

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2019
for
Lewisham Irish Community Centre

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2015).

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Activities

The principal objective of the charity is to promote the benefit of the community, particularly but not exclusively to persons of Irish descent within the London Borough of Lewisham. This objective is achieved through association with local authorities, voluntary organisations and local population to:

- Advance education in Irish culture & heritage.
- To relieve sickness & deprivation.
- Provision of social and recreational activities for the wellbeing of the community.

Main Summary

Lewisham Irish Community centre is a community lead organisation providing services both to the Irish and local community. LICC provides a wide range of services, activities and facilities and is accessed by a broad spectrum of the local community including local families, young people, older adults, the Irish community and Gypsy Roma Traveller Communities Service provision includes frontline information advice and support on housing health and welfare rights to the disadvantaged Irish, older Irish and Traveller communities. Provision of healthy living activities for older people including tea dances, exercise classes, yoga, Zumba, walking football and lunch groups. Provision of weekly playgroup and youth club activities including summer programme of events. Provision of volunteer opportunities.

Main Highlights

This year we continued to focus on sustainability by securing on-going and new funding streams for our current service provision. We secured additional funding towards project costs including three-year funding from BBC Children in Need to support LICC Youth Club. We continued to expand and deliver our reach by working in partnership with local Irish and community groups.

Highlights included:

- A visit from four members of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Embassy of Ireland representatives to discuss local need among the Irish and Traveller communities in Lewisham.
- The Mayor of Lewisham Damian Egan visited the centre for the launch of the Youth Club's Library initiative.
- We partnered with Elim Church, Urban Dandelion and Diamond club to deliver our first Black history month event attend by over 100 centre members.
- We worked in partnership with London Irish LGBT Network and Lewisham LGBT forum to host our first LGBT Event which was attend by over 60 members of the local community.
- We hosted St. Patrick day events in partnership with Rushey Green Time Bank and Lewisham Foodcycle which were attended by Rushey Green Councillors; John Muldoon , James Walsh and Janet Daby MP.

This year we provided 583 advice and support appointments to 224 individual clients and their families across the Irish and Irish Traveller Communities. LICC older adults programme provided 252 activities sessions to 113 older adults. LICC children's and youth programme provided 116 annual sessions to 74 local families this included 77 playgroup activities sessions and 39 weekly youth club sessions. We provided 2750 hours of volunteering opportunities

We have also continued to work in partnership with several Irish and local groups to provide core services within the borough.

- ICAP Immigrant Counselling and Psychotherapy services provided 117 satellite counselling sessions.
- Colaiste Na nGael delivered 39 weekly Irish language classes.
- Ewing's and co solicitors continue to provide 11 annual legal advice surgeries.
- LICC worked in partnership with Urban dandelion, Elim Church and Diamond club to organise two holidays from home for the elderly , the first holidays event was part of black history month celebration and had a specific African and Caribbean theme while the second event celebrated our Irish heritage.
- 183 older adults attended the events .
- We worked in partnership with LILGBT network, Lewisham LGBT forum to host Colm Clifford's play Friends of Rio Rita.

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- Rushey Green Time Bank and Lewisham Food Cycle partnered us to provide a free weekly community meal to over 40 individuals.
- We worked in partnership with RGTB and Lewisham Foodcycle to host St. Patricks day event attended by 150 members of local community.
- We worked in partnership with FM Conway and Tanya Dirrane School of Irish Dancing to represent LICC at St. Patricks day parade London.
- We hosted Neighbourhood 2 NCDP forum and Lewisham Travellers forum meetings and attended London Gypsy Forum, Irish in Britain AGM, attended Rushey Green Assembly forum, Lewisham advice forum, Irish Embassy workshops and events.

We would like to thank our partners and supporters including Ewings and Co. Solicitors , Rushey Green Time Bank, Lewisham Foodcycle , Training for Life , Irish Community Services ,London Irish LGBT Network, Lewisham LGBT forum , Immigrant Counselling and psychotherapy services, FM Conway, Tanya Dirrane School of Dancing , New Creation international church , Panther Tackwondo , Irish in Britain , Lewisham Community Connections , Voluntary Action Lewisham and London Youth for their support.

Special thanks to the Irish government's Emigrant Support Programme and Lewisham Council for their continued support to enable us to deliver essential services.

Finally, we would like to thank our staff team and volunteers lead by Kathleen Sheridan, for their dedication and commitment to our community this past year

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Advice and Information Service

LICC Information and advice project is funded by the Irish Government's emigrant support program to support the vulnerable Irish abroad. This project delivered by Kathleen Sheridan offers advice, advocacy and representation on housing rights, homelessness, all aspects of welfare benefits, repatriation to Ireland as well as increasing access and making appropriate referrals to specialist community and legal services. The project has retained the Advice Quality Standard Award with casework which is valid until September 2020.

