

# HIGHBURY ROUNDHOUSE

Putting the **heart** back into the community



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# Introduction



# History & Introduction

Highbury Roundhouse 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 services from pre-school to old age, there is something for everyone. We host Underfives' 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 a number of 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 with your help and support we will continue to do so.

# Who's Who

## Management Committee Members

William Ellington – Chair	Sara Zavaleta	Victoria Ellington
Tony Miller - Secretary	Andrew Myer	Steffan Taylor
Neville Cowton- Treasurer	Clementine Cowton	
Andrew Berthier	- Director	
Savanah Popal	- Extended Services Coordinator	
Phyllis Williams	- Office Administrator	
Nan Ohmar	- Finance Officer	
Phil Watkinson	- Head Caretaker	
Farzana Khanom	- Projects Administrator	
Deesha Shibnauth	- Projects Admin Assistant	
Julie Day	- Extended Schools Services Coordinator	
Josie Galvin	- HRH Out of School Services Manager	
Carmel Zanre	- Under 5's Services/Blessed Sacrament ASC Manager	
Tina Chuku	- Yerbury ASC Deputy Manager	
Lesley Palling	- St. Peter St. Paul ASC Deputy Manager	
Nigel Williams	- Older People's Services Manager	
Hasna Begum	- St. Joan of Arc ASC Manager	
Imrana Begum	- Blessed Sacrament ASC Deputy Manager	
Michelle Thomson	- Hanover ASC Deputy Manager	
Alejandra Jaramillo	- Playworker	
Julian Gumbs	- Playworker	
Roshnee Wilson	- Playworker	
Kaoutar Zekri	- Playworker	
Paul Hazel	- Playworker	
Lesha Destouche	- Playworker	
Kelvin Anipa	- Playworker	
La Tanya Malone	- Playworker	
Jackie Crowe	- Playworker	
Emma Stores	- Playworker	
Dinisha Shibnauth	- Playworker	
Tahera Rahman	- Playworker/ Youth Club Worker	
Agatha Ikpa	- Domestic Assistant/Playworker	
Nazmin Uddin	- Bank Playworker	
Terry Dolan	- Evening Caretaker	
Patrick Gyles	- Evening & Weekend Caretaker	
Carlos Valero	- Part time Cleaner	
Beverly Bryant	- Cook	
Nicky Anderson	- Pensioners' Worker/Escort	
Lawrence Blankson	- Assistant Cook	
Belinda Feldman	- Bank Worker/Pensioners Project	
Matthew Bull	- Young People's Services Manager	

# Chairman's Report

This is my final report as chairman of the Highbury Roundhouse as I have taken up residence in Brussels for business reasons.

We have had a good year with turnover at a record high of £640,000, with an increase in the number of people in Highbury and beyond that we serve. However, the biggest milestone of the year was the approval by the National Lottery of stage two of our application for £766,142. What remains for completing our application is the submission of a business plan that will satisfy the lottery that we will remain solvent in future years and a detailed plan of how the building will be constructed.



Providing we don't get this stage of the process wrong, the funds should be available for drawdown when building commences. Although I may be guilty of declaring the outcome of a race when the horses are only at the three quarter post, I can say that we now have raised more than £2 million in commitments and we expect to break ground before our planning permission expires in July 2016.

Once the building is constructed, we will be able to expand our social and cultural activities, but what we do will depend on the participation of residents. If your children need encouragement with learning languages and there are enough families in a similar position, let us know and we will have them singing in French, German or another language. If you and your neighbours are interested in learning how to make a pizza or a crepe, we could help arrange a cooking class. There are a huge range of activities that residents can enjoy. What these are depends largely on local people taking the initiative. When someone plans an activity, they will be able to hire space in our new building for what we call a user fee. The fee can be extremely low when you are starting out with a new activity.



As participants in the activity increase, we would charge more but the fee would always be a lot less than commercial rates. We are a charity which has always encouraged day and evening use of our space so that costs for our individual users can be kept to a minimum. I became a member of the management committee in 1994 and a year later was instrumental in hiring Andrew Berthier as our chief finance officer.

**I**t turned out to be the best hire of my career. Andrew has not only brought his understanding of management principles to his job as chief executive, he turned out to have a lot of talent for dealing with people, whether they be staff, suppliers or funders. Thanks to Andrew, we now have the best staff that I have seen in my 21 years as a director of the charity.

**W**hen the government started to provide funding for schools to run after-school activities, Andrew proved to be right on the ball, offering to provide play and learning activities for the schools. As it turned out, teachers have a lot of non-classroom work to do and they generally did not want to take on extra work supervising children after school. The gap opened and the Roundhouse now operates clubs on the premises of five schools and we are giving advice to two more.

**T**he partnership approach that we have used to work with schools, is a very good example of what can be achieved when organisations work together. We intend to expand on this and work with new partners when we have our new building. The Roundhouse has very good prospects for the future and I have no doubt will become a major provider of community services in the borough for many years to come.

**I**would also like to thank my fellow members of the management committee, not just for the sometimes tiresome work they put in, but also for their humour and spirit of adventure.

*William Ellington*

**Chair**

# Director's Report



We continue to deliver services from different buildings, since our main building at the rear of the site was condemned and demolished in 2013. Islington Council has been very helpful and they have continued to support HRH throughout this very difficult time. Currently we use 5 different sites to deliver some of our work.

Over the years we have worked hard to respond to community needs and offer services that benefit the community. The overall financial performance for the year is a surplus of £71,880. There is much more to the organisation than financial figures and forecasts, we believe that we deliver real change and our plans for the future are bold, exciting but above all achievable. Please join us and help us build a future together for local people.

The year started with the organisation delivering its main activities of: youth provision, lunch clubs, drop in sessions, playschemes and after school clubs. As with the previous year we spent a lot of time working on our new building. Our work during the year can be summarised as follows:

## **NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Since achieving planning consent on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013, we have worked hard to raise the funds required to build our new building. Fundraising is progressing well, unfortunately, not as quickly as we had wished, but is moving forward. We currently have a target of £2.250 million to raise and have so far managed to raise £1,303,169, which includes £42,600 raised from the local community. However, with the recent announcement of our stage two Lottery bid and on the successful completion of our stage 3, this will take us pass the £2 million mark. Successfully completing stage two means we also have access to £66,142 of development funding, which will be used to complete RIBA stage E of the project.

