

HIGHBURY ROUNDHOUSE ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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History and Introduction

Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre was established in 1974 to meet the needs of young people in and around the Highbury area. Since then it has grown and developed into a thriving community centre, which provides educational and recreational facilities for people of all ages and backgrounds.

We are a thriving community centre that provides a range of services, from pre-school to later years, there is something for everyone. We host underfive's activities, after school clubs, holiday playschemes, a range of dance, drama and music groups for children and young people. For the elderly, we provide a lunch club four days a week and a variety of activities for the pensioners to enjoy.

We also provide a home for several community groups and organise social and fundraising events during the year.

Highbury Roundhouse is run by full and part-time staff, a small pool of dedicated volunteer workers and an active management committee. Some of our projects are supported financially by Islington Council & other funders.

Highbury Roundhouse serves a large cross section of the community and with your help we will continue to do so.

Management Committee Members

Neville Cowton	-	Chair
Andrew Myer	-	Deputy Chair
Tony Miller	-	Secretary
Scott Wadlow	-	Treasurer
Sara Zavaleta	-	Trustee
Steffan Taylor	-	Trustee
Amy Ellington	-	Trustee
Martin Jones	-	Trustee

Staff

Andrew Berthier	Director
Savanah Popal	Head of Services
Phyllis Williams	Office Administrator
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Tanya Simmons	Project Admin Assistant
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Lesley Palling	St. Peter's & St. Paul's ASC Manager
Dinisha Shibnauth	ASC Manager
Ruth Allen	ASC Manager
Jasmine Begum	ASC Manager
La Tanya Malone	ASC Deputy Manager
Michelle Thomson	ASC Deputy Manager
Nigel Williams	Older People's Services Manager
Ndidi Okoye	Young People's Services Manager
Merium Bhuiyan	Young People's Services Manager (maternity cover)
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Hafiza Begum	Playworker
Ellie May	Playworker
Graham Day	Playworker
Katie Julian	Playworker
Nada Mondin	Playworker
Vitina Miron	Playworker
Francesca Brighty	Playworker
Syeda Alam	Playworker
Florence Perlin	Playworker
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Amelia Day	Playworker
Hillary St.Hill	Playworker
Seher Dareen	Playworker
Nooria Yahya	Playworker
Jermaine Edwards	Playscheme playworker
Anthony Wickham	Playscheme playworker
Agatha Ikpa	Playworker/Domestic Assistant
Carlos Valero	Domestic assistant/Caretaker
Terry Dolan	Evening Caretaker
Beverly Bryant	Cook
Lawrencia Blankson	Assistant Cook
Belinda Feldman	Bank Staff/Pensioners Project

Chairman's Report

Once again, this year has been one of mixed fortunes for Highbury Roundhouse. Our services, in particular to the younger sector of the community have been in greater demand, whilst there has been a falloff in demand for services to the older generation. Our new building is substantially complete, but we await a final completion certificate before we can use and operate from it. Our services have continued to grow thanks to the dedication and commitment of our staff and volunteers.

Our under-fives Childminders' project and Stay and Playgroup are still in demand and we have seen an increase in the uptake of our holiday playschemes. We are still the largest provider of children's services in Islington.

We are continuing to grow in the number of families in Islington for whom we provide after school and enrichment clubs. We have added City of London Primary Academy Islington to our portfolio this year. These services provide affordable, safe childcare after school hours, with opportunities also to learn new skills through our enrichment classes.

A real success story is the growth in the provision of our young peoples' services. There has been much focus in the media on the need to engage youths in the community. We have responded to the Social Action for Change initiative by providing, for our Youth Group, opportunities to develop relationships, to learn new skills and to promote community awareness. Two notable examples have been youth crime workshops, and engaging with celebrity players from Premier League's Arsenal FC who were interviewed by members of our youth club. This year we have delivered activities to more than 170 young people which also includes a significant increase in female participants.

Services to the elderly are delivered predominantly through our management of Sotheby Mews day centre. Activities to support health and welfare together with a lunch club in a caring environment are important for the wellbeing of the elderly in our community. Attendance at the centre has dropped this year. This is thought to reflect uncertainty about the future of Sotheby Mews and transfer of services to our new building at Ronalds Road, which has been delayed regrettably. Nevertheless, we have prepared more than 3,000 meals and activities have included keep fit, music and movement and outings, among others. Classes and group attendance amounted to 5,700 "service hits" during the year. Our priority now is to provide clarity to the staff and members on the future for this amenity.

We are continuing to work in partnership with the Islington Foodbank that provides an essential safety net for some of the most needful in our community. The Foodbank uses our facilities for their activities and utilises our admin support; this is expected to continue when we move into our new building.

We had expected to be operating from our new building by now but financial constraints meant we were not able to start the second phase of the project until the summer of last year

(2019), having resorted to taking out a bank loan from the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) bank. Also, completion has been frustrated by a slow transfer of “Building Control” responsibilities from one organisation to another. The building is now substantially complete but until it is signed off by an Authorised Inspector (Building Control) we cannot take possession and take advantage of our wonderful new building. Fingers crossed; this will be in the next few weeks.

