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BENGALI WORKERS' ASSOCIATION (BWA) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Report and Financial Statements

April 2007 - March 2008

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Management Committee & Company Information

Board of Directors	Present	Previous
	From 10th Feb 2008	Ended 10th Feb 2008

Chairperson: Mr Shamim Ahmed Mr Abul Rahman
Treasurer: Ms Jutsna Alam Mr Shamim Ahmed
Director: Mrs Kamrunessa Razia Choudhury Mr Md Abdul Malique
Director: Mr Mohammed Iqbal Fazlu Mr Shawkat Ali

Director: Mr Humayun Kabir Mr Mohammed Ahsan Miah

Director: Mr Salik Miah* Mr Anwar Miah Director: Mr Mohammed Shahidur Rahman Ms Jutsna Alam Director: Mr Komor Uddin Mr Gaziur Rahman Director: Mr Syed Rafiqul Islam Mr Syed Rafiqul Islam Director: Mr Abdul Wahid Mr Shamim Uddin Director: Mr Akikur Rahman Mr Akikur Rahman

Co- Opted Director: Cllr Nasim Ali (KCBNA) Cllr Nasim Ali
Co- Opted Director: Mr Joynal Uddin (WEP)* Cllr Fazlul Karim Chowdhury
Co- Opted Director: Mrs Nadia Islam Jolil (Fitzrovia Youth Club)* Mr Shahab Uddin Ahmed

Co- Opted Director: Mr Mahmud Quayum (Camden Law Centre)* Mr Ehsan Haque

Company Secretary: Saleh Ahmed Khan, MBE Saleh Ahmed Khan, MBE Executive Director: Mukid Choudhury Mukid Choudhury

Independent Examiner

Mohammad Shah & Co Chartered Accountants Bank House 209 Merton Road Wimbledon London SW19 1EE

Bankers

National Westminster Bank Plc Euston Road Branch P.O. Box 3853 15 Hampstead Road London NW1 3DB

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^{*} In the process of registering with Companies House

Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the financial year April 2007 to March 2008.

Mission

Our mission is to empower Camden residents, in particular the Bangladeshi community, through socio-economical initiatives including education, training, health and social care.

Aims

To work with local communities of Camden, in particular Bangladeshi community to promote and provide opportunities and facilities for education, training, recreation, and the advancement of the social, economic, physical and mental well-being of those most in need.

Governing Document

Bengali Workers' Association is a company limited by guarantee governed by its memorandum and articles of association. It is a registered charity with the charity commission. Anyone over the age of 18 can join, but must be a Camden resident or an employee anywhere in the London borough of Camden. Members are currently charges a £2 fee to join the membership and can participate in the election of new directors, Chair and Treasurer positions every two years.

Organisational Structure

Bengali Workers' Association has a management committee of up to 11 elected members and four co-opted directors. They meet bi-monthly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the organisation. At present the committee have people from a variety of backgrounds relevant to the organization. The Company secretary also sits on the committee but has no voting rights.

A scheme of delegation is in place and a day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rest with the Executive Director along with the project managers. The Executive Director is responsible for ensuring that the organisation delivers the services specified and key performance indicators are met. The Executive Director will also undertake supervision of the staff team and also ensure that the team continue to develop their skills and working practices in line with good practice.

Director's Report Cont.....

Activities

BWA has undertaken in the financial year April 2007 to March 2008 a programme of activities which served the objectives of the organisation and addressed the need and aspirations of the organisation's membership, users groups and local residents, those were: Welfare Advice & Information Service (including: Work & Pension Advice, Welfare Rights Advice, General Advice, Legal Advice, Housing Advice and Financial Advice), Bengali Housebound Day Care Service (including Elderly Day Club, Introduction to Internet, Healthy Cooking, Summer Outings & Trips etc), Elderly Luncheon Club, Community Cafe, Young Men's Project (including Job Search Class, Interview skills & CV preparation workshop, Motoring Workshop etc), Asian Women's Project (including Arts & Craft Project), Third Party Reporting Project, Educational Projects (including English Class, Supplementary Education), UK Online, BWA Youth Project (including Youth Club, Advice Sessions, Cross-cultural & sports Activities), Women's Enterprise Project, Men's Enterprise Project and Community Development Programme (including Employment & Training, Young People's Health Project, Education & Training (including English Class, Supplementary Education), Events & Festivals, Garden Project, Performing Arts Project, Euston Opportunity Area Project, Parents' Education Project and Community Safety Project).