The advice project continues to be in high demand;

155 Irish Clients accessed advice, advocacy and support, 53 clients required brief interventions or one-off appointments, while 102 clients required casework and support. In total 360 client sessions were provided.

The work includes initial assessment of need, form filling, advocacy and advice, liaison with social services, welfare departments, local council, safe home programme, migrant project, health services and other local and community groups. Appeals, letter writing, representation at tribunal levels, accompanying to housing departments, home visits, joint visits and support with social services assessments, appropriate referrals to legal services, debt advice and counselling. Information and advice with passport forms, repatriation to Ireland.

Welfare Benefits accounts for 52 % of casework which includes making claims, benefit checks, appeals and representation at tribunal hearings. There continues to be high demand for disability benefits; Personal Independence Payment, Attendance Allowance applications and Employment and Support Allowance application and appeals.

There has been an influx of those who have migrated over from Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independent payment and have had reduced awards and in some cases lost benefits leading them into poverty and rent arrears. The roll out of universal credit in Lewisham since July 2018 has proved challenging as has the digitalisation of benefits.

Medical assessments are more frequent, benefits are reviewed and assessed more frequently and in general the, waiting time for UR payments, introduction of benefit caps and bedroom tax have all impacted the most vulnerable clients.

Several clients don't have access to online accounts, laptops or know how to set up and access online accounts. This year we secured funding from Lewisham Council to set up a digital hub project in partnership with a CatBytes CIC Lewisham to enable clients to access online services.

There has been a significant number of one-off enquiries around Irish passports and citizenship everything from basic support completing and checking passport applications, help with online forms photographs in particular), documentation and witnessing.

23% of the casework involved housing rights including homeless applications. The work is mainly preventative in dealing with debt issues, rent arrears, housing benefit and council tax suspensions and summons however this year there continues to be a number requiring support with Notices Seeking eviction, application for the housing register and homeless application.

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Outreach Service for Gypsy Roma Travellers (OSGRT)

The GRT service is funded by the Emigrant Support Programme and London Borough of Lewisham as part of a three-year contract. The service is delivered by Frances McAuley and Brenda Downes to;

- Provide support and advice to Gypsy Roma Travellers across the Borough of Lewisham in all tenures.
- Map the number and needs of this group in the Borough.
- Assist Gypsy Roma Traveller clients to become more confident in dealing directly with service providers.
- Assist service providers to accumulate appropriate cultural knowledge.
- Build and maintain effective inter-agency partnerships.
- Maintain up to date knowledge of local, regional and national developments relating to GRT.

The needs of the Gypsy, Roma & Traveller (GRT) community remain high and have continued to be exacerbated by austerity measures and changes to the benefits system. Universal Credit in particular, is causing extraordinary difficulties and for the Roma, additional concerns over Brexit. The GRT community continue to find themselves at a disadvantage with the digitisation of most access points to public services.

The presence of a specialist service continued to build confidence among the service users and service providers. The increased visibility of the GRT communities accessing our building has raised awareness and improved relationships with both the Irish community and the wider community.

Site Development:

Pool Court has been identified and agreed on as the best location for a potential Site development. Local Councillors, LICC and members of the community have visited the area and it has been assessed by the Fire Service. This is by no means a green light to go ahead with the Site development merely that this part of the process is completed. There is still a long way to go.

To our knowledge there were no unauthorised encampments in the borough during the year.

Monitoring statistics:

Total individual clients 69

Home visits & Outreach appts. 116

LICC based appts. 107

There continues to be an increasing number of clients from out of borough requesting support from the service.

The needs remained the same:

Welfare Benefits: (Universal Credit, ESA, Income Support, JSA, PIP, DLA, Carers, Mandatory Recons, Appeals/Tribunals).

Housing Needs: (HB claims/appeals, evictions, emergency housing, repairs, overcrowding, bedroom tax, arrears and eviction). Debt Related: (Council Tax, Rent Arrears, Budget Loans, benefit overpayments, parking fines, TV licence, loan companies). Disability & Health (inc.MH): (liaising with hospitals, GPs, MH services, attending PIP/ESA assessments).

Social & Education: (School. admissions, attendance, home/school liaison), Safeguarding, Domestic Violence. Right to

Remain - emerging issues with the Roma clients around Brexit and the 'Settlement Scheme'.