Our achievements cannot be realised without finance and we are grateful for the support we get through Service Level Agreements with Islington Council and capital grants from the Council, the Big Lottery, City Bridge, the London Marathon and others, all of whom are acknowledged later in this report. We are also grateful for the many individual contributions from our users and well-wishers. The organisation’s income has decreased this year from £2,615,532 to £981,749 due mainly to the decrease in capital grants for the new building, as this draws towards completion. However, our operational turnover increased from £767,142 to £783,000, which reflects the increase in demand for our services.

Finally, I thank the excellent team of staff, managers, volunteers and fellow trustees of Highbury Roundhouse Community Centre for another successful year, but in particular, a special thank you to Andrew Berthier our director and his management team.

Neville Cowton
Chairman

Director's Report

We have experienced another challenging year; the year began with the organisation seeking to raise the funding gap of £300,000, so that we can complete the construction of our new community building. We were determined that it would not be too long before we embarked on the second phase of our journey to complete the building.

We decided to reach out again to our local community, with a number of fundraising campaigns like the 500 Club and requests for individual donations. We were amazed by the response, as we managed to raise over £50,000 from the campaign. We then decided to approach Islington Council again and a social investment bank for the balance. We are pleased to report both agreed to help and we were able to raise the shortfall by July 2019.

Construction of the new building commenced in August 2019, the aim was for the building to be complete by October 2019. Unfortunately, construction was delayed due to a few minor changes and construction difficulties in the contractor not having the materials on site at the appropriate time. Construction is now complete, with the contractor dealing with a few snagging issues and agreeing sign-off with the building control inspector from Islington Council. Once this is complete, we will be able to take possession of the building and start delivering much-needed services. The total cost of the building is estimated to be over £3.2m.

The phased construction although correct at the time has caused us some extra difficulties, for example, we now have to work with a new Approved Inspector. However, I must add, that it was the correct approach as it allowed construction to commence while we continued to fundraise. It also helped to ring-fence the £2.3M we had already raised, as this sum would have been lost due to time limits on the funding and lastly, it kept the costs down, any increase in costs would be on the balance and not on the total project costs.

In regards to our work in the community nothing will stop us from serving you, serving local people is what the Highbury Roundhouse is all about, our ethos in that regard has not changed. We continue to focus on service delivery, as our founder Bay Hodgson and the Chair of the organisation from 2001 to 2015 William Ellington always wanted us to. This focus has continued with our current Chair Neville Cowton, who together with our other trustees have done an amazing job in steering the organisation through thick and thin. Our trustees have helped get us through the maze of construction issues that we have faced on our journey to complete our purpose build community building.

I am pleased to report that we have managed to achieve growth, start new projects, extend our reach and increase the number of users accessing our services. At a time when London has lost 104 youth centres as austerity continues to grip councils, the number of London youth clubs has nearly halved since 2011. Highbury Roundhouse has successfully managed to secure £145,000 (over three years) of new funding for the borough, with the aid of the Greater London Authority – Mayor's Young Londoners Fund. This fund will help provide young people with access to employment opportunities and help them gain qualifications. We have also seen a sharp increase in service users, for example we had over 30,000 service hits from our work with schools and our holiday playschemes in the borough. Five of our after school clubs

and holiday playschemes are rated Outstanding by Ofsted, this is an outstanding achievement, it is all down to Savannah Popal, Julie Day and their team for setting such high standards. Well done to Julie and her team.

Our older people's services have experienced a lot of change and uneasiness over the past 12 months, with a reduction in members, trips and activities. We look forward to being able to complete our new building, so that once again Highbury Roundhouse will be able to offer older people's services from our new building. We will of course have to undertake a review and consultation together with the Council to ensure that no older person is left behind and are able to access the services that they need. Our work at Sotheby Mews under the direction of Nigel Williams our services manager has again produced some excellent results. I know the number of attendees have reduced, but the work we do continues to be of a very high standard and enjoyed by our members. This year, we will finally purchase the 17-seater minibus for members, as we have raised a total of £32,049.00 this was helped by a grant of £9,640.00 from Awards for All. We hoped to raise a further £6,000, but have now decided against this, as members keep asking me "where is the van" and rightly so.

Our work in the community, with the early years continues to be of a high standard, as a result we have seen an increase in the number of families attending. Once we move into our new building, we aim to work more in partnership with Bright Start Islington. Bright Start is the main umbrella within the borough for Early Years and Family Support Services. We intend to partner up with the group and extend our reach with new and innovative approaches in helping families.

We also continue to support user groups and help them with the limited space we have, to deliver services that local people need. When we move into our new building, we expect to welcome many more groups. Our new building has a restaurant area, which we hope will become a focal point for local people to meet, have a cup of tea and get involved in their community, with the many volunteering opportunities, training and jobs that will be available.

Our income decreased from £2,615,532 to £980,749. This decrease was partly due to the decrease in capital grants for the new building. Our operational income did increase from £767,142 to £782,732.

We should be able to double our footfall in our new building from the first year. We should also be able to attract additional funding to deliver a range of projects for targeted groups. Our strategy is for our new building to not only serve our community well, by providing services and activities that local people need, but also to develop multiple income streams that should make the organisation financially sustainable over the short to medium term, so it can also service the loan debt it now has. We have already started a fundraising programme to meet the salary costs of the additional staff we will need to deliver the many new services and target groups we intend to work with.

