auditors' remuneration - Depreciation: - owned assets - assets held under Lease Purchase contracts - Interest payable under Lease Purchase contracts - STAFF COSTS STAFF COSTS Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs Staff recruitment costs £

The members of the Council of Management received no remuneration nor expenses for their services to the Association during the year (1999 – nil).

Number

There were no employees who received salaries over £40,000 during the year (1999 – nil).

The average number of employees during the year was made up as follows:-

	Number
Office and management	2
Instructors	30
	32

9. PENSION COMMITMENTS

During the twelve months to 31 December 2000, the company contributed £2,302 to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme (1999 - £1,850).

The company also contributed £1,099 to Equitable Life (1999 - £966).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

10.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Machinery & Equipment £	Furniture & Fittings	Total £
	COST			
	At 1 January 2000	215,343	67,515	282,858
	Additions	29,083	14,511	43,594
	At 31 December 2000	244,426	82,026	326,452
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	DEPRECIATION			
	At 1 January 2000	192,434	60,354	252,788
	Charge for the year	17,793	5,614	23,407
				
	At 31 December 2000	210,227	65,968	276,195
				
	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 31 December 1999	22,909	7,161	30,070
		=====		
	At 31 December 2000	34,199	16,058	50,257

At 31 December 2000 there were no assets held under lease purchase agreements.

11. TANGIBLE ASSET INVESTMENT

The results of the subsidiary undertakings have not been consolidated with those of this charitable company, because the Members consider the charitable company is entitled to the exemption of preparing group financial statements as conferred by Section 248(4) of the Companies Act 1985.

The subsidiary remained dormant throughout the year under review.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

11. TANGIBLE ASSET INVESTMENT (CONT)

Details of the subsidiary's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000 are as follows:

Step Ahead Limited (incorporated in Great Britain and limited by guarantee)

		2000 £	1999 £
	Aggregate of Capital and Reserves	_	_
	Profit for the year	-	-
	•		====
	The Members consider the market value of the company to be £nil.		
12,	DEBTORS	2000	1999
		£	£
	Trade debtors	165,583	134,893
	Other debtors	56,242	33,458
	Prepayments and accrued income	23,406	24,708
		245 221	102.050
		245,231 ======	193,059 ======
	All amounts above are considered receivable within one year of the bal	ance sheet date	
13.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2000	1999
	,	£	£
	Instalments due in respect of Lease Purchase	-	1,756
	Trade creditors	29,313	14,303
	Other creditors	97,444	30,949
	Accruals	32,259	45,868
	Social security and taxes	40,030	48,721
		199,046	141,597
			=====
14.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	2000	1999
		£	£
	Other creditors	3,542	3,542
			====

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

15. LEASE AND HIRE PURCHASE COMMITMENTS

The future payments to which the charitable company is committed at 31 December 2000 under lease purchase are as follows:

		2000 £	1999 £
	Gross obligations due within one year Gross obligations due between two and five years	- -	2,344
		-	2,344
	Less: Interest and Finance Charges		(588)
		-	1,756
16.	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	2000 £	1999 £
	At 1 January 2000	39	(43,360)
	Retained profit for the financial year	95,079	43,399
	At 31 December 2000	95,118	39
17.	CONTINGENCY RESERVE ACCOUNT	2000 £	1999 £
	At 1 January 2000	125,000	125,000
. ,	Transfer (to) / from Income & Expenditure Account	-	-
	At 31 December 2000	125,000	125,000

18. GRANTS AND FEES RECEIVABLE

YT Projects

All YT Projects receive grants towards their salaries and other operating costs, from FOCUS, TEC and Government Office of London.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

18. GRANTS AND FEES RECEIVABLE (CONT)

Training for Work Projects

Grants from AZTEC under the Training for Work operation were received towards salaries and operating costs.

A summary of the fees receivable for the year ended 31 December 2000 is as follows:

	£
LBH – Employment Trust	16,133
Employment Services	753,633
Wandsworth Borough Council	43,580
Total – Fees receivable	813,346

19. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

The charitable company is committed to making the following payments under operating leases over the next twelve months:

twelve months.	Land and Buildings £
Contracts to expire within one year	138,143
Contracts to expire between two and five years	74,579 ———

20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible Fixed Assets Investments	Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	Long-term Liabilities	Total	
	£	£	£	£	£
Contingency Reserv	e Fund -	-	125,000	-	125,000
Unrestricted Funds	50,257	-	48,403	(3,542)	95,118
	50,257	-	173,403	(3,542)	220,118

21.	COST OF AUDIT AND OTHER FINANCIAL SERVICES	2000 £	1999 £
	Audit Other services	5,000 4,318	5,000 4,824
			
		9,318	9,824
			

22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with the subsidiary company, Step Ahead Limited.

No expenses or remuneration were paid or reimbursed to trustees during the year.

DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

	Note	£	2000 £	£	1999 £
	Note	*	.	2	*
INCOME					
Grants			288,764		227,720
Fees Receivable			813,346		742,290
Interest Receivable			1,015		261
Sundry Income			-		450
			1,103,125		970,721
			1,103,123		9/0,/21
EXPENDITURE					
Staff Costs :-					
Salaries		476,038		422,619	
Social Security Costs		38,711		35,200	
Pension Costs		3,401		2,227	
Tutor fees		67,684		57,051	
Staff Recruitment		60		-	
		-		-	
		585,894		517,097	
Premises Costs :-					
Rent, Rates & Insurance		181,192		171,911	
Light, Heat & Power		7,173		5,518	
Cleaning & Refuse		11,913		12,011	
Repairs & Maintenance		4,411		9,050	
Premises Security		759		497	
Relocation Costs		241		934	
		205,689		199,921	
					
Training Allowances & Expense	s :-				
Youth Training Allowance		2,967		9,767	
Employment Training Expense	es .	36,367		41,585	
		39,334		51,352	
Carried forward		830,917	1,103,125	768,370	970,721

DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

	2000			1999
	£	£	£	£
Brought Forward	830,917	1,103,125	768,370	970,721
Training Costs :-				·
Training Material & Expenses	16,578		17,505	
College & Exam Fees	46,147		40,790	
Staff Training	1,603		1,462	
Machine Maintenance	5,101		8,831	
Client Catering & Hospitality	8,262		5,671	
	77,691		74,259	
Administration Expenses :-				
Printing, Postage & Stationery	20,771		20,140	
Telephone	21,730		17,464	
Publicity & Public Relations	9,611		4,185	
Staff Travel & Subsistence	3,235		3,152	
Audit & Accountancy	9,318		9,824	
Bank & Finance Charges	1,994		2,451	
Legal & Professional fees	9,372		4,090	
			 -	
	76,031		61,306	
			=====	
Depreciation:-				
Machinery & Equipment	18,106		16,881	
Furniture & Fittings	5,301		6,506	
	23,407		23,387	
	1,008,046	1,008,046	927,322	927,322
Surplus on ordinary activities		95,079		43,399
Retained Surplus for year		95,079		43,399