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Social investments

The Playgroup

The playgroups are coordinated and run by Emma Jane Boyd and Karen Duggan and supported by a team of four volunteers. LICC Playgroups offer a safe creative environment for children to play and develop while giving parents/guardians an opportunity to socialise, gain access to advice, support and volunteer opportunities. Playgroup activities include arts and, music and singalong sessions. 84% of attendance is predominated by Rushey Green/Lewisham Central residents. This year over 50 local families attended this activity with weekly. Total attendance figure for the year are 1800 adults and 1980 children.

Youth Club

The youth club is funded by BBC children in Need as part of a three-year grant programme.

The weekly club is coordinated by Emma Jane Boyd and supported by two members of staff and two volunteers.

Total annual attendance for the year is 864.

The Club membership participated in City Leaders 'Keeping It Wild' Social Action Program in partnership with London youth foundation and The London Wildlife Trust.

Over £1000 was raised by the participants and used to purchase tools and materials to transform the outdoor space and help to create the Community Allotment as part of an inter-generational Community Volunteering project which also included the over 55's Walking Football service users. Over £1000 in supporting costs were provided by London Youth. During the course of the programme several Club members received media training and national accreditations in photography.

The membership also successfully sought funding from the London Youth 'Sustained Social Action Fund' for a 'Wonderful Wildlife' Open day for the local community and centre service users. Further equipment for the garden was also purchased.

Activities for older Adults

We provide a broad range of cultural, social and healthy living activities for older adults including lunch groups, Zumba classes, yoga, walking football, bingo, exercise to music and tea dance Classes and clubs are attended by an average of 113 individuals weekly. Total attendance this period was 4747.

Lewisham Irish Elders Project

LIPP is funded by the Emigrant Support programme. The project promotes the health and welfare of the older Irish Community in Lewisham by providing weekly social programme of activities to facilitate new friendships, engage in health living activities, improve physical and psychological wellness and reduce social isolation. Promote health and welfare of older Irish Community 65 members plus up to 15 non-members have attended 45 weekly activities this period. Activities included 10 tea dances, 24 healthy living activities sessions, two fundraisers, three-day trips to Eastbourne, Whitstable and Hastings and 3 celebratory lunches. Ninety-five older adults attended St. Patrick's Day lunch and 89 attended Christmas lunch events, both had representation from the Irish Embassy. In addition to the weekly activities we had a two-day celebration of Irish culture and music on the 25th and 26th of February, this was funded by Lewisham Council and attended by a cross section of the local older community.

While membership remains strong, weekly attendance has reduced due to high levels of ill health and disability. We are seeking funding for an outreach post to meet the growing complex need among our older Irish community.

Volunteer programme

We provide volunteer opportunities to support running of events and on-going weekly clubs, classes, social activities and our garden allotment project. We have a team of 29 regular individual volunteers. This period we facilitated 2750 volunteer hours. We would like to extend a special thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers for their on-going support and commitment to LICC.

Income generation

LICC generates income from hall hire facilities rented out to the local community both privately and on and on-going

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bases to charitable and community led groups. This year Hall hire increased by £1,355 to £32,009. LICC also generates income through community events and activities, this year £7,661 (2018 £5,199) was generated.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising activities and events

Our events during the year included; Family Ceili., Theatre production; Everything Between Us Children's Christmas St. Patrick's day parade , St. Patrick's day celebrations and quarterly Quiz and Traditional Irish music sessions . We intend to recruit a social and cultural sub-committee to help organise and promote social and cultural events to generate income to support running costs.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The Lewisham Irish Community Centre is primarily funded by two grants:

One grant is from Supporting People, London Borough of Lewisham, which contributes towards the Gypsy Roma Travellers Outreach service.

The other major grant is paid by the Irish Government (Department of Foreign Affairs Emigrant Support Programme), which pays for the delivery and management of the advice services and the Irish Traveller element of the Gypsy Roma Traveller Outreach Service.

Reserves policy

LICC operates a reserves policy that aims to cover cash flow shortfalls due to uncertainty in the timing of future grant awards. The Trustees regard £40,000 as a prudent sum to cover running costs for three months. Unrestricted funds currently stand at £7,074 (2018 £1,572), however £48 (£2018 £1,305) is required to cover future depreciation of fixed assets.

Ultimately the trustees are looking to rebuild unrestricted reserves to a level to cover the above requirement.

Income increased by 13.5% in the year to £179,800 (2018 £158,460).

The main factor behind the £21,340 increase is primarily due to additional grant income of £11,185, plus a transfer of funds following the merger with the Lewisham Irish Pensioners Association (LIPA).

Fees for services were maintained at £31,000 (2018 £31,507) in respect of services now being provided for from 17-18 onwards, via a contract directly with Supporting People.