I would like to thank our many funders, who have supported us over the years and helped the organisation achieve the progress we have made to date. Funders such as the Big Lottery Fund, London Marathon Charitable Trust, Arsenal Foundation, Clothworkers' Charity, City Bridge Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation and many others and of course, not forgetting our

local residents. One resident donated £30,000 to our new building fund and another £10,000 to purchase the computers for our IT room, how amazing, we are so fortunate to be located where we are. If I have not mentioned your help, please forgive me, as there are just too many to mention. You have all helped us get to where we are today.

The trustees of the Highbury Roundhouse should also get a very special thank you. Our trustees are all volunteers, none of them are paid for the many hours they put in to help guide the organisation through the many challenges we have faced. Without the trustees the organisation could not have grown over the years and become one of the leaders in providing after school childcare and community services in Islington. Islington Council have also supported the organisation in many ways over the years, which we very much appreciate.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff and volunteers for their hard work and continued support. The success we have enjoyed over the years is a direct result of their commitment to what we do best, which is serving our community. Due to your efforts and that of local people, we will continue to do so and in a much bigger and better way than we ever have before.

Andrew Berthier
Director

Early Years' Service

Childminders and Soft Play Project

We have had a very busy year, with lots of new families new to the area joining the sessions. Our groups are open Wednesdays and Thursdays mornings from 9:00am-1:00pm. On Wednesday mornings, we provide a music session for our Under-fives, with drama and dance. This enables children to develop their social/emotional and physical development, language, communication and mathematical development. On Thursday mornings, our art sessions enables children to develop their fine motor skills, expressive arts/design and knowledge and understanding of their world.

In order to keep our sessions proactive and efficient, the learning and development within the under-fives is shaped through the activities and experiences provided. To be able to monitor and measure this development, we have weekly discussions with the childminders and carers. This way, we can easily identify each area of these developments and which aspects to focus on for each child.

Childminders/Carers and Parents get the opportunity each week to freely discuss their child's specific needs or concerns in private with the Manager. The Childminders' co-ordinator from Islington early years visits the sessions each term, to provide support to registered childminders and those seeking to register as a new childminder in Islington. Each childminder gets the time to discuss training, job opportunities and any issues they may have at any given moment.

We also have visits from our local librarian each term, who spends a morning session with us to read stories to the children. He also supplies us with lots of books we can borrow from the library. We offer teas and coffees for adults and a variety of seasonal fruits and toast for the children. Parents/Childminders bring lunch for their child/children and we all have our lunch at 12noon. This provides a great opportunity for children to develop their social skills and good eating habits.

Soft Play Project



Our Friday soft play at Aubert Court is a very busy session. We open at 9:00am until 1.00pm. We provide many activities, which encourages children's physical development. Children have access to a lot of free space around them for movement and progress in this area of their learning. We also provide a light snacks for adults and children at a low cost.

Childminders are very active in our groups and participate in our planning every term. We are looking forward to moving into our new early year's room soon. We want to give a big thanks to all who have helped us throughout the year to make our group very successful. If you are interested in joining us, please call on 0207 359 5916.

Carmel Zanre
Early Year's Service Manager

Young People's Services

After School Clubs



2019 has been a busy & productive year within our six Islington primary schools – St Joan of Arc, Yerbury, Hanover, Blessed

Sacrament, St Peters & St Pauls, and St Luke's after school clubs. Our children aged from nursery to Year 6 have been able to access high standards of play opportunities and enrichment clubs running from 3:30 – 6:00pm.

In April, we have taken over the delivery of the out of school service at the City of London Primary Academy Islington. Currently based within another Islington primary school, we are excited about moving into the brand-new school in early 2021. We received one Ofsted inspection this year and received a rewarding 'Good' outcome. All of our provisions are currently rated as Outstanding or Good.

We continue to provide a programme of structured enrichment activities aimed at developing skills and qualities such as teamwork, creativity, building confidence and focusing on individual development. This year children have been able to access enrichment clubs including photography, gymnastics, fencing, spanish, music and various sports clubs. We introduced the

Helen O'Grady drama academy who run their inspirational drama lessons within two of our provisions. In our karate club, one child achieved a black belt



status and in December, the Islington Arts Factory showcased an exhibition opened by the Mayor which included work from children in our art club.



The Afterschool club programme offers children aged 3 to 11 a chance to access both structured and freeplay activities. Our inclusive settings allow children to develop at their own pace whilst giving them lots of opportunities to be sporty, creative, constructive and lots of space to just chill with friends. We adhere to the Early Years framework and work in partnership with schools to ensure our youngest children are given a wide range of play opportunities to help with their personal development.

We continue to work in partnership with parents, carers & Islington Council Children's services to support families in accessing our affordable childcare. Parents continue to tell us our services are valuable to them and allow them to continue to work or study.

Our staff are committed to providing a high-quality service and we support them with access to training for their own professional development.

We look forward to another busy & productive year!

