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EAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

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EAST LONDON COMMUNITY LAW SERVICE
Company Information

Trustees

Dr. Qadir Bakhsh MBE (Chairman)
Dr. A Q Sheikh (Vice Chairman)
Mr. Alex Davies (Treasurer)
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Secretary

Mr. Afzal Mirza (Resigned April 2019)

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East London Community Law Service (a company limited by guarantee but without a share capital)

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st March 2019

Governing Document

Name, registered office and constitution of the charity

The full name of the charity is	East London Community Law Service (ELCLAS)
Date of Incorporation	08/09/1997
Company registration Number	3370871
Registered Office	Dahir Community House, 702 High Road Leyton, London E10,6JP
Charity Registration Number	1064266

Objectives and Activities

- We provide free advice, information and representation to asylum seekers, migrants and others in matters of asylum, immigration, housing, debt, welfare benefits hate crime and Domestic violence, education, training and employment.
- We work to help provide relief of poverty of asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and other members of the community with restricted income who are resident in greater London by providing free and confidential advice, assistance, representation, counselling, translation and interpretation service in matters of asylum, immigration, money, debt, welfare benefits , housing health, training and employment.

Review of Activities

East London Community Law Service is now in a phase of regrowth, this year we have been able to show a positive balance in our bank accounts after many years of struggling.

We have been able to raise some funds through letting some of our facilities to provide the much needed funds for continuing the work we do for the Refugees and Migrants in the borough. Income from the Jubilee centre has contributed significantly in providing the range of services we are engaged in and we are very grateful to the Big Lottery in helping us improve the condition and facilities at the centre.

The demand for our services has continued to grow even though we do not have a full contingent of staff but our sterling staff with the help of volunteers have coped reasonable well this year. However the organisation is still struggling to find support for our work and we would welcome help from funders.

Our Multicultural Advice Service Consortium (MASC) is now operating essentially on a voluntary basis and now includes signposting cases to Citizens Advice bureaux and Victim support in cases where specialist skills are required. Our future plan for funding some level of activity continue to include ,asking our partners in the consortium to share our office facilities to increase their contribution to our costs while we continue to seek funding.

Financial Review

The financial results this year reflects an improved state of affairs the charity recorded a surplus of £16,745 compared to £13,270 in (2017/2018) a significant improvement due to the additional income derived from the private lettings and the improved facilities at the Jubilee Centre the management committee is now beginning to look more optimistic about the future of the organisation.

Achievement and Performance of the Charity

The charity was able to advice over 1500 clients covering a wide range of ethnic origins, age, sex, religion and disability either face to face or over the phone and signposting. We assisted asylum seekers and migrant either from the EU or other countries from the day they arrive into the UK in applying for support (National Asylum Support Services) and Welfare benefit according to their circumstances and we were able to achieve a lot of success in securing both accommodation and subsistence support for them.

We assisted clients who were granted refugee status and economic migrants in their difficult transitional period by applying for the right benefits that they are eligible for while waiting to get jobs where they are found fit to work, the total financial amount gained in all the claims we submitted on their behalf was £99,457 according to our AIMS software generated report.

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of our frontline volunteer advisers, we were successful in securing temporary accommodations for over 15 clients threatened with homelessness and easing debt problems for others through securing easy payment plans.

Life in the borough continue to be a struggle not only for migrants and refugees but also for local residents finding it hard to meet day to day commitments and we think the local authority could do more to alleviate unnecessary suffering.

On a sad note, Our Founder and long standing secretary of the Organisation is standing down from his position effective from April 2019. This is a loss the board of Trustees will have to come to terms with because of his tremendous input in the general running of the organisation .The Board plans to make an Ex gratia payment from the income internally generated from our activities to say thank you for his services. The Board also wish to extend thanks to our volunteers whose work has enabled the organisation to continue its services with a very acceptable level of efficiency.

Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial Statements:

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year. In doing so the trustees are required to:

- 1, Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- 2, Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- 3, Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business. The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees on 10.6.2019 and signed on their behalf

Signed..... QAO BAKHII

Name..... QAO BAKHII

East London Community Law Services
Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of the charity

Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees
on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2019

I report on the financial statements of the Charity on pages 8 to 12 for the year ended 31st March 2019 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (FRSSE), effective April 2008, as modified by the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting issued by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales, effective April 2005 as modified in June 2008. (The SORP), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 10-11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As described on page 2-4, the Charity's trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

The trustees are satisfied that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Act does not apply and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, and that there is no requirement in the governing document or constitution of the Charity for the conducting of an audit. As a consequence, the trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, or otherwise, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- b) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and;
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of opinion and scope of work undertaken

I conducted my examination in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners for England & Wales setting out the duties of an independent examiner issued by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act in relation to the conducting of an independent examination, referred to above. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and of the accounting systems employed by the Charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of the Charities legislation and that the financial statements comply with the SORP, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtain written assurances from the trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, report and opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, in connection with my examination, I can confirm that

1) In accordance with Regulation 31 of The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, (The Regulations) the accounts of this incorporated charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

2) the gross income of the charity in the year ended 31/03/2019 is £86,599 which do not exceed the sum specified in section 145(3) of the Act, namely £250,000, and that I am qualified to act as independent examiner in accordance with that section by virtue of my being a qualified member of ACCA;

3) the accounts are being examined in the circumstances specified in Regulation 34(3)(b), and the date when the Commission dispensed with the requirements of section 144(1) of the Act was;

4) this is a report in respect of an examination carried out under section 145 of the Act and in accordance with any directions given by the Commission under subsection (5)(b) of that section which are applicable;

and that, no matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

(i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;

(ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and;

(iii) that the financial statements be prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities

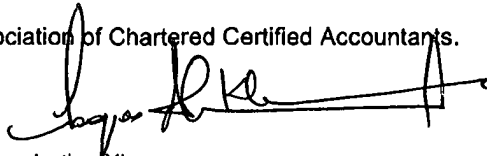
have not been met; or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in my report in order to enable a proper

understanding of the accounts to be reached;

The Examiner's relevant professional qualification or body is:

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.



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The date upon which my opinion is expressed is:- 10-6-2019

East London Community law Service
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2019

	notes	Unrestricted Funds 2019	Restricted Funds 2019	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Grant Funding	2		9,074	9,074	-
Activities for generating funds	3	77,525		77,525	65,396
Other Income		-		-	4,808
Total Incoming Resources		<u>77,525</u>	<u>9,074</u>	<u>86,599</u>	<u>70,204</u>
Expenditure					
Cost of charitable activities		58,155	9,074	67,229	54,296
Governance costs		2,625		2,625	2,638
Total Resources Expended		<u>60,780</u>	<u>9,074</u>	<u>69,854</u>	<u>56,934</u>
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		16,745	-	16,745	13,270
Total Funds Brought Forward		359,828	-	359,828	346,558
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>376,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>376,573</u>	<u>359,828</u>

East London Community law Service
Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2019

	notes	2019	2018
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	4	359,160	359,160
Current Assets			
Debtors			0
Cash at bank & In hand		18,269	1,050
Total Current assets		<u>18,269</u>	<u>1,050</u>
Current Liabilities			
Amounts due within one year	5	- 856	- 382
Net Current assets		<u>17,413</u>	<u>668</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities		<u>376,573</u>	<u>359,828</u>
Long Term Liability	6	-	-
Total Net assets		<u>376,573</u>	<u>359,828</u>
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Accumulated Funds		1,573	-15,172
Restricted Accumulated Funds		110,000	110,000
Restricted Fixed asset Revaluation Reserve		265,000	265,000
Total Charly Funds		<u>376,573</u>	<u>359,828</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and no notice has been deposited under section 476 of the act requesting that an audit be conducted for the period ended 31st March 2019

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for;

- (a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which complies with the requirements of section 386 of Companies Act 2006.
- (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the 31st March 2019 and of its income and expenditure for that finance year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies act relating to accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to small companies.