We also plan to apply to a number of major trusts and companies over the next 7 months with the aim of raising sufficient funds to build the community building. Our aim is to commence construction in 2016 with the building complete in 2017.

**W**e are pleased to report that we were able to continue with much of our work, in some areas we were even able to expand on our services and increase our partnerships with other organisations. There was no change in our main activities which where: work with children, young people, the elderly and families, which are detailed in the trustees report.

**O**ur Halloween event was held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014, the event was held at Sotheby Mews Day Centre. We were pleased to see so many people turn out, on what was a cold and windy day; we managed to raise £858. The event was coordinated by staff and volunteers, who worked over the weekend. Our after school clubs held a number of fundraising activities during the year with the children to raise funds for our new building, the activities raised £163.00.

**S**taff development and training of our Out of School Services team is very important to us, we will continue to look at ways in which we can further develop and support our staff.

**U**nfortunately, both William and Victoria Ellington will not be standing for re-election this year, as the family have moved to Brussels. William has been a trustee for over 21 years of which over 14 were as Chairman and Victoria was a trustee for 14 years and played a vital role in steering the work of our youth club sub committee. Together they were the driving force in 2001 that helped the organisation over one of its most difficult periods, when it was struggling to maintain services after swiping cuts in core funding that affected many organisations across the borough at that time. I can honestly say that if it was not for William the organisation would not be here today, doing what it does best, which is serving you. Both William and Victoria will be missed.



We also experienced the sad loss of another long-serving director Bill Croucher. Bill had served as a trustee for almost 14 years and sadly passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Bill was very well respected and loved in the community and will be very sadly missed.

I would like to thank our funders, who have supported us over the years and in particular the London Marathon Charitable Trust. The trust was one of the first large trusts to support our new building project; this early support was a critical factor when approaching other funders. I would also like to thank the members of our management committee for their help and support during the year. The trustees have spent many hours working on plans for the new building. We must not forget the efforts of Islington Council and would like to thank them for their support with our work and the new building project.

Finally, I would like to thank our staff and volunteers for their continued contribution. The success we have enjoyed over the years is a direct result of their hard work and commitment to serving you.

*Andrew Berthier*

Director



# **Chapter 1:**

# **Children's**

# **Activities**

# Childminders' Group & Stay and Play Project

The Childminders and Stay & Play groups have had a busy year. We have a great deal of families in Islington using our groups. In January 2015 we had our yearly monitoring inspection which went well. We had a visit from the LITC's Childcare Apprenticeship course Advisor in March; they provide training for childminders, nursery assistants, out of school assistants, self-employed child carers and other child focused professions. The officer spent two full days at our group giving advice to parents/carers about accredited courses for them. Three carers and one parent have enrolled on a course.



The childminding coordinator, Sandra Nicolson visited our group in June 2015 to discuss changes to Early Year's Foundation Stage, which included a new specific area : Expressive Arts & Design. This enables children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role play and design and technology.

In July we arranged a visit to Old McDonalds farm in Essex. We travelled by coach, which was provided by Islington transport services. There were 15 adults and 16 children. We all had a great day. Also in July we had a teddy bear picnic at Highbury Fields. All the children brought their teddies from home to join us on our picnic. We planned a day at Ambler Children Services to develop links with the centre. The centre provides early education and day care provision for children aged from 6 months to 4 years.



The centre is a friendly place for parents/ carers and children, with a wide range of early year's activities. We offer a stimulating & supporting environment for the children which enable them to learn and develop through playing. As an early year's Practitioner, our principles are to see each child as unique and help build positive relationships with parents/childminders and child.



In September, we had a visit from the Whittington Health NHS's oral health advisor, Obuko who advised our parents and childminders how best to take care of our children's teeth, from tooth brushing, dentist visits, preventive advice, to suitable snacks and drinks between meals and the 'hidden sugar in foods'. The parents/ childminders had the opportunity to ask lots of questions. They found the session very informative and helpful.



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015, we arranged a fundraising event for Highbury Roundhouse. Tea & Cakes; parents made lovely cakes with the children. We raised £16 for the Highbury Roundhouse building fund.

## Future Developments

All recommendations from last year's monitoring visit have been met and we look forward to this year's visit, where we aim to be given a higher rating. Our focus for the coming year is to ensure that childminders are kept abreast with any changes in the Early Year's Foundation Stage (EYFS) and that we continue to work to very high standards. We have undertaken ECAF training with Islington Council and provided with some volunteering opportunities at the childminders group. We will also be encouraging more carers to consider becoming registered childminders and provide more in-house training with our service users.

*Carmel Ganre*  
Under 5's Services Manager



# Pyramid Soft Play

The pyramid soft-play has been going strong over a number of years. Providing our little users with a fun filled enjoyable activity. It is a session of fun & play for the children whilst also helping with the development of their co-ordination. It also gives them a chance to mix with other children before they start nursery or school.



Soft play helps with a child's early development, the well-designed indoor Soft Play equipment will facilitate the development of a child's physical, intellectual and social skills in a safe yet stimulating environment. This activity also gives parents the opportunity to socialise with other parents and make friends. A canteen serves hot and cold snacks, food and drinks, all at very reasonable prices. Soft Play is open between 10:00am – 5:30pm on Fridays. The price is £3.00 per child.

*June Dolan*  
Coordinator

# After School Clubs

Highbury Roundhouse manages the after school provisions based in Hanover, Blessed Sacrament and St Joan of Arc Primary Schools. We also provide a club based at Whittington Park Community Centre for the children from Yerbury Primary School. The children from St. John Evangelist School can access the club at Hanover and are escorted to the club via a walkover service. In September 2015; we were very pleased to open our fifth provision at St Peters & St Pauls Catholic School.