Julie Day
Extended Schools Services Coordinator

Playschemes



Our two holiday playschemes are based at Aubert Court and Whittington Park Community Centres. Here, we welcome children aged from 3 yrs to 12 years old. Our playschemes run for up to 11 weeks in the year during the school holidays. This year we have seen children attend from up to 25 different primary schools.

Our programme featured some wonderful trips including – Bodyworks exhibition, Jacksons Lane Theatre, Beasts of London at the Museum of London, Woburn Safari park, Go Ape, London Transport Museum, Shrek’s Adventure, Southbank Theatre and Southend-on-Sea to name but a few.

We have worked in partnership with agencies including the Dogs Trust, Octopus Urban Wild Spaces and the Metropolitan Police. All have delivered either workshops or activities that have taught children the importance of keeping safe, healthy and respecting our environment.

Our staff teams have consisted of staff brought together from across our childcare services; each are committed to providing children with the best possible play experiences.

Through Parent/Carers consultation, we have learnt that the Playschemes are very valuable to them enabling parents to continue in their employment whilst their children are well looked after in a safe and stimulating environment.



Our staff teams are committed to providing children with the best possible play experience.

Julie Day
Extended Schools Services Coordinator



Youth Club

Young People's services has had a pleasant year full of opportunities for young people. We are pleased to announce that our user's age bracket expanded thanks to the funding received by the Young Londoners' Fund. HRH now supports young people aged 10 – 21 yrs. old (up to 25 with additional needs).

In the past year, we have been able to evolve and provide services, which currently runs four days a week. This year, we delivered activities to 172 young people in which 143 are registered as active participants. We have cultivated and put in practice the coproduction ethos, which has empowered young people to have a say about their services and support them in developing skills.

In addition, to our core services, we have used two days a week to deliver targeted sessions for young people to increase engagement, improve wellbeing, improved likelihood of entering employment, improved self-esteem and reduce violence.



Activities and Workshop we have delivered this year have been:

Employability Workshops



The aim of these workshops was to increase young people's knowledge, especially within areas of devising CVs, searching for jobs, volunteer placements & apprenticeships. We have worked with 21 youths, out of that three young people have found employment and two have volunteered with Highbury Roundhouse & presently we have just recruited one volunteer to join our youth services team.

Cooking & Baking Project

This project was used as an avenue to empower young people to take initiative, feel self-confident in preparing and cooking/baking healthy meals and gain insight into food handling /kitchen safety. As an incentive, young people had the chance to attain a Level 2 Food Safety accreditation as an avenue to find employment within the hospitality & catering sector. We are glad to say 13 young people have now been accredited with a Level 2 food safety certificate.





Community Social Action Project

The concept of community social action empowered Young people (YP) to really take some social action decisions within their community. YP governed this initiative & decided to start their very first project in June 2019. Young people wanted to re-instate a positive awareness to other young people about the H.Y.P.E youth project & decided to launch an event. The young people took complete ownership of the planning, implementation, outreach and delivery of the H.Y.P.E youth project awareness event. In total 55 young people attended this launch and this brought an increase in the amount of YP using our services.

Reduce youth crime workshop

Highbury Roundhouse worked in partnership with Islington Council Targeted Youth Support Team who funded our five week youth crime workshop. Sessions delivered were based on gang cultures, the risks of being exploited/groomed into gangs, knife crime, county lines & the realities of prison. Altogether 44 young people participated in this project; all the young people were pleased with this work.

Jack Petchey Award



Highbury Roundhouse Youth club were awarded the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Bronze Scheme, so far we have been allocated £250 to celebrate a Young Person's achievement & £750 for a youth worker, all the money received has contributed towards youth club engagement & provision.

Arsenal Premier League Players Visit

Two young people were nominated to have a heart to heart community discussion with two Arsenal Premier League players. This was an amazing and inspiring opportunity for the participants. One of the participants wrote this message to Youth Club:

'Hello Ndidi, I am writing a little message to you and the staff to say a very big thank you, it truly changed my vision and also meeting players was a big dream of mine & because of you and the staff it happened'.



Signed Arsenal T-shirt from players

Arsenal also donated a signed T-shirt from the players to HRH. Arsenal intend to launch the discussions with the participants as a platform on their social media and through other social media channels.

Partnership Work with Elizabeth House

Highbury Roundhouse has been working in partnership with Elizabeth House to deliver an IT course. This course takes a duration of one year, which guarantees young people finding employment within the IT Industry. Six young people have become qualified and five out of the six have found full time employment within the IT Industry.

Future

The youth club aims to deliver sessions, activities & workshops in a creative & impactful way that will support & change the lives of young people living in Islington. We will continue to recognise & cater for their needs and endeavour to develop skills & ambitions in a safe & fun environment.

Ndidi Okoye
Young People's Services Manager

Older People's Services

It was a difficult year for Sotheby Mews with clients concerned about the uncertain future of the centre and provision.