Hall hire income increased slightly to £32,009 (2018 £30,654), further recovering after having fallen back in 2016/17 primarily due to noise restrictions imposed on the premises, an issue now resolved by switching to alternative hire times & a change in focus in respect of target hall hirers.

Expenditure increased to £181,061 (2018, £148,705), with project expenditure on community events having increased by £11,466 to £14,062. The charity was also required to write off £4,215 in bad debts from earlier years which had proved unrecoverable despite strenuous efforts to track down the parties responsible & requests for payment. In addition a the provision for doubtful debts was also increased by £3,079 in respect of a debt due at the balance sheet date from one of the previous regular hall users, although negotiations to agree on instalment repayments are still ongoing.

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FUTURE PLANS

Over the next 3 years, LICC will have 4 key strategic goals:

1. To deliver quality services that meet the continuing needs of the community
2. To develop new services that meet changing individual needs and offer personal choice and support independent living.
3. To develop LICC's profile and influence and to work in collaboration with other agencies.
4. To develop a strong and sustainable organisation.

Future Strategy

Strategic Goal 1.

To deliver quality services that meet the continuing needs of the community.

Justification;

LICC is confident that existing services are relevant and will continue to be in demand. We will continue to invest in staff development and gathering feedback from clients to ensure that services meet their needs and expectations and reflect best practice.

Intended outcomes and goals;

That LICC is recognised as a provider of choice for the Irish community.

That LICC services reflect value for money and deliver a responsive and high-quality personal service.

That LICC can evidence the outcomes of its services in terms of increasing client's ability to live independently.

LICC will continue to ensure that its service model is responsive, consistent and efficient.

LICC will continue to offer services that are culturally sensitive.

Organisational implications LICC will continue to work collaboratively with funders, staff, volunteers and clients to review our services and ensure that they meet a consistent quality standard.

LICC will ensure that all staff and volunteers receive a high-quality level of support and supervision to ensure that they can deliver the service.

Strategic Goal 2.

To develop new services that meet changing individual needs, offer personal choice and support independent living.

Justification;

LICC recognises that it operates in a fast-changing environment and will have to respond to new policies, commissioning intentions, changing expectations and needs. LICC seeks to be proactive in developing services, in encouraging innovation and building on its experience.

Intended outcomes and goals;

LICC will explore ways in which services can reduce the need for clients to be admitted to hospitals or secondary care.

LICC will develop services that meet the move towards greater personalisation and choice and the impact of personal budgets.

LICC will explore ways in which clients can directly pay for some services in a way that does not restrict access to services.

LICC will also seek funding or commissioned opportunities for new services

Organisational implications LICC will need to commit staff time and possibly some resources to developing, adapting and piloting new services.

LICC will review what skills and expertise it may need to develop to support new services.

Strategic Goal 3.

To develop LICC's profile and influence and to work in collaboration with other agencies.

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Justification; although LICC is an established organisation it needs to ensure that it maintains a profile within a fast changing and increasingly competitive environment.

Through its continuous contact with its clients and the Irish community it believes that it can help to shape policy and work with other statutory and voluntary agencies to ensure that they are able to deliver relevant services to the Irish community.

Intended outcomes and goals;

LICC will adopt a marketing and communications strategy to ensure that it has an effective profile with policy makers, commissioners, partner agencies and communities.

LICC will work with commissioners and service managers to help them design and deliver programmes and services that are relevant, accessible and sensitive to the needs of Lewisham's community.

LICC will actively market its services and expertise to commissioners

LICC will be willing to work with other migrant based groups to share its experience.

LICC is committed to working with other voluntary sector agencies to share experience and find effective ways of collaborating and working in partnership.

LICC will adopt a fundraising strategy

Organisational implications Development of separate marketing, communications and fundraising strategies.

Management time to be allocated to relationship building.

Strategic Goal 4.

To develop a strong and sustainable organisation.

Justification LICC is committed to be a well-managed, efficient and values driven organisation able to operate independently of its funders whilst at the same time delivering quality services that deliver value for money and lasting outcomes for users.

Intended outcomes and goals;

LICC will continue to ensure that it manages all resources in a prudent and efficient way and that the Board of Trustees receives timely and useful monitoring reports.

LICC will seek to broaden out its income base by creating a mix of commissioned contracts, grant aid work, earned income and income from donors and the community to ensure that the organisation has a broad income base.

LICC will regularly review risk and ensure that there are systems in place to reduce or manage key risks.

LICC is committed to be a learning organisation that encourages a culture that listens and learns from its services users, staff and partners and is keen to continually develop its practice.

LICC will invest in training and development of all staff and trustees to ensure that they have the necessary skills and expertise to carry out their role.