Our clubs are open from 3:30 to 6:00pm during term time. Annual consultations with Parents & Carers have informed us that our clubs are valuable to them because they are able to continue with or find work, or to study. We continue to work in partnership with Parents/Carers and Islington Council Children's Services to ensure we can support families to access all our childcare provisions.



Our Ofsted registered Clubs are open to children from reception age to year 6. This year we received funding to offer up to eight places for nursery children in three of our provisions. We take pride in offering our youngest children a programme that adheres to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework.

For all children we offer a range of structured and freeplay activities in a safe and caring environment. Each setting is inclusive, equality and opportunity is offered to each individual child considering their age and needs. Regular consultation with children ensures that our weekly plan of activities is meeting their choices. Children are able to learn new skills, build relationships and find their centre of excellence.

We also offer children a varied programme of enrichment classes at all our clubs. Specialist Tutors deliver some wonderful clubs. This year we have introduced new clubs including Circus skills, Caribbean dance, Zumba, Theatre set & costume design. Other clubs that continue to be popular include Drama, Spanish, Karate Cooking, Chess, Gymnastics, Jewellery making, keyboard & many more. Our staff are committed to ensuring the children in our care receive the best possible play experience!

We are so pleased to have achieved an ‘Outstanding’ grading for our services at St Joan of Arc Extended School Services. We are proud to be the first and the only voluntary organisation in Islington to have achieved this. Thank you for all the hard work from our dedicated staff & the Early years team at Islington Council, who have helped us achieve this and make a positive difference in children’s lives.

During the year over 800 children used our services, from after school clubs to holiday playschemes. 8 free places were given at our after school clubs to low income families.

In the year 2014-15 we had a total of 20 members of staff who received training in the following areas, 5 members of staff underwent Paediatric First Aid training, 2 members of staff did safeguarding training, 4 members of staff underwent Fire Marshall training, 3 members of staff did Level 2 Food Safety, we had 2 members of staff who were trained in Risk Assessment level 2, 2 members of staff also completed the Level 2 Diploma in Playwork and are now fully qualified Playworkers and we have 2 members of staff who have started the Level 3 Diploma in Children & Young People’s Workforce and are awaiting completion.

*Julie Day*

Extended Schools Services Coordinator



# Playschemes

Our playschemes continues to run at two venues Aubert Court Community Centre which provides childcare for an extended day 8:00-6:30pm and Whittington Park Community Centre. Our centres are open to all children from Reception age to 12 years. Both playschemes have seen an increase in the number of children attending, especially with the introduction of the extended day at Whittington Park. We have been pleased to welcome so many new families to our service.

The staff team are committed to providing children with new and exciting play opportunities in a safe and caring environment. This summer a group of children worked with Kelly Craig an Education Officer from 'The Dogs Trust' to promote safety around dogs. Kelly wrote a play called 'It's a Dog's life' which the children performed to an audience at the end of the holiday.

Our programme has featured some wonderful trips including: Chessington World of Adventures, Butterfly World, Adventure Island (Southend), Canal Museum, Little Angel & Lyric Theatre, Arsenal stadium tours, Stratford Discovery centre and many more. Children have had the chance to experience Kayaking, free jumping trampoline & Circus skills workshops. This summer we were also visited by the Mounted Police. The Children were very excited to see horses at their playscheme!

Through Consultation, Parents & Carers have informed us that the playschemes are valuable to them as they know their children are having a great time whilst they work or study. During Easter and summer playscheme this year we held a cake sale and sponsored bounce which raised £180 towards our new building. Many thanks to all the children and families who supported us with these events.

*Julie Day*

Extended Schools Services Coordinator





# **Chapter 2:**

# **Young**

# **People's**

# **Services**

# Youth Club

Young People's Services had a very successful year, full of fun and learning. Our young people are aged between 11 and 19 years, last year we worked with over one hundred young people. In the 41 years of our history, we are proud to say that we have seen users whose parents and grandparents have benefitted from the services we provide. We are continuing to evolve and provide new and varied activities for our community. During the year we have experienced a few changes. For example we have come to the end of delivery of the Highbury Youth Offer called DEMO, we started delivering Young People's services through a development grant and we have delivered a Summer Service at Birchmore Community Centre.

To deliver these services in the best possible way, we have adopted an ethos of co-production. We are providing services that are both for young people and by young people. This model empowers our users to effect change in the services they receive, develop skills that will help them in later life and increase engagement.

We have developed links with new partners such as Highbury Fields Secondary School, we work with local, regional and national organisations. The broad approach that we have adopted helps us to offer a broader range of services and more innovative programmes. This year our existing services have received positive feedback from our young people.

## DEMO

The Highbury Youth Offer Project, D.E.M.O provided by HRH and City YMCA London has come to an end. The final day of delivery was 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015. The project has lasted for almost a year and half, delivering 2 days a week from Aubert Court Community Centre and 2 days a week outreach work. We have continued to engage and support the young people in Highbury through our Friday sessions at Aubert Court and summer activities.



## FRIDAY OPEN ACCESS SERVICE

Through a development grant from Islington Council, we are delivering an open access session every Friday at Aubert Court Community Centre. The service offers 1-1 and group sessions, peer mentoring, employment and training workshops and recreational activities. The project is focusing on facilitating and supporting young people's growth through dependence to independence by, facilitating, empowering and motivating the young people to make things happen in life. The project is focusing on developing the young people's social and emotional capabilities with particular focus on communication, confidence, relationship and leadership skills. As part of our development we are now proud members of London Youth Organisation and are working towards acquiring a quality kite mark for our services. We hope to achieve this in 2016.

## GRAFFITI ARTS PROJECT

HRH secured funding from LIF Highbury West Ward to deliver a Graffiti Arts Workshop at Aubert Court Community Centre. The workshop started in September and ran every Friday as part of our youth club session for a total of 6 weeks. The project entailed the young people to design and create a large wall canvas for Aubert Community Centre, which will be permanently placed behind the stage providing a backdrop. The project aims to teach positive graffiti and it's art form and to disengage young people from vandalism and tagging graffiti.