Related Parties

Since being founded in 1976, the organisation has had a very close link with the local authority, The London Borough of Camden. The building the organisation operates from the Surma Community Centre is a council building and all core funding since 1976 is provided by Camden council. In recent years many new partnerships have been formed in order for the smooth delivery of projects and activities. These include, Voluntary Action Camden, Camden PCT, Camden Youth & Connexions, Camden BME Alliance, West Euston Partnership, Age Concern, The Pension Service, Camden Law Centre, Job Centre Plus, Kings Cross & Brunswick Community Association, Epic Trust, Working Men's College, One Housing Group, Westminster Kingsway College, ACCBA, University College Hospital, South Camden Community School, Netley Primary School, Edith Neville Primary School, Argyle Primary School, Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Centre.

Results

Total income exceeded income for the year resulted in a surplus of £5,795 (£18,746 deficit 2007)

BENGALI WORKERS' ASSOCIATION (BWA) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) Director's Report Cont.....

Risk Assessment

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

an annual review of the risks the charity may face;

the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan; and the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This work has identified only a few minor risks but it has resulted in better emergency procedures and contingency plans and has given the impetus for better planning. Particular attention has focused on non financial risks arising form fire, health and safety of artists and audience, management of performing rights and food hygiene. A key element in the management of financial risks is the setting of a reserves policy and its regular review by trustees.

Reserves Policy

The Board of Directors have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds held by the charity should be equivelent to 9 months of the negotiated funded Agreement offered by the London Borough of Camden, which equates to £86,000 in general funds. At this level, the Board of Directors feel they would be able to continue the curent activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding it would obviously be neccessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. at present the unrestricted reserves, do not reach this target and the Board of Directors are considering ways in which additional unrestricted funds may be raised.

The present reserve policy states that the management of BWA will look into ways of self generating income to meet its reserve level. At the end of financial year it will examine the income and expenditure and try to save, in its reserve account, as much as possible to reach its anticipated amount.

Director's Report Cont.....

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to financial systems

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 and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and and then apply them consistently; prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the association will continue to operate.

The directors are responsible for maintaining 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 1985. 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.

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors, we certify that: so far as we are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's accountants are unaware: and as the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the charity's accountants are aware of that information.

Reporting Accountant

Mohammad Shah & Co were reappointed as the charitable company's reporting accountant during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the statement of Recommended Practice (revised 2005) ('SORP') - "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Approval of the report

Approved by the management committee on 8th January 2009.

Shamim Ahmed Chairperson

STATEMENTS OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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BENGALI WORKERS' ASSOCIATION (BWA) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

We have examined the financial statements on page 8 to 13 which have been prepared on the basis of historic cost and under the accounting policies set out on page 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consiquently we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

2. to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

MOHAMMAD SHAH & CO

Reporting Accountant

Bank House

209 Merton Road

London **SW19 1EE**

Date: 09 01 2009

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2008.

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total 2007-2008	2006-2007
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE Incoming Resources					
Grants and Donations	2	324,607	0	324,607	314,697
Membership and subscription		0	1,048	1,048	10
Other Income	3	0	11,588	11,588	14,598
Total Incoming Resources		324,607	12,636	337,243	329,305
Resources Expended					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	4	242,140	0	242,140	280,064
Premises Costs	5	59,447	0	59,447	46,859
Utilities	6	8,068	0	8,068	5,793
Office Costs	7	11,272	0	11,272	7,360
Extra Costs	8	7,808	0	7,808	5,349
Training	9	1,740	0	1,740	366
Recruitment	10	150	0	150	2,260
Membership	11	822	0	822	0
		331,447	0	331,447	348,051
Total Resources Expended		331,447	0	331,447	348,051
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources before transfer		(6,840)	12,636	5,796	(18,746)
Gross transfer between funds	16	(47,000)	47,000	0	0
Net Income/(expenditure) for the year/					
Net movements in funds		(53,840)	59,636	5,796	(18,746)
Funds at 1 April 2007		55,749	(3,911)	51,838	70,584
Funds at 31 March 2008		1,909	55,725	57,634	51,838

The operating results of the income and expenditure account are derived from continuing operations.