Service provision in figures

	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018		2018- 2019	
Meals	3,796	3,924	4,034	3,714		3,003	
Classes and group attendance	7,730	7,917	8,118	6,389		5,703	
Transport	2,258	2,195	2,115	2,099		1,367	
Day trips	4	3	3	4		4	
Places of interest and theatre	6	12	8	6		6	
Trip Numbers	190	291	172	177		150	
Dances and dinner	6	4				1	
Visiting entertainers		4	3	1		2	
Membership		130	118	71		51	
Signed in Numbers				AM	PM	AM	PM
				5,633	4,029	4,697	4,274

Membership



I am disappointed around the figures for 2018-2019. We experienced a larger roll back in attendances and subscription. The clients have made it clear to me that this is because of the uncertainty around the longevity of services from Sotheby Mews they were not willing to pay subscription. We have also seen several of our clients with failing health creating long periods of absence. A piece of good news; last year I mentioned Jean Harwood as a non-attender, and I am now pleased to say we now see Jean occasionally and she is doing very well.

Staff

The new building begun to take shape in 2018 it was at that time that staff first saw the building. We felt for the first time that the building could be a home for the Sotheby Project. Although members are still concerned about its physical location on Ronalds Road and the accessibility.



Menu

Tanya has taken over managing the menu; this has been exciting and innovative. The kitchen staff have risen to the challenge of some of the new dishes. Clients though still struggle sometimes with it "where's the Potatoes?" We have also given ourselves a challenge of going meat free at least once a week with varying success, avoiding the words meat free meal.

Events

Our Clients have been entertained at several events and thanks are due to The Pearly King and Prince of Finsbury, our house band (Rick, Tom and Walton) and Howard the DJ is always superb. We celebrated Valentine's Day, Easter, St Georges Day, Harvest and Christmas. We changed our Christmas celebration to a dinner and disco and everyone enjoyed themselves and had a fantastic time. We also hosted a visit by the leader of the opposition and local MP Jeremy Corbyn. He came to see the provision and to hear the concerns around the Council's plans for Sotheby.



Trips

Trips took place to Littlehampton, Southend, Brighton and Eastbourne. We also took a trip to Birmingham's Christmas Market although we used Islington Tribune to advertise these, they were poorly attended. To facilitate the day trips we used the Council minibus to collect our less mobile clients, bring them to the centre and then transfer them to the Coach. We hired the Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers mini bus for short half day trips to Kew and Crews Hill.



Programme

Health and wellbeing activity sessions were provided at the centre; including keep fit (8 classes), singing (2 sessions), art, arts and crafts, bingo (2 sessions), film club, Yoga and a weekly shopping trip. We are grateful to all our tutors and volunteer leaders who help us provide these activities. During the year we developed a new circuit training class is a very client centred with the tutor offering personalised routines, the class has gradually grown in attendance.

Transport

The need for transport is still high and continues to increase. We are often asked to provide this for new users but because of current demand, we cannot match the need. For the past year we have restricted the area which we will travel to, to collect clients as an effort to shorten the travel/journey time. Recently we have been caught out by the council's Clean Streets Project as some of our clients live in restricted areas.

A big thank you to Islington Accessible Transport, Ian Spencer and his team for loaning us a minibus and for the provision of Accessible buses. Without them, we would not be able to provide this service to our members. We now have more clients using Dial-A-Ride, but this creates more admin responsibilities for Staff.

Acknowledgments

We owe a great debt of gratitude to those who work with us. Our staff, tutors and volunteers are unsung heroes! Thanks for all your hard work! For your paid and unpaid work that keeps the centre the caring supportive and inclusive place our clients love to attend.

Memberships

When I reflect on the numbers, it is disappointing that over this year we have experienced a roll back in the number of those with paid memberships and activity attendance, I think there are several reasons for this.

<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Tutors</i>	<i>Staff</i>
Bob Collins	Rick Ferry	Nikki
Miriam McGuire	Susan Sealy	Beverley
Tom Disney	Clair Evans	Lawrencia
Irma Gomez	Gee Dudley	Belinda
Caroline McIntyre	Keiron Baine	Tanya
Walton McLaren	Liz Woods	Phil
Angie Blinsky	Vincenza Orofino	Nigel
	Kate Jacobson	
	Carmel McCormick	

A big thank you to Benefacto, for their continued support as they introduce corporate volunteers to our organisation on a weekly basis for a one off volunteering experience (they often come back again as they enjoy the experience with us). Linz and Stevie thank you.

Work Experience

We had students who came and engaged in some work experience development with us from schools, City and Islington Community College and City University.

Future Developments:

The move to Ronald's Road:

Last year I reported "The users are apprehensive about the move."

Two of their concerns continue to be Accessibility and Activities.

Conclusion

As I begun to write this report from 2018-2019, I found the themes below coming up in discussions around the Centre. Several of the Clients and Tutors still have unanswered questions about the future proposals and I have tried to sum them up in well used phrases that resonate from health and social care sector.

"Insecurity and Isolation"

"Health and wellbeing"

"Moving and Management"

Fear of closure, the shape of the provision, accessibility of the site, the unknown future, the when, loss of friendships, leadership, anger, depression, anxiety and communication. In response, we need to be asking ourselves the following questions in the years ahead:

"Insecurity" How do we improve communication and relieve the stress.

"Isolation" How can we enable and improve the provision and ensure that the location of the new Building is not a barrier for attendance? To enable trips and activities to be more inclusive we need to advertise and find volunteers who can support our more frail clients to attend.

"Health" We need to consider the impact on our offer to produce classes that encourage new younger users to attend. We have been working with "The Red Cross" and "Camden Mews" on referrals with introductions to the centre by their staff.