## FGM PROJECT

We partnered up with the previous Young Mayor of Islington: Hiba Warsame, and Fixers, a National advocacy organisation to produce a film on Female Genital Mutilation. We worked with a group of young females from the Somali community to explore the issue of FGM from the perspective of women raised in the West from a culture that still practices FGM. Fixers provided the resources to research and film the topic and the film was finally completed in December 2014. ITV did broadcast an interview with Hiba about the project on the 5th December 2014.

### ***Hiba's Feedback***

"Working on this campaign with Highbury Roundhouse has given me skills in which I can use later on in my life; from University to work. I have become more confident in speaking to people and asking questions when I am unsure. Ultimately I have developed my ability to be more decisive in my decisions. I can now get across exactly what I think is the best thing for my campaign and not simply take on the ideas of others. My organisation skills have hugely improved whilst working with Highbury Roundhouse as I have had to manage both working on my campaign and my A levels."

## **BIRCHMORE SUMMER YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECT**

**H**ighbury Roundhouse worked in partnership with Islington Estate Services to deliver a summer program for young people in the Highbury Quadrant area from Birchmore Community Centre. The area had seen a rise in anti-social behaviour with vandalism and general crime by young people on the increase. After carrying out a consultation with the young people it seemed such behaviour was largely due to boredom and a lack of local services in the area.

**W**e delivered a two week summer of fun at Birchmore Community Centre for young people aged 8 – 19. The program ran for 5 days, across 2 weeks in August, offering a whole host of activities and trips. We had a very successful co-production Community BBQ that enabled us to engage with some of the really hard to engage young people in the area. The service was able to gather a large number of grass root intelligence in understanding the needs of the local community and the young people. We are able to respond better to the needs of the young people in the local area through working in partnership with organisations such as Arsenal in the Community and Islington Boat club. The young people have requested a permanent youth club service to be opened at the centre and had a number of ideas for activities and projects.

**W**e would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Caroline Russell, Jacqueline Robinson and Steve White from Islington Estate Services for all the support and hardwork in making this project happen.



## **IT PROJECT**

**W**e delivered an IT project in partnership with Mer-IT an innovative IT company who teaches people of all age groups skills on how to build, repair and maintain computers. Thanks to the funding received from Arsenal in the Community and the Edelman Foundation and the hard work of Mer-IT, we were able to run a Hardware and Software Fundamentals Course on Wednesdays at Highbury Fields School during the Summer Term of 2015. The course has been a success and the students were very satisfied and proud of themselves.

The aims and objectives of the project were to have an active contribution in dealing with IT disadvantages and empower people through IT without the distinction of age or gender. Mer-IT ran a hardware and software fundamentals course, which provided the young people with the tools necessary and the opportunity to upgrade & install operating systems, troubleshoot basic computer problems & repair and build their own computer from scratch which they were able to keep. This course provides an integral foundation in preparing and equipping our future workforce with skills which not only increase their employability but will enable them to reach their potential and excel through maximising the resources they have at their disposal, from the intricate task of installing an operating system to simply taking a more informed approach in perhaps purchasing their own laptop/computer on a needs basis rather than what appears to be 'fancy' or extravagant. The course empowers its students to engage in such tasks with aptitude and confidence.

The impact on students has been visible by teachers, parents and students themselves. At the beginning of the project, 0% of them were interested in pursuing a career in IT, Technology or Engineering. Their favorite subjects were, Music, Drama and Hair & Beauty. By the end of the project, 33% of them wanted to study technology and a further 22% of them would consider a career in IT, Technology or Engineering..



The achievements of the course has been far greater than what had been anticipated. We started the course with most of the students being complete beginners. Most of them assumed the screen was the computer and none of them had ever installed an Operating System. When asked about how confident they felt about doing basic upgrades on a computer such as changing RAM or installing a new Hard Drive, we found that more than 90% of our students felt confident to install a Hard Drive afterwards, compared to 0% at the beginning of the course. 80% of them are now happy to upgrade their RAM, whereas only 0% knew how to do so at the beginning of the course.

It has been a great experience to work at Highbury Fields School. We are especially grateful to Ms Berry (Head Teacher), Mr. Griffiths and Ms Sharma for their understanding of our needs, their patience and constant support of course and the students. We would like to also thank our funders for supporting us with our work.

Our young people's services has enjoyed a very successful year. We have ongoing projects that will continue to bring productive enjoyment to the young people that we engage with. We thank our staff for their tireless dedication, which has made these accomplishments possible. We also thank local businesses and the wider community who support our activities and our young people who make it all worthwhile.

*Savanah Popal*

Youth Projects coordinator



# **Chapter 3:**

# **Older People's**

# **Services**

# Pensioners' Club

**A** Year of growth and plans!

Service provision in figures

	2014-15	2013-14
Meals	3,796	2,960
Classes and group attendance	7,730	6,647
Transport	2,258	1,552
Day trips	4	4
Places of interest and theatre	190	145
Dances and dinners	6	8
Visiting entertainers		3



## MEMBERSHIP

**T**he club has continued to grow in attendance bucking the local trend for lunch clubs partly because of the closure of services but also the fact that we have transport to and from the centre Tuesday to Friday.

**M**embership has remained constant although some clients no longer attend the centre as they have either moved away into provisions with more care although inevitably some have passed away. We would like to mention Pat Bourner, a stalwart who worked hard with her husband Henry over many years at the centre. Staffing has been constant and Belinda has joined our staff team to help cover on Tuesdays.

## MENU

**T**he development has continued, we now have a 13 week cycle that changes seasonally, although a light lunch is offered this is not being utilised by all members.

**M**eals have continued to improve although feeding 30 different people isn't easy when we offer a halal, vegetarian and Caribbean menu as well as endeavouring to support personal likes and dislikes and with notification we do.



## EVENTS

The Lunch and Dance events have continued, we had a steel band in the summer for our Caribbean Barbecue, a good time was had by all. Large social events have grown slightly, now with an average of 65 attenders we have used inexpensive entertainments thanks to Brian and Isobel, The Pearly King and Prince of Finsbury, Kim and our House band. Valentine's Day, Easter, St Georges Day, Caribbean Barbecue, Harvest Ho Down and Christmas Party.