There is no recognized gains or losses other than the gains for the financial year.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2008.

	Notes		2007-2008 £		2006-2007 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		32,032		39,020
		-	32,032	•	39,020
Current assets	•				
Debtors	13	2,786		-	
Cash at Bank		92,969		60,994	
Cash in Hand		103		103	
		95,858	_	61,097	
Creditors: amounts falling du-	e				
within one year	14	70,256		48,279	
Net current assets	-		25,602		12,818
Total assets less current liabilities		-	57,634	-	51,838
Net assets		-	57,634	-	51,838
Accumulated Funds	15				
Restricted fund			1,909		55,749
Unrestricted fund			55,725		(3,911)
Total Funds		-	57,634	_	51,838

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and approved by the board on 8th January 2009.

Chairperson

Mr Shamim Ahmed

Treasurer

Mrs Justna Alom

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2008.

Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies within convention are

i) Grants- Grants receivable from London Borough of Camden and other major bodies are credited to the income and expenditure account on accrual basis.

ii) Donations- Donations and one off contributions are taken to income and expenditure account on a receipt basis.

iii) Subscription and membership fees- These are taken to income and expenditure account on a receipt basis. Membership fees are received once every two years.

Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Office equipment 25% reducing balance method Sports equipment 25% reducing balance method

Historically depreciation has been an unrestricted resource expenditure, but the management committee have decieded that it should now form part of the restricted resource expenditure.

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	
2 Grants and Donations			2007-2008	2006-2007
Strategic & Capacity Building Project				
LB Camden - CBFM	115,000		115,000	118,787
Camden PCT	2,370		2,370	Ó
LB Camden -Rent for Youth Project	5,092		5,092	7,424
Various	2,308		2,308	259
Luncheon Club				
LB Camden Social Services	26,561		26,561	27,248
Income from L.C	3,185		3,185	0
Bengali Housebound Day Care				
LB Camden Social Services	62,454		62,454	57,567
Community Interest Company	2,700		2,700	0
Camden PCT	950		950	2,600
Awards for all	0		0	5,000
SPH Housing	0		0	2,950
Bengali Women's Enterprise				
SIED	8,156		8,156	11,721
LAA Camden	12,293		12,293	0
LDA (IBA)	11,783		11,783	0
LAA (KX-PF)	3,187		3,187	0
London Skills Council	1,980		1,980	0
Bengali Women's Health Project	55		55	0
Community Development Project				
LAA Camden	15,920		15,920	0
City Parochial Foundation & John Lyon's	12,500		12,500	30,000
Camelot Foundation	19,679		19,679	0
Camden Groundwork	1,500		1,500	0
UK Online Project	3,000		3,000	7,075
West Euston Partnership	3,779		3,779	3,941
Covent Garden Neighbourhood Partnership	1,500		1,500	0
BWA Youth Project				
Camden Youth Opportunity Fund	6,227		6,227	36,963
West Euston Partnership	1,928		1,928	Ó
Youth Wing Project	500		500	0
Greater London Sports Day	0		0	500
Youth Club Residence	0		0	2,562
Media Trust Voluntary Day	0		0	100
, - ,	324,607		324,607	314,697

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(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2008.