Approved by the board on 10th June 2019

Signed Dr Qadir Bakhsh
 Dr Qadir Bakhsh
 Chairman, Board of Trustees

Signed Mr Alex Davies
 Mr Alex Davies
 Treasurer

East London Community Law Service
Notes to the Accounts for the period ending 31st March 2019

1, Accounting Policies

Accounting Basis

(a) The Financial statements are prepared under the historic cost basis in accordance with Financial Reporting Standards For Smaller Entities and in compliance with Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities.)

(b) The organisation's main source of income is from grants and donations. Some income is derived from activities and services provided by the Company.

(c) Grants received for specific purposes are accounted for as Restricted Funds and are applied in accordance with the terms of the grant.

(d) Rental income is included gross in the income and expenditure accounts on a receivable basis

(e) Income and expenditure relating to the activities of the charity have been taken into account on the accruals basis.

	Year 2019	Year 2018
2, Grant Funding (Restricted Funds)		
Big Lottery Jubilee Centre Fund	9,074	-
	<u>9,074</u>	<u>-</u>

	Year 2019	Year 2018
3, Income from Activities (Unrestricted Funds)		
Rental Income Jubilee Centre	42,756	43,305
Rental Income ELCLAS	11,652	1,730
Income From Private Lettings	23,117	20,361
	<u>77,525</u>	<u>65,396</u>

Interest Receivable & other income & donations	-	4,808
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	Freehold Land & Building	Fixture & Fittings & Equipment	Total Fixed Value
4, Tangible Functional Fixed Assets			
At Cost /Valuation/ Revaluation	375,000	64,236	439,236
Additions	-	-	-
At 31st March 2019	<u>375,000</u>	<u>64,236</u>	<u>439,236</u>
Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment value			
Opening balance B/Forward	15,840	64,236	80,076
Charge for the year 2019	-	-	-
Total Cumulative depreciation	<u>15,840</u>	<u>64,236</u>	<u>80,076</u>
Net Book Value as at 31st March 2019	<u>359,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>359,160</u>

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Notes to the Accounts for the period ending 31st March 2019

5, Current Liabilities	Year	Year
	2019	2018
Other Creditors	856	-

Notes to the accounts continue

6, Long Term Liability

The Charity holds a long term liability which has been offered to us on an interest free basis without a prescribed term for repayment. Given the improvement in our incoming resources all effort will be made to settle this debt within the next accounting year

7, Staff Costs	Year	Year
	2018	2017
Gross Salaries	15,900	14,603
Average Nos of staff equivalent full time	0.60	0.50

8, Fund Structure Policy

The Charity maintains a general unrestricted fund which represents funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
 Restricted Funds have been provided to the charity for particular purposes and it is the policy of the board to carefully monitor the application of those funds in accordance with restrictions placed on them.
 The Freehold Land & Building are treated by the requirements of the funder as restricted and are held on trust for the activities of the charity. The trustees are not in a position to dispose of the property. The detailed operations of this fund is described under the accounting policy "Capital Grants"

9, As a registered charity, the company is exempt from income & corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities

10, No Trustee or management committee member received any remuneration during the year nor were any amounts reimbursed to them in the current year or in the previous year

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For year ended 31st March 2019

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Other Income		-		-	4,808
Total Income		77,525	9,074	86,599	70,204
Property Licence		-	-	-	-
TV Licence		704		704	145
Staff Salaries		15,900		15,900	14,603
Light & Heat		7,005		7,005	7,186
Cleaning		5,194		5,194	5,581
Insurance		1,077		1,077	1,059
Software Support		424		424	304
Telephone		308		308	982
Stationery		-		-	46
Professional Fees		2,025		2,025	2,158
Accountancy Fee		600		600	480
Bank Charges		54		54	104
Rent		17,013		17,013	16,934
Rates		1,043		1,043	956
Repairs & Maintenance		5,362		5,362	1,927
Sundry Expenses		488		488	152
Depreciation		-		-	
Wall Partition and chairs		-	9,074	9,074	
Residential Property Expenses		3,583		3,583	4,317
Total Resources Expended		60,780	9,074.00	69,854	56,934
Net Incoming Resources Before Transfers		16,745	-	16,745	13,270
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