Christmas Dinner and Party catered for 200 people, and a good time was had by all; a special thank you to our DJ Howard who always helps to keep us on the dance floor.



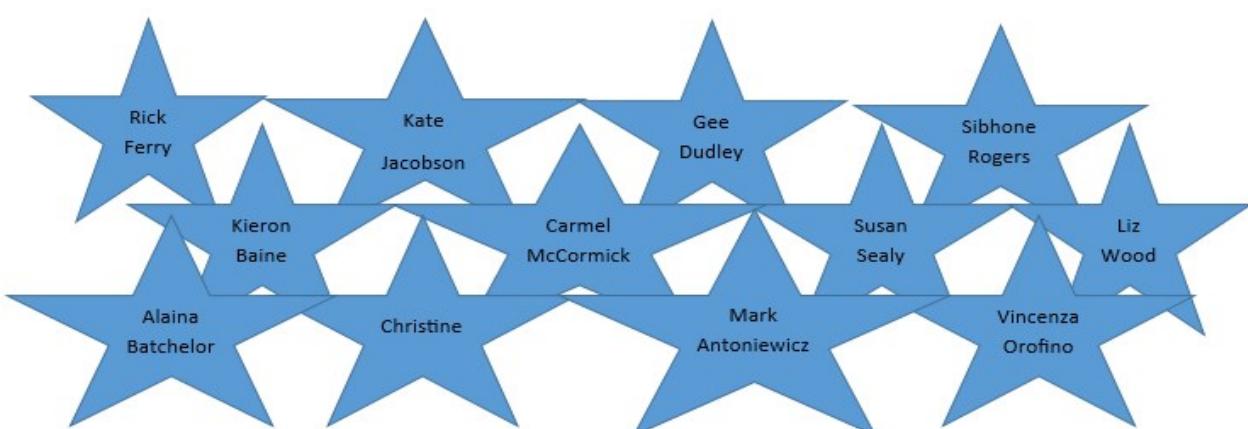
## TRIPS

Day trips to Hastings, Southend and Brighton were stimulating, and the use of a disabled friendly coach although costly, enabled some of our users to have a day out of London. We were successful with the weather. We used our council minibus to collect our less mobile clients to access the centre and then transferred to the Coach.

The theatre trips were self-funding, we saw, Aled Jones in White Christmas this was a great show.

## PROGRAMME

A full programme of health and wellbeing activity sessions are provided from the centre; including, Keep fit (7), Singing (2), Arts, art and craft, Bingo (2), Dominoes (2), Yoga and a shopping trip. We are grateful to all our tutors and volunteer leaders who help us provide these activities.



## DEVELOPMENTS

We had a re-launch of Tuesdays (Taster Tuesdays) during the Autumn of 2014, with 3 out of the 4 Classes that started are continuing. We have set up a Movement and Music class, Drama class, Arts and Craft and a floor based circuit class, (joining in on occasions it's not easy!). Unfortunately the Drama class did not gather enough of a client base.



## TRANSPORT

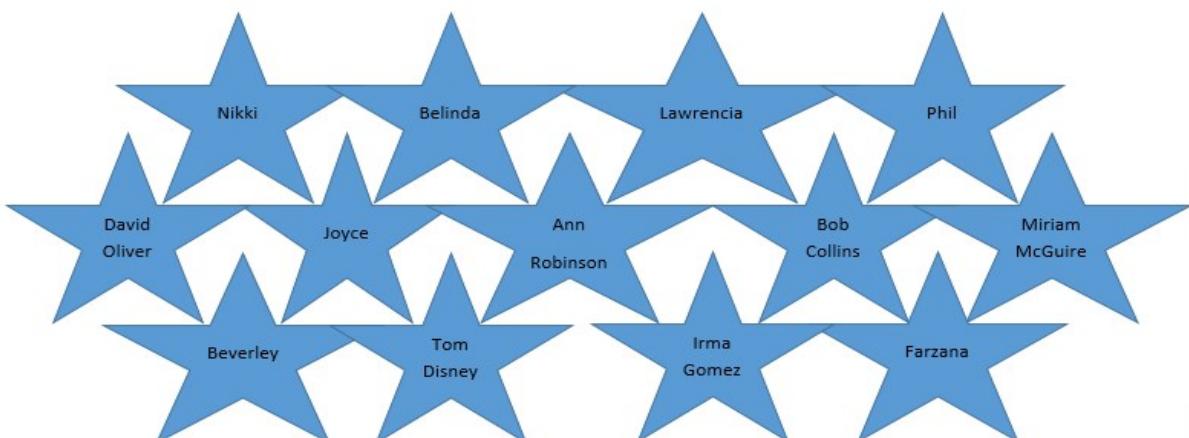
Transport is still an issue! I believe we could fill 2 mini buses every day, as our client group grows frailer the mini bus will become more difficult to access. We provide a good pick up service, although it is stretched and takes out a large number of personnel hours, but without it our client group would diminish and so would our offer.

We want to thank Islington Accessible transport, Ian Spencer and his team who loan us our day to day transport and for the provision of 2 buses and drivers on a Tuesday and 1 on Friday, which enables us to provide for our members.



## GARDENING

Some work was carried out in the garden, this was clearance work and the making of a flower bed at the entrance of the building! Thank you to Anthony Melville for his work on this and to London Waste for the delivery of compost.



## FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS:

### The garden:

This still needs clients to engage, be inspired and to develop our growing space into a haven for growers. We are hoping soon to relaunch a garden club.

### IT Device training:

We are one step closer with a conversation around Raspberry Pies, a Hard Drive based computer system, Councillor Debono has put us in contact with a local provider this will enable better digital inclusion.

### Transport

How do we develop and improve our provision for our clients, while looking at environmental and financial implications of a more suitable and user friendly transport. We have the challenge of finding external funding for this.