3	Other Income	£	£	2007-2008 £	2006-2007 £
	1.Project Income	0	0	0	12,301
	2.Hall Hire	0	11,588	11,588	2,297
		0	11,588	11,588	14,598
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	•
4	Direct Charitable Expenditure	_	_	2007-2008	2006-2007
		£	£	£	£
	Salaries & NIC	189,961	0	189,961	193,020
	Project Activity Costs	4.000	^	4.000	22.428
	Bengali Housebound Day Care Centre	4,090	0	4,090	23,438
	Luncheon Club	11,841	0	11,841	13,760
	Business Project	6,830	0	6,830	0
	Young Men's Project	1,338	0	1,338	0
	Advice Project	1,000	0	1,000	0
	Women's Project	2,290	0	2,290	0
	Youth Project	16,367	0	16,367	0
	Cultural Events	5,416	0	5,416	3,989
	Trips	2,785	0	2,785 222	1,988 585
	Travel	222	0		
	Youth and summer project	. 0	0	0 0	34,368
	Community events	0	0	0	1,200
	Elderly club	0	0	0	5,367
	GCSE Awards and prizes	0	0 0	0	1,318 1,031
	Sports Day Awards	242,140		242,140	280,064
				=======================================	200,004
5	Premises Costs	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	
				2007-2008	2006-2007
		£	£	£	£
	Rent	27,500	0	27,500	27,500
	Repair and maintenance	5,391	0	5,391	2,841
	Insurance	5,210	0	5,210	3,485
	IT Server	1,562	0	1,562	0
	IT Support	2,023	0	2,023	0
	Health and Safety	2,572	0	2,572	0
	Depreciation	9,753	0	0	8,848
	Telephone & Fax	5,033	0	5,033	3,622
	Sundry	403	0	403	563
		59,447	0	49,694	46,859
		Restricted	Unrestricted	2007-2008	2006-2007
6	Utilities	£	£	£	£
			_	4,360	4,068
	Light & Heat Water Rates	4,360 3,519	0	4,360 3,519	4,000
	TV License	189	ő	189	
	Hire of Equipment	0	0	0	1,725
		8,068	0	8,068	5,793

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2008.

7	Office Costs	Restricted	Unrestricted	2007-2008	2006-2007
		£	£	£	£
	Printing, postage & stationary	9,170	0	9,170	6,803
	Publicity & Printing	140	0	140	
	Cleaning	1,962	0	1,962	557
		11,272	0	11,272	7,360
8	Extra Costs	Restricted	Unrestricted	2007-2008	2006-2007
		£	£	£	£
	Professional Fees	1,925	0	1,925	1,850
	Annual Report	664	0	664	
	AGM	788	0	788	
	Payroll & Audit	2703	0	2,703	2,703
	Bank Charge	535	0	535	574
	Subscription	1,193	0	1,193	222
		7,808	0	7,808	5,349
9	Training	Restricted	Unrestricted	2007-2008	2006-2007
•	-	£	£	£	£
	Staff	1,395	0	1,395	366
	Board Members	345	0	345	
		1,740	. 0	1,740	366
10	Recruitment	Restricted	Unrestricted	2007-2008	2006-2007
		£	£	£	£
	Advert	150	0	150	2,260
		150	0	150	2,260
11	Membership	Restricted	Unrestricted	2007-2008	2006-2007
		£	£	£	£
	Information Distribution	390	0	390	0
	Election	432	0	432	0

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2008.

12 Tangible fixed assets

12	Tangible fixed assets				
		Improvement £	Office equipment £	Sports equipment £	Total £
	Cost At 1 April 2007 Additions	68,374 0	54,014 2,765	12,731 0	135,119 2,765
	At 31 March 2008	68,374	56,779	12,731	137,884
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 2007 Charge for the year	43,827 6,136	40,491 3,380	11,781 237	96,099 9,753
	At 31 March 2008	49,963	43,871	12,018	105,852
	Net book value At 31 March 2008	18,411	12,908	713	32,032
	At 31 March 2007	24,547	13,523	950	39,020
13 14	Debtors Other Debtors Creditors			2007-2008 2,786 2007-2008	2006-2007 0 2006-2007
	Court marinali hama			£	£
	Grants received in advance Other creditors and accruals			47,218 23,038	42,322 5,957
				70,256	48,279
	·	Restricted	Unrestricted		
15	Funds			2007-2008	2006-2007
		£	£	£	£
	Balance at start of the year	55,749	(3,911)	51,838	(18,746)
	Net incoming resources for the year	(53,840)	59,636	5,796	70,584
	Balance at the end of the year	1,909	55,725	57,634	51,838

16 Transfers

The charity is permitted to transfer any surpluses on contracts when completed to unrestricted funds for its general use. In addition, a transfer was made from restricted funds to reflect changes to the required level of unrestricted funds.