LICC will ensure all posts are properly resourced, staff feel supported and valued

Organisational implications Development of management and trustees

Recognition of key skills

Succession planning for management and trustees

Finance:

We now have a dedicated finance officer to take responsible for day to day financial administration; this will help to ensure good financial management. We have implemented QuickBooks online system to ensure more efficient generation of management reporting by fund. We need to identify funding streams to support existing projects and the development of

new services while generating our own fundraising initiatives through fundraising

and cultural events to build our reserves . There is an opportunity to generate income through an arts and cultural programme which requires the support of a sub committee make up of the management team and volunteers.

Recent developments since April 2019

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We have since secured an additional £20,000 from ESP to support a new outreach worker in partnership with Southwark Irish Pensioners project. We secured £4,700 NCDP Neighbourhood 2 funding to set up digital hub service, we secured £5,353 from cooperative funds towards healthy living activities for older people. We have in place 3 year BBC Children in Need funding, our GRT contract is up for review and has been recommended to continue, we have retained ESP funding year on year. We have submitted further applications to the Neighbourhood forum for further joint working initiatives. We secured £9,685 from awards for all to ensure long-term sustainability of the playgroup. We were awarded £2,999 Assembly funding to make improvements to the kitchen. The strengthening of our funding streams will support existing and new projects and allow us to build up our unrestricted reserves which previously have been used to support projects.

Corporate Governance:

We shall focus on principles of good governance and develop strategies for working effectively as a management committee. Each Trustee has the responsibility to review policies and procedures on a rolling programme. The Trustees' five-year business plan will be complete in consultation with key stakeholders. Ever mindful that Trustees with appropriate business skills and knowledge of the voluntary sector are scarce, we will identify gaps in abilities and seek training and / or recruit new members. Given the current economic climate and the need for us to diversify our funding streams and offer more services, the Trustees want to recruit a new Chair with proven experience of successfully running an organisation in the private sector.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The Lewisham Irish Community Centre (LICC) is registered as a company limited by guarantee (Company no: 2752450 England & Wales) and with the Charities Commission (Registration no: 1014852).

Recruitment and appointment of the Management Committee

Voting takes place at the AGM. Candidates for nomination must be a paid up member of LICC; in agreement with the Charities aims and objectives; willing to take up post if elected; not disqualified from being a Charity Trustee and not disqualified from being a Company Director. When recruiting people on to the management committee, members look for a balance of business skills, voluntary sector experience and knowledge of the needs of the local community required to run the charity effectively.

Structure and management

LICC is controlled by a Management Committee of up to 12 Trustees (who are also the directors of the company) for a period of one year. Each Trustee is also a paid up member of LICC. The responsibility of the day to day running of LICC and staff and volunteer management, is entrusted to the Services Manager who reports to the Management Committee.

Management Committee induction and training

Trustees are welcomed on to the Committee and introduced to other members and staff. They receive an induction pack, which includes a Trustee Declaration form, role description and an invitation to visit the various activities going on in the Centre. New Trustees are asked to complete a skills analysis questionnaire so that training needs can be identified and addressed.

Risk management

As Trustees we are aware of our responsibilities under The Charities SORP (FRS102) to undertake regular risk management reviews. A review has been completed this year and the main tasks have been identified and mitigation strategies are in place.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

02752450 (England and Wales)

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Registered Charity number

1014852

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Trustees

James Farrell Chair (appointed 12.12.18)
Colum Mackey (appointed 25.1.19)
Ms Karen Duggan Company Secretary / Director
Mrs Teresa Forde Trustee (resigned 25.1.19)
Mrs Dorris Doherty Trustee (resigned 25.1.19)
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 January 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Ms Karen Duggan - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Lewisham Irish Community Centre

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lewisham Irish Community Centre ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company 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 your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

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Date:

Lewisham Irish Community Centre

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 March 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.19 Total funds £	31.3.18 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	15,741	93,367	109,108	91,076
Other activities & fundraising	3	37,819	32,851	70,670	67,360
Investment income	4	22	-	22	24
Total		<u>53,582</u>	<u>126,218</u>	<u>179,800</u>	<u>158,460</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		751	731	1,482	888
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activities		47,332	132,247	179,579	147,817
Total		<u>48,083</u>	<u>132,978</u>	<u>181,061</u>	<u>148,705</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		<u>5,499</u>	<u>(6,760)</u>	<u>(1,261)</u>	<u>9,755</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,573	28,615	30,188	20,433
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>7,072</u>	<u>21,855</u>	<u>28,927</u>	<u>30,188</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2019