### Contract

One of our biggest concerns is finance and the Council's ability to continue to fund the provision, part of our plans as an organisation working with clients and our community is to work together to future proof the service. We are looking for ideas and support to do this immediately. As we go to press, it seems that a new 2 year contract will be published that we can bid for so we have some breathing space.



Group of corporate volunteers

### Membership fee

There has been suggestion and generally accepted that we consider an annual membership charge. We owe a great debt of gratitude to those who work with us. Our staff, tutors and volunteers are unsung heroes! Thanks Guys for all your hard work! For your paid and unpaid work that keeps the centre ticking over and a place our clients love to attend.

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). Linz and Lucy thank you.

We 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.

*Nigel Williams*

Older People's Services Manager



# **Chapter 4:**

# **Dance &**

# **Drama**

# Dance-A-Round

Established in 1985 Dance-A-Round aims to provide stimulating and exciting dance classes 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 has just celebrated it's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary with a performance of 70 participants enjoying an exciting experience at the City Of London Girl's School.

Dance-A-Round classes take place currently in two venues in the Highbury area on Mondays and Saturdays. Children from the age of 3-18 years old enjoy Ballet and Tap and may attend one or more of the 12 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. 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.

Tel:- 01322 350699

Email:- [d-a-r.highbury@ntlworld.com](mailto:d-a-r.highbury@ntlworld.com)

Website:- [www.dance-a-round.co.uk](http://www.dance-a-round.co.uk)



# Coco Jam

**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.



Our instructors most recent performances include:

- ◊ Finalists of 2010/12/14 Sky 1's Got to Dance
- ◊ Comic Relief Street dance The Movie
- ◊ Thriller Live
- ◊ Current IDO World Champions

Classes run for ages 6 – 15 years every Saturday at Sotheby Mews, Sotheby Road N5 2UP. Beginners: 9.30am - 10.30am, Intermediate: 10.30am - 12.00pm Advanced: 12.00pm - 1.30pm. 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](mailto:info@cocojam.co.uk)

Website:- [www.cocojam.co.uk](http://www.cocojam.co.uk)



# **Chapter 5:**

# **Cultural**

# **Activities**

# Hungarian Children & Parents 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 – more than 28 years ago!

We now meet at Sotheby Mews on alternate Saturdays between 2-6 pm, 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.



Break time, Sotheby Mews



“Szorakatema” drama class, Sotheby Mews



Teachers Training, Hungarian Cultural Centre



“Kinház” drama class rehearsal, Sotheby Mews

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.

*Dr Edit Zolnai*  
Chair



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[www.magyariskola.org](http://www.magyariskola.org)



*Janos Brody music workshop, Coronet Cinema*



*Language workshop, UCL*



*Literacy for 5-7 year olds, Sotheby Mews*



*Puppet theatre in the nursery, Sotheby Mews*

# Tibetan Sunday School

**Tibet House Trust  
Patron His Holiness the Dalai Lama**

**A**s the name suggests, Sunday Tibetan School in London is being held every Sunday at Sotheby Mews for several years.

**T**his school has a history dating back to 1996 when the first such weekly school was started by Tibet House Trust, official UK registered charity (Registration No. 1037230). His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama is the Patron. Back then, it was held every Saturday inside the premises of Tibet House, and there were only a handful of Tibetan students.

**T**he administration of Tibetan school by Tibet House Trust is also consistent with its aims and objectives that of promoting a greater awareness of Tibetan culture, including language and music.

**T**he Tibetan diaspora in and around London, numbering a few hundreds, strongly feel the need to preserve the Tibetan identity, language and culture; and thus actively participate by sending their children to the Sunday school, even voluntarily contributing towards the expenses of running the school.

**P**resently, we have a total of 25 students (aged 6-14 years) attending the Sunday school for Tibetan Language & culture, London. The students are taught Tibetan language (written and spoken), Tibetan music, including playing dra-nyen (Tibetan guitar), and techniques for building confidence. We have three teachers, one each for Tibetan language, Tibetan music and confidence building.

**T**he school has been divided into three terms in one calendar year:  
First Term: January - March  
Second Term: April- July  
Third Term: September- December

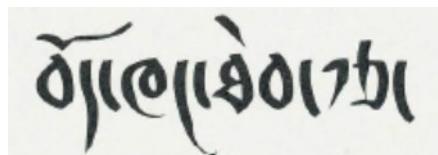


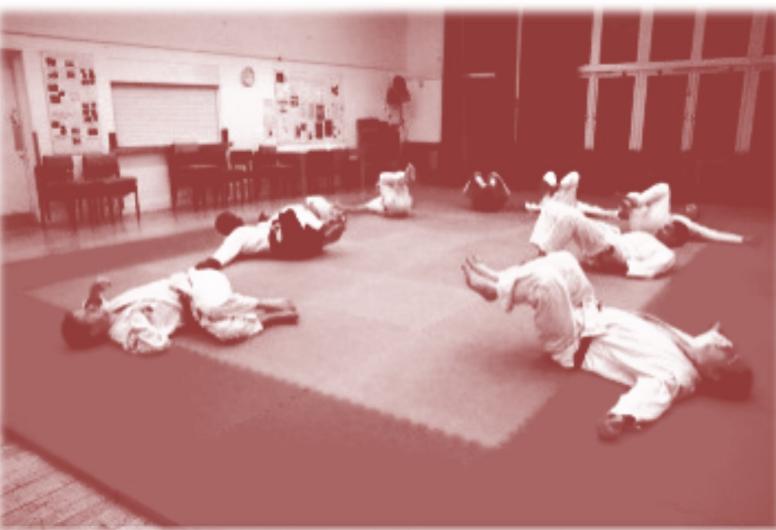
The children bond together very well as a community at the Sunday school, thereby grounding them to their roots. It is also a chance for the parents to get together and discuss Tibetan culture and affairs.

The significance of the school for the Tibetan culture and language cannot be overstated. We thank everyone at Highbury Roundhouse for facilitating the use of Sotheby Mews for our work.

For more information about the Tibetan School, please contact 0207722 5378.