"Wellbeing" Provide opportunities and be innovative with new classes

"Moving" It would be a transformation for our door-to-door service when the new Minibus is purchased. We should make transport a priority to alleviate the issue of accessibility. We should look to provide door to door and a shuttle service from local bus stops.

We have raised £32,049 for the minibus, which includes a grant from Awards for All of £9,640. We will now look to purchase the minibus with the funds we have. We would like to express our sincere thanks to all users, members and funders that have helped to make this possible.

We always need more volunteers! If you are reading this and have a skill you are willing to share with us please contact me, Nigel at Sotheby Mews 020 7226 1421 or sothebymews@gmail.com

Nigel Williams
Older People's Services Manager

Cultural Activities

Hungarian Children & Parent's Group



Our Group is a Saturday school for bilingual families where typically one or both parents are of Hungarian origin. It was founded at Highbury Roundhouse in May 1987 – 33years ago!

We now meet at Sotheby Mews on alternate Saturdays between 2:00-6:00pm, 20-22 times a year in total. We have a regular playgroup, a nursery, and several classes for children and adults at different levels, 18 classes of various activities altogether. Most of these classes teach Hungarian as a minority language for pupils who are settled in this country but wish to maintain their Hungarian side or give opportunities to non-Hungarian members of the family to develop an understanding of the Hungarian language and culture.

Other classes compliment mainstream education by teaching children music, dance, drama, psychology and journalism. We also employ a speech therapist and several of our voluntary teachers are trained special needs teachers. We also organize social events at different venues: A Spring Festival with fancy dress in February, a Concert or Theatre performance with well-known Hungarian performers in May, a summer camp in July or August, a Sports Day in September, and a Christmas party in December. We regularly take our students to museums, galleries, theatres and cinemas in London, as well as on day walking or cycling trips outside the city. As a non-profit organisation, also a registered charity, we heavily rely on our members' contributions and fundraising. Our membership is in the region of 50 families with up to 120 children, but we can draw on an expanding list of associates who join us for our social events. Our sponsors in the past included the Islington Council, Awards for All Lottery Fund, the Trust for London and some Hungarian foundation.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Highbury Roundhouse for their ongoing support and understanding in providing the premises for our work and wish you all the best for the next year.



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Londoni Magyar Iskola Plusz
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Temari Bunko



Temari Bunko, Japanese Book Club in Highbury, North London. Temari Bunko meets at Sotheby Mews Day centre every second or third Saturday of each month. With over 200 books in their library to share. The children accompanied by their parents will enjoy the activities include Kamishibai (paper theatre), singing seasonal songs and will have some quiet reading time and be able to borrow books.

The images show our users making many nice art works in Japanese book club in Highbury Roundhouse.

For further information, please contact via email on: temari.bunko@gmail.com



Dance, Fitness & Wellbeing Activities

Cocojam



Cocojam Street styles aims to help young people from all backgrounds and abilities, develop and achieve the high level of dance skills required to compete and perform in today's ever-growing street style industry. Our eclectic blend of experience, along with our commitment in providing dance within the wider community has put Cocojam in this unique position, linking world-class instructors to our classes. Cocojam instructors have a true passion

for dance and the different styles they teach.

Classes run for ages 6 – 15 years every Saturday from 9:30pm – 1:30pm at: Sotheby Mews, Sotheby Road N5 2UP. To book a free trial for your child simply contact us or check out our website for more details:

Tel: - 07595 583 158

Email: - info@cocojam.co.uk

Website: - www.cocojam.co.uk

Dance Around

Established in 1985 Dance-A-Round runs a small cluster of classes aiming to provide stimulating and exciting dance for boys and girls of all ages. All of our classes offer opportunities to develop body control and self-esteem as well as creative skills. Dance-A-Round classes take place currently in two venues in the Highbury area on Mondays and Saturdays. Children from the age of 2-16 years old enjoy Ballet and Tap and may attend one or more of the 8 classes that take place during the week.

During Ballet and Tap classes children learn the technique of these styles in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Children regularly participate in Dance Performances if they wish so. Younger children have a watching week at the end of each term to which family and friends are invited. Older children participate in



shows and demonstrations at Christmas and in the Summer Term.

Dance-A-Round currently offers Tap Classes for Adults on a termly course. For more information about Dance-A-Round classes please contact Joanna Treacher on **Tel: - 01322 350699**

Email: - d-a-r.highbury@ntlworld.com

Website: - www.dance-a-round.com



Highbury Jitsu Club



Highbury Jitsu has been running at the Highbury Roundhouse for nearly 7 years. We are located at Sotheby Mews Centre and continue teaching traditional styles of Jiu Jitsu. Highbury Jitsu Club teaches practical self-defence suitable for anyone. As well as being fun and challenging, it improves balance coordination and general physical conditions. Regular training can help to improve strength, flexibility, co-ordination and posture. Moreover, most people find over time that Jitsu improves their self-esteem and self-confidence. Jitsu training is also great fun and a fantastic way to meet new friends. Highbury Jitsu Club trains on a Wednesday evening from 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Beginners are welcome.