	Notes	31.3.19 £	31.3.18 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	48	1,305
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	10	18,299	22,337
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>33,823</u>	<u>35,780</u>
		52,122	58,117
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(23,243)	(29,234)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>28,879</u>	<u>28,883</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		28,927	30,188
NET ASSETS		<u>28,927</u>	<u>30,188</u>
FUNDS	14		
Unrestricted funds		7,074	1,573
Restricted funds		<u>21,853</u>	<u>28,615</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>28,927</u>	<u>30,188</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each 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 charitable company.
- (b)

Balance Sheet - continued

31 March 2019

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24 January 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

James Farrell - Trustee

Karen Duggan - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The charitable company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Raising funds

Cost of generating funds, are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

- Charitable activities, include expenditure associated with the running of the events at the centre or elsewhere.

Governance costs

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost and 25% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

General Funds are unrestricted funds, which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for any other purpose.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors, or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering those funds are charged against the specific fund.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Donations	9,604	3,108
Grants	83,302	72,117
Subscriptions	612	351
Donated services and facilities	12,500	12,500
Other Income	3,090	3,000
	<u>109,108</u>	<u>91,076</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Emigrant Support Programme	54,633	50,500
Local Assembly Funding - Youth	1,500	1,500
Empowering Young People	-	9,636
Irish Cultural Events	5,000	4,000
London Youth	900	898
Petchy Foundation - Youth Club	-	750
London Council - St Patrick's Day	-	250
LBL - Digital Hub	4,700	-
City Bridge Trust - Silver Level Quality Mark Award	5,000	-
Local Assembly Funding - Advice ESP & SP	3,000	-
N2 Forum - Holiday Scheme	7,499	-
Barbara Gray - Holiday Funding	1,070	-
Other grants	-	4,583
	<u>83,302</u>	<u>72,117</u>

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3. OTHER ACTIVITIES & FUNDRAISING

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Ticket Sales & event income	7,661	5,199
Fees for Services	31,000	31,507
Hire of Hall	32,009	30,654
	<u>70,670</u>	<u>67,360</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>22</u>	<u>24</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	1,257	1,258
Other operating leases	<u>12,500</u>	<u>12,500</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2019 nor for the year ended 31 March 2018.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2019 nor for the year ended 31 March 2018.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.19	31.3.18
Full time	1	2
Part time	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The Services Manager's time was split between generating voluntary income, fundraising, charitable activities and governance. The other part time members of staff spend all of their time on charitable activities.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	3,763	87,313	91,076
Other activities & fundraising	35,767	31,593	67,360
Investment income	24	-	24
Total	<u>39,554</u>	<u>118,906</u>	<u>158,460</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	642	246	888
 Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	42,053	105,764	147,817
Total	<u>42,695</u>	<u>106,010</u>	<u>148,705</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(3,141)</u>	<u>12,896</u>	<u>9,755</u>
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	4,713	15,720	20,433
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>1,572</u>	<u>28,616</u>	<u>30,188</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019	<u>27,407</u>	<u>13,035</u>	<u>40,442</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2018	26,670	12,467	39,137
Charge for year	689	568	1,257
At 31 March 2019	<u>27,359</u>	<u>13,035</u>	<u>40,394</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2019	<u>48</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48</u>
At 31 March 2018	<u>737</u>	<u>568</u>	<u>1,305</u>

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10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Other debtors	8,009	14,800
Prepayments and accrued income	9,925	7,537
Prepayments	365	-
	<u>18,299</u>	<u>22,337</u>

An amount of £1,272 has been provided against arrears of hall hire income as at the balance sheet date.

A further debt of £3889 at the balance sheet date remains outstanding at the date of accounts approval and negotiations have been ongoing to obtain repayment, or arrange for repayment by instalments. However, it is likely any such arrangement would involve instalments over an extended period of time, and would need to include a further amount of £851 which arose after the balance sheet date.

In view of this the trustees considered it prudent to increase the provision for doubtful debt to cover the £3,889 due at the balance sheet date.

This is in addition to £4,215 bad debts written off from earlier years as the attempts to trace & or recover the amounts have been unsuccessful to date.

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 12)	1,253	4,729
Social security and other taxes	1,878	4,123
Deposits	4,014	4,564
Other creditors	7,355	8,802
Credit card	618	313
Accruals and deferred income	7,211	6,703
Accrued expenses	914	-
	<u>23,243</u>	<u>29,234</u>

12. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.19	31.3.18
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdraft	<u>1,253</u>	<u>4,729</u>

The amount disclosed as a loan within these financial statements is actually £1253 expenditure paid out in respect of a restricted fund, in respect of £1,500 accrued income paid over after the balance sheet date.