*Tenzin Kunga*  
Secretary,  
Tibet House Trust





# **Chapter 6:**

# **Fitness &**

# **Spiritual**

# **Wellbeing**

# Highbury Jitsu Club



Highbury Jitsu has been running at the Highbury Roundhouse for nearly 6 years. Since then they have relocated to the Sotheby Mews Centre and continue teaching traditional styles of Jiu Jitsu.

Highbury Jitsu Club teaches practical self defence suitable for anyone: any size, weight or strength. As well as being fun and challenging, it improves balance coordination and general physical conditions. Regular training can help to improve strength, fitness, 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, Junior's session is 6.30pm - 7.30pm and the Adults session is 7.30pm - 9pm. Beginners are welcome. See [www.highburyjitsu.org.uk](http://www.highburyjitsu.org.uk). Tel: 07879843587.

## Karate (Ken-Bu-Kan)

The founder and chief instructor, Andy Michaelides has been training and competing since 1982 and is a fully qualified instructor and examiner. All students and classes are taught in a traditional manner, and discipline is one of the most important aspects of our classes. The classes are safe and fun, and there is potential for the most able students to reach the highest level, and to 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 take downs.



The sessions take place every Monday and Wednesday 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](mailto:kbk_karate@hotmail.com) or visit: [www.kbk-karate.co.uk](http://www.kbk-karate.co.uk)



# Karate (Genshi Ryoku)

This is a traditional style of karate that is based on personal development and self-discipline. We teach in a friendly atmosphere that allows students of all ages to come and enjoy the benefits of this fantastic Martial Art. Classes place some emphasis on street self defence in real situations and are geared to enhance self-awareness, confidence and coordination.

All classes are taught by a fully qualified instructor every Tuesday 7:00 –8:30pm at Highbury Roundhouse. For more details contact: Darren 07814 511 360.

## Pilates Promise



Pilates is an exercise regime that dramatically transforms the way your body looks, feels and performs. It builds strength without excess bulk, creating a sleek, toned body. Pilates is suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels. It can provide all the following benefits:

- Improvement to posture & flexibility
- Development of a leaner body by lengthening and strengthening the muscles without building bulk
- Reduction in stress & fatigue
- Increase in mobility and strength of the spine
- Improvement in circulation, balance, co-ordination and mind/body awareness
- Stronger abdominals & pelvic floor
- Reduction in back, joint & muscular pain
- Improvement in the performance of other sports and activities
- A general sense of well-being



Jackie Johnson is a qualified Pilate's instructor who holds classes at Highbury Roundhouse, every Wednesdays from 6.30pm-7:30pm. For more information call her on 07769955334 or Email [Jackie@pilatespromise.com](mailto:Jackie@pilatespromise.com).

# Classbase



## Fitness classes with ClassBase...

Class Base provide a high quality, affordable Fitness class programme for local corporate and community residents. The idea behind ClassBase was remarkably simple. Launched in Sept 2012, ClassBase set out to provide a weekly fitness-class membership programme, which would be affordable, effective and enjoyable. ClassBase attract people who want to access good fitness classes without paying the high cost of a gym. One monthly low cost direct debit payment provides access to our fun effective, current weekly timetable.

In February 2014 our services expanded into Highbury, Sotheby Mews N5 2UP providing 5 "Women Only" classes per week. For 1 monthly cost. Starting from just £22 per month you can attend:

Every Tuesday 6.30pm – 7.15pm BoxFit Women Only

Every Tuesday 7.15pm – 8.15pm Pilates Women Only

Every Thursday 6.30pm – 7.15pm Zumba Women Only

Every Thursday 7.15pm – 7.45pm Strength & Tone Women only

Every Thursday 7.45pm – 8.15pm Fast Class Circuit Women Only



**Community Social Responsibility** ClassBase will position itself within the local community as a fitness class facility that is readily affordable for all. Everyone joining ClassBase will do so on the understanding that by becoming a member you are helping to sustain HRH in supporting the community through universal access to fitness.

**Contact us today to book your free trial class**

E: [info@classbase.co.uk](mailto:info@classbase.co.uk) T: 07595 583 158 [www.classbase.co.uk](http://www.classbase.co.uk)



# Iyengar Yoga

Iyengar Yoga is a form of Hatha Yoga that has an emphasis on detail, precision and alignment in the performance of posture and breath control. It focuses on the structural alignment of the physical body, aiming to unite the body, mind and spirit for health and well-being. This is considered a powerful tool to relieve the stresses of everyday life.

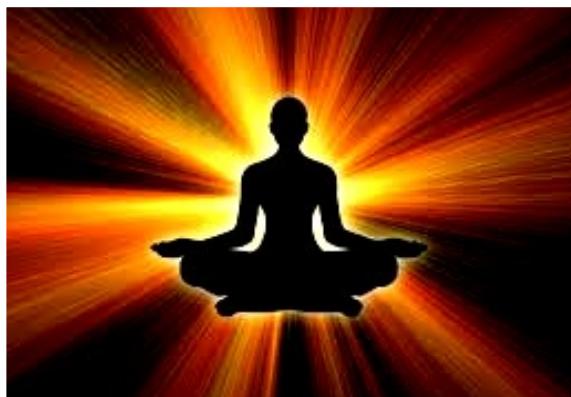
Iyengar Yoga is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor at Highbury Roundhouse every Saturday at 10:30-12:00noon. For further information please email [highburyoga@gmail.com](mailto:highburyoga@gmail.com) or contact Judith and Agnieszka 07770419671.



## Aum Meditation

The Aum Meditation is an interactive social exercise which takes you on a journey of self discovery. It is an adventure and with the help of others who become your mirrors you will be able to see yourself clearly.

The thirteen stages take you from one polarity to another via emotional expression, dancing, bioenergetics exercise and encounters. You experience releasing everything in your noisy and emotional body/mind and move into emptiness and inner silence. From this space you start to reconnect with your true nature. Releasing stress and pent-up feelings creates more clarity and well-being within yourself and others.



This meditation takes place at the Sotheby Mews day centre on the first Sunday of the month. For more information contact David on 07799 407 900.