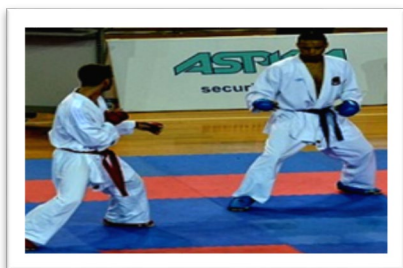
For more information contact Sean Adjei

Tel: 07879843587

Email: highburyjitsu@gmail.com

www.highburyjitsu.org.uk

Karate (Ken-Bu-Kan)



The Ken-Bu-Kan school of Karate is a family run school which has been established since 1992 by chief instructor Andy Michaelides. Training and classes are led by Andy and a group of qualified instructors. All students and classes are taught in a traditional manner, with discipline as one of the most important aspects of our class. The classes are potential for the most capable students to reach the highest level and compete internationally.

Students learn how to defend themselves against a competitor and a potential assailant, with an array of blocks, punches, strikes, kicks, locks, sweeps and takedowns. The sessions take place every Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:45-7:30pm.

For further details on the Ken-Bu-Kan school or to find out how to join please contact

Andy Michaelides on:

Tel: 07956 165 826 or Email: kbk_karate@hotmail.com or

Visit: www.kbk-karate.co.uk

Line Dancing

Line Dancing runs every Mondays between 12 noon and 3:00pm, start the week off learning a choreographed Line dance routine set to great music to get everyone going. A great way to stay active whilst meeting new people.



Seer Yoga



Led by Jaz, a qualified Yoga and Pilates instructor. Seer Yoga classes are taught in a strong and yet soft manner, infused with many encounters of different styles of Yoga. The focus is on working from the inside out, alignment of the mind and body and practicing mindfulness. All of the classes are taught with themes that are relevant for day-to-day life and weave in the philosophy of Yoga in each class. The classes are held at the Highbury Roundhouse every Wednesdays from 6:30pm to

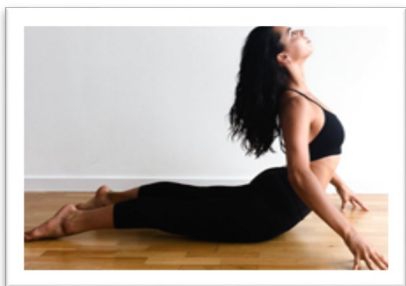
7:30pm. There is a monthly workshop on a Sundays 12.30pm – 14.30pm. More details can be found: www.seeryoga.uk

Contact Jaz Mullings-Lambert on Tel: 07850060066 or Email: Jaz@seeryoga.uk

"I just love this space, it is small, intimate and so welcoming and in the winter very cosy. I have been hosting my workshops here for few years and I appreciate this space and the helpfulness of the staff and loving friendly nature of Agatha who is always there to assist. Keep up the good work. For the people who comes here, I am sure it is the centre of the community"- Jaz



Leyla Yoga



A weekly flow yoga class for mixed abilities, which works on strength, flexibility, aiming to cultivate a sense of balance through both mind and body. We will end with a deep relaxation by candlelight to ease you in to the coming week. The classes are held every Mondays from 6.30pm-8pm at Highbury Roundhouse. Beginners are welcome.

For more info, contact Leyla on:

Tel: 07852988204 or www.leylayogalondon.com

The Way Ministry



The Sunday service group called The Way Ministry currently resides at Aubert Court Community Centre. Its service runs every Sunday between 11:00am – 2:00pm. For more information contact Sina Nsimba on **Tel: 07944022129.**

AA Group



Alcoholic Anonymous group meets once a week on a Thursday between 6:00-7:00pm. The group aims to provide help and support to people with alcohol addiction. Encouraging people to talk about their addiction in a welcome and supportive environment with people suffering with similar difficulties provide support. Anyone wishing to join the group can call on **Tel: 07708257949.**

Islington Foodbank

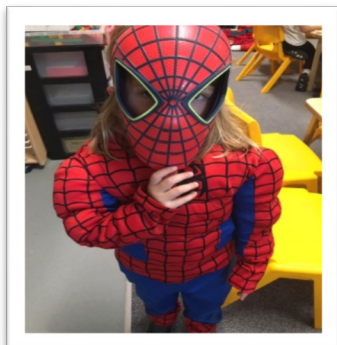
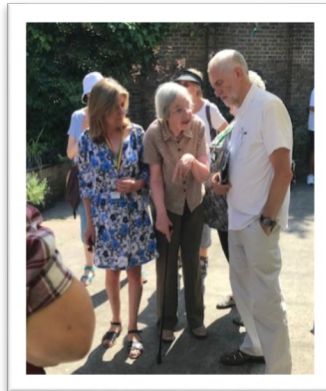


The Islington Foodbank is part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by the Trussell Trust. The Foodbank works to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. The volunteers welcome the clients and signpost them to agencies able to solve their longer-term problems. The Foodbank is currently based in the Highbury Roundhouse and runs on Mondays and Saturdays between 1:00pm -4:00pm. **Tel: 07753222755**
Email: info@islington.foodbank.org.uk.