13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Fixed assets	32	16	48	1,305
Current assets	29,032	23,090	52,122	58,117
Current liabilities	(21,990)	(1,253)	(23,243)	(29,234)
	<u>7,074</u>	<u>21,853</u>	<u>28,927</u>	<u>30,188</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
Other Unrestricted	1,520	560	2,080
Rushey Green Playgroup	53	-	53
Lewisham Irish Pensioners - designated	-	4,941	4,941
	<u>1,573</u>	<u>5,501</u>	<u>7,074</u>
Restricted funds			
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;			
Emigrant Support Programme	11,854	(72)	11,782
Ireland Fund of GB	366	(366)	-
LBL Lifelong Learning	16	-	16
Local Assembly Funding - Youth	247	-	247
Awards for All	83	(60)	23
Back Garden Project LBL & Crowd Funding	6,384	(1,377)	5,007
Empowering Young People	9,636	(9,636)	-
GRT Project - SP & ESP	29	49	78
Digital Hub	-	4,700	4,700
	<u>28,615</u>	<u>(6,762)</u>	<u>21,853</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>30,188</u>	<u>(1,261)</u>	<u>28,927</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Other Unrestricted	41,582	(41,022)	560
Lewisham Irish Pensioners - designated	<u>12,000</u>	<u>(7,059)</u>	<u>4,941</u>
	53,582	(48,081)	5,501
Restricted funds			
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;			
Emigrant Support Programme	36,925	(36,997)	(72)
Ireland Fund of GB	5,000	(5,366)	(366)
LBL Rent	12,500	(12,500)	-
Local Assembly Funding - Youth	3,000	(3,000)	-
Awards for All	2,396	(2,456)	(60)
Back Garden Project LBL & Crowd Funding	-	(1,377)	(1,377)
Empowering Young People	99	(9,735)	(9,636)
GRT Project - SP & ESP	47,466	(47,417)	49
Digital Hub	4,700	-	4,700
Lewisham Irish Pensioners ESP	4,133	(4,133)	-
London Youth Club	1,930	(1,930)	-
Older Peoples Holiday Scheme	<u>8,069</u>	<u>(8,069)</u>	<u>-</u>
	126,218	(132,980)	(6,762)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>179,800</u>	<u>(181,061)</u>	<u>(1,261)</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.17 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.18 £
Unrestricted funds			
Other Unrestricted	4,713	(3,193)	1,520
Rushey Green Playgroup	-	53	53
	<u>4,713</u>	<u>(3,140)</u>	<u>1,573</u>
Restricted funds			
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;			
Emigrant Support Programme	11,136	718	11,854
Ireland Fund of GB	-	366	366
LBL Lifelong Learning	16	-	16
Local Assembly Funding - Youth	116	131	247
Awards for All	3,742	(3,659)	83
London Borough of Lewisham - Front			
Garden	710	(710)	-
Back Garden Project LBL & Crowd Funding	-	6,384	6,384
Empowering Young People	-	9,636	9,636
GRT Project - SP & ESP	-	29	29
	<u>15,720</u>	<u>12,895</u>	<u>28,615</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,433</u>	<u>9,755</u>	<u>30,188</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Other Unrestricted	37,828	(41,021)	(3,193)
Rushey Green Playgroup	<u>1,726</u>	<u>(1,673)</u>	<u>53</u>
	39,554	(42,694)	(3,140)
Restricted funds			
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;			
Emigrant Support Programme	50,500	(49,782)	718
Ireland Fund of GB	4,086	(3,720)	366
LBL Rent	12,500	(12,500)	-
Local Assembly Funding - Youth	2,398	(2,267)	131
Awards for All	-	(3,659)	(3,659)
London Borough of Lewisham - Front			
Garden	-	(710)	(710)
Back Garden Project LBL & Crowd Funding	6,970	(586)	6,384
Empowering Young People	9,636	-	9,636
GRT Project - SP & ESP	31,816	(31,787)	29
Petchy Foundation	750	(750)	-
London Councils	<u>250</u>	<u>(250)</u>	<u>-</u>
	118,906	(106,011)	12,895
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>158,460</u>	<u>(148,705)</u>	<u>9,755</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.17 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
Other Unrestricted	4,713	(2,633)	2,080
Rushey Green Playgroup	-	53	53
Lewisham Irish Pensioners - designated	-	4,941	4,941
	<u>4,713</u>	<u>2,361</u>	<u>7,074</u>
Restricted funds			
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;			
Emigrant Support Programme	11,136	646	11,782
LBL Lifelong Learning	16	-	16
Local Assembly Funding - Youth	116	131	247
Awards for All	3,742	(3,719)	23
London Borough of Lewisham - Front			
Garden	710	(710)	-
Back Garden Project LBL & Crowd Funding	-	5,007	5,007
GRT Project - SP & ESP	-	78	78
Digital Hub	-	4,700	4,700
	<u>15,720</u>	<u>6,133</u>	<u>21,853</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>20,433</u>	<u>8,494</u>	<u>28,927</u>