# Line Dancing



**K**im started line dancing with us in August 2012 in which she had taken over from the previous tutor. Kim started with a few members and now progressing strongly. Line Dancing runs every Mondays at Sotheby Mews between 12 noon and 3:00pm, a great way to start the week off with a fun-filled Line dancing routine set to great music to get everyone going.

*Kim*

Founder

# **Friday Prayer meeting with Mary**

Mary's prayer group started two years ago as a family oriented group. We are an on-going group who meet every Friday from 7:00-8:00pm and we would like to thank the Highbury Roundhouse for providing us with a venue in which to hold our prayer meetings. For more information please contact Mary on 07944743916.



## **The Way Ministry**

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



# Events at Highbury Roundhouse



Halloween Event



Witches Brew prepares at Halloween



Art Work at the Playscheme



Face Painting



Kids playing shop @ Playscheme



Circus Skills in Action



Bouncy Castle @ Playscheme



Boat Club with Youth Club



Fancy costumes



Halloween Event



Tea & Cake Event



Remembering Bill Croucher  
Served from 2001-2014



Pensioners on Trip



Christmas Lunch with the Pensioners

# Raising Funds/New Building

In 2013, our community building was finally demolished due to the subsidence issues identified a few years ago. Our focus now is to raise in excess of £2.25million to build our new community centre. The new centre will be fit for purpose, designed to very high specifications and will enable us not only to continue delivering our services, but in some areas expand our work. We will be able to start new projects, increase the number of people using our services and deliver more projects in partnership with other organisations.

The council has granted us a long lease on the site and we have gained planning permission for our new building. We have prepared a detailed fundraising programme and have made good progress towards raising the funds required. We are confident that we will be able to achieve our fundraising target.

We provide essential services to our community, but to continue we need your help. Please help us by donating to our new building fund, so that we can continue our work in the community.



Old HRH building



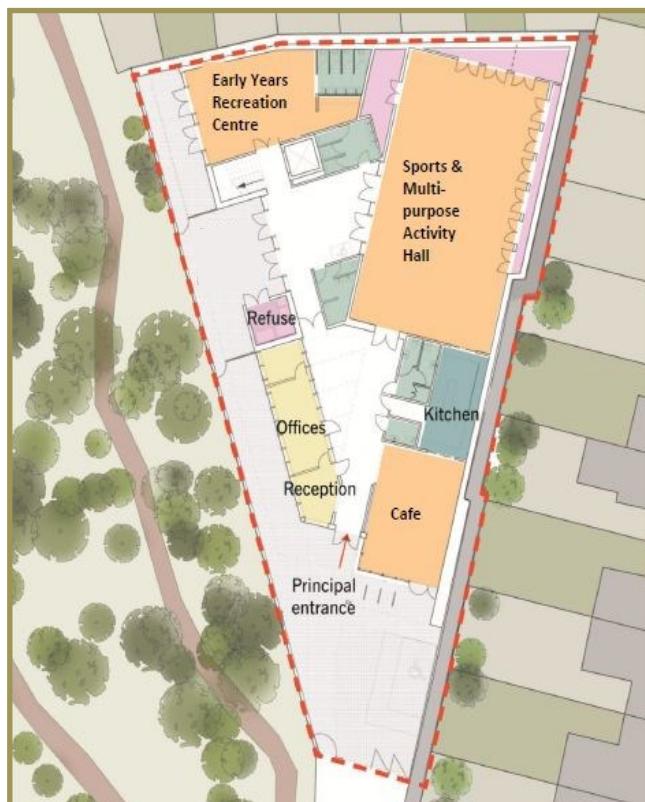
Building during Demolition



Site after Demolition

## Here are some architectural images of what we plan to be our new community building.

Our new centre will provide space for a range of activities for children and young people in order to help them increase their skills, encourage aspiration and help them attain their full potential.



Ground Floor



First Floor



Front Building

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015**  
**(Including Income and Expenditure Account)**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	2015	2014
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds:</b>				
Voluntary income:				
Donations and other income	42,813	26,858	69,671	51,400
Investment income	14	26	40	19
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>				
Grants, contracts and donations	50,000	521,090	571,090	497,550
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>92,827</b>	<b>547,974</b>	<b>640,801</b>	<b>548,969</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
<b>Cost of generating funds:</b>				
Fundraising and Publicity costs	7,012	-	7,012	3,398
<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>64,676</b>	<b>484,408</b>	<b>549,084</b>	<b>506,842</b>
<b>Governance costs</b>	<b>12,825</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,825</b>	<b>12,296</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>84,513</b>	<b>484,408</b>	<b>568,921</b>	<b>522,536</b>
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources</b>	<b>8,314</b>	<b>63,566</b>	<b>71,880</b>	<b>26,433</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>46,043</b>	<b>127,009</b>	<b>173,052</b>	<b>146,619</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>54,357</b>	<b>190,575</b>	<b>244,932</b>	<b>173,052</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

	2015	2014
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	£	£
Tangible assets	90,645	94,401
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Debtors	18,208	26,601
Cash at Bank and in Hand	172,934	87,199
	<b>191,142</b>	<b>113,800</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	(36,855)	(35,149)
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>154,287</b>	<b>78,651</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>244,932</b>	<b>173,052</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>		
<b>Restricted funds</b>	190,575	127,009
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>		
General funds	35,278	26,964
Designated funds	19,079	19,079
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>244,932</b>	<b>173,052</b>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and SORP 2005.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and Registrar Companies. These summarised accounts may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. For further 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.



**Neville Cowton  
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 Co Limited  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
Trojan House, 34 Arcadia Avenue London N3 2JU

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Special thanks go to all our 'Friends of Highbury Roundhouse' who continue to support our much needed work from year to year. Also 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 course of the year.

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Big Lottery Fund  
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Highbury Roundhouse is committed to opposing direct and indirect discrimination against people on the grounds of race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, colour, language, religion, gender, marital status, family responsibilities, age, class, physical or mental impairment, trade union membership or sexual orientation.

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