Events at Highbury Roundhouse

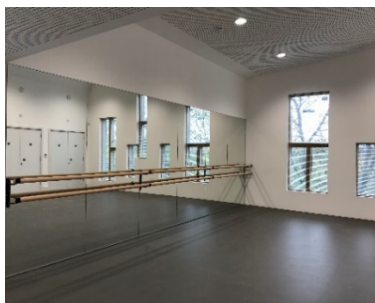


Events at the Highbury Roundhouse continued



New Building

Last year we reported a funding shortfall of £300,000 to complete construction of the new building. We are pleased to report that we were able to raise the additional funds with the help of members, Islington Council and a social investment loan.



Construction of the new building commenced in August 2019, the aim was for the building to be complete by October 2019. Unfortunately, construction was delayed due to a few minor changes and construction difficulties in the contractor having the materials on site at the appropriate time. Construction is now complete with the contractor dealing with a few snagging issues and agreeing sign-off with the building control inspector from Islington Council. Once this is complete, we will be able to take possession of the building and start delivering the much-needed services. The total cost of the building is estimated to be over £3.2m; we aim to take possession in mid-March 2020.

As you can see from the photos the construction of the building is complete, subject to a few issues the contractor is dealing with. Once this has been resolved, we will be in a position to take possession of the building.



I will not list all the groups and activities that are going to move into the new building. You can find them on our website, all patiently waiting to occupy the space that has been designed for them.



The project has taken a numbers of years to get to where we are; we are all so excited and can now see the light at the end of the tunnel. We cannot wait to move in and start serving you.

Although we have raised all the funds to complete the new building, there is always a need for additional equipment, so please do continue to donate to our new building fund, every penny raised will be put to good use. You can donate to our new building fund through our fundraising page on Virgin Money Giving:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/charity?charityId=1018216>

We would like to thank the members of our design team who have all continued to work on the project with us:

Sarah Wigglesworth Architects
Local Agenda Limited
H A Marks
Artelia UK Limited



Financial Activities

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Incoming Resources					
Donations and other voluntary income	(2)	1,329	7,000	8,329	27,363
Income from charitable activities:					
Grants, contracts and donations	(3)	87,578	883,966	971,544	2,587,567
Other activities	(4)	873	-	873	562
Investment income		3	-	3	40
Total incoming resources	(12)	89,783	890,966	980,749	2,615,532
Expenditure					
Cost of raising funds:					
Fundraising and Publicity costs	(5)	7,781	-	7,781	7,456
Expenditure on charitable activities	(5)	45,545	686,292	731,837	726,245
Total Expenditure	(5)	53,326	686,292	739,618	733,701
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources		36,457	204,674	241,131	1,881,831
Net movement in funds		(100,000)	100,000	-	-
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		115,673	2,444,325	2,559,998	678,167
Total funds carried forward	(12)	52,130	2,748,999	2,801,129	2,559,998

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2019

	Notes	2019		2018	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	(9)		2,783,085		2,511,464
Current Assets					
Debtors	(10)	181,283		113,803	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>53,015</u>		<u>116,808</u>	
Total Current Assets		234,298		230,611	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(11)	(216,254)		(182,077)	
Net current assets			<u>18,044</u>		<u>48,534</u>
Net Assets			<u>2,801,129</u>		<u>2,559,998</u>
Funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds	(12)		2,748,999		2,444,325
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	(12)		33,051		96,594
Designated funds	(12)		<u>19,079</u>		<u>19,079</u>
Total charity funds			<u>2,801,129</u>		<u>2,559,998</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act relating to small charitable companies and constitute the annual accounts required by Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23rd December 2019 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and Registrar of Companies. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information the full accounts, the auditors' report on those accounts and the Trustees' Annual Report should be consulted. Copies of these may be obtained from our registered office.



Scott Wadlow

Treasurer

As auditors to the charity, we have reviewed the summarised accounts above and consider that they are consistent with the full accounts, on which we gave our opinion.

Faustino Franco (Senior Statutory Auditor)
Perlin Franco Limited
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Trojan House, 34 Arcadia Avenue London N3 2JU

Acknowledgement

Special thanks go to all our 'Friends of Highbury Roundhouse' who continue to support our much-needed work from year to year. In addition, to all the people who make regular and much appreciated contributions to the organisation by standing order. We are also very grateful to all the individuals who made donations during the year.

Big Lottery Fund

London Marathon Charitable Trust

The Arsenal Community Fund

City Bridge Trust

The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust

Beatrice Laing Charitable Trust

Sports England

Garfield Western Foundation

Awards for All

Invesco Perpetual

Greater London Authority

Cllr Caroline Russell

Cllr Osh Gantly

Cllr Sue Lukes

Cllr Richard Watts

Cllr Richard Greening

Cllr Andy Hull

Cllr Theresa Debono

Local Shops

St. Joan of Arc School

Hanover School

St. Peter St. Paul School

Blessed Sacrament School

Yerbury School

St. Luke's School

Whittington Park Community Centre

Terry Stacy JP MBE

Clothworkers' Charity

Jeremy Corbyn MP- Leader of the opposition

Charity Fundraising Ltd

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Islington Council

Local Initiatives Fund

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Sandra Hodgson

Kate Hodgson

Highbury Fields Association

Highbury Community Association

Michael Padfield

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