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Other Unrestricted	79,410	(82,043)	(2,633)
Rushey Green Playgroup	1,726	(1,673)	53
Lewisham Irish Pensioners - designated	<u>12,000</u>	<u>(7,059)</u>	<u>4,941</u>
	93,136	(90,775)	2,361
Restricted funds			
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;			
Emigrant Support Programme	87,425	(86,779)	646
Ireland Fund of GB	9,086	(9,086)	-
LBL Rent	25,000	(25,000)	-
Local Assembly Funding - Youth	5,398	(5,267)	131
Awards for All	2,396	(6,115)	(3,719)
London Borough of Lewisham - Front			
Garden	-	(710)	(710)
Back Garden Project LBL & Crowd Funding	6,970	(1,963)	5,007
Empowering Young People	9,735	(9,735)	-
GRT Project - SP & ESP	79,282	(79,204)	78
Petchy Foundation	750	(750)	-
London Councils	250	(250)	-
Digital Hub	4,700	-	4,700
Lewisham Irish Pensioners ESP	4,133	(4,133)	-
London Youth Club	1,930	(1,930)	-
Older Peoples Holiday Scheme	<u>8,069</u>	<u>(8,069)</u>	<u>-</u>
	245,124	(238,991)	6,133
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>338,260</u>	<u>(329,766)</u>	<u>8,494</u>

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE: EMIGRANT SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: The Emigrant Support Programme received a grant of £50,500 for the year from 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019. The funds were restricted for the following projects:

Information Advocacy and Advocacy £35,000

Gypsy Roma Travellers Outreach Service £15,500

Nine months grant income was expended in the period to 31st March 2019, a further 3 months grant income amounting to £11,782 has been taken as income in accordance with SORP and carried forward in restricted funds as at the balance sheet date, to be utilised by 30th June 2019. Three months grant income awarded in 2017-18 amounting to £11,854, was brought forward in restricted fund as at 1 April 2018, which has been expended during the year to 31 March 2019.

A further £4,133 grant was received that had previously been applied for by Lewisham Irish Pensioners LIPC.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Lewisham Irish Pensioners Association, was merged into LICC during the year. The balance of funds at the time of its cessation were donated to LICC. These funds are unrestricted but have been denoted as a designated fund.

The LBL Fund represents the grossed up income and expenditure in terms of an agreed rent for the centre, effectively donated by LBL.

Ireland Fund of Great Britain this relates to funding of £5,000 for Irish Cultural Events

LBL Crowd Funding Award - Back Garden Project £6384 brought forward & a further £1377 expenses during the year.

The Awards For All Fund this relates to a new grant received in 2017/18 for £9,636 in respect of Empowering Young People. the fund was fully expended during the year.

Rushey Green Local Assembly a grant for £1500 was received in March 2019 further to the £1500 granted in the previous year.

Petchy Foundation, Youth club funding was provided in 2017-18 for £750 & accounted for as expended in that year. However, during 2018/19 £250 was returned to the Foundation as following the departure from the youth club of the individual giving rise to the award the conditions for retaining all of the grant could no longer be met.

City Bridge Trust - Silver Level Quality Mark Award, an award was received for £5,000 which were added to unrestricted funds.

N2 Forum/Barbara Gray Fund - funding received for £8569 for Older Peoples Holidays & Events fund.

Digital Hub was public health funding via Neighbourhood Community Development Partnership. The funds were to purchase equipment & set up 26 weeks of information & support on digital access.

No funds have a time restriction by when they have to be spent.

Sufficient resources are currently held in all restricted funds to enable them to be applied in accordance with any restrictions.

15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In respect of individual restricted funds held, whilst there are no time limits stipulated on expenditure thereof, should expenditure not ultimately be incurred in line with the original intended use outlined in the original funding applications, or should an alternative use for those specified funds not be agreed, the funders reserve the right to request repayment of restricted funds held.

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2019.

17. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

Lewisham Irish Community Centre has appointed Kim David Hardie F.C.C.A. of A Star Accountancy Ltd. to independently review its annual accounts for the period. The cost of the Independent examiners fee is £350 (2018 £350), plus an additional £1,750 for compilation and preparation of these financial statements and related support work (2018 £1,750).

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