

# Highbury Roundhouse

## ANNUAL REPORT

# 2018



Empowering people, changing Lives

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## History and 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 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

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Nicky Anderson	Pensioners' Worker/Escort
Beverly Bryant	Cook
Lawrencia Blankson	Assistant Cook
Belinda Feldman	Bank Staff/Pensioners Project

## Chairman's Report

This year has been one of mixed fortunes for Highbury Roundhouse. On the one hand our services have been in greater demand, to which we have responded well, on the other hand we have had the disappointment of not being able to deliver them from our new building.

Our services have continued to grow thanks to the dedication and commitment of our staff and volunteers. We are continuing to grow in the number of families in Islington for whom we provide after school and enrichment clubs. Our under-fives Childminders' project and Stay and Play group are still in demand and we have seen an increase in the uptake of our holiday playschemes. We are now the largest provider of children's services in Islington with around 2640 children per month accessing our services

In other areas, much of the focus of the media has been on youths to which we have responded through our Youth Group by providing opportunities to develop relationships, opportunities to learn new skills and promote community awareness. As an example, Highbury Roundhouse worked in collaboration with Aubert Court Community Centre to hold a community fun day. This great intergenerational event provided young people and residents an opportunity for dialogue and the exchange of information resulting in a more cohesive community. About 120 people attended and outcomes for our young people included, amongst other things, event planning, budgeting, building confidence and working in a team.

Further expansion of our youth services is now possible having successfully bid for funds from Greater London Authority – Mayor's Young Londoners Fund. This has brought into Islington £145,000 of new funding over three years to support young people in Highbury. Special thanks go to our Young People's Services manager and our Head of Services.

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. We have prepared more than 3,700 meals to more than 150 people and activities have included keep fit, music and movement and outings, among others. Classes and group attendance amounted to 6,000 "service hits" during the year.

The Islington Food Bank continues to use our facilities for their activities and utilise our admin support when drafting their policies and dealing with some of their more challenging situations.

It is with regret that we have not been able to deliver any of our services for the very young, the youths or the elderly from our new building, the completion of which has stalled. The contract for the first phase of the construction was completed successfully, on time and without claims in April of this year. This was a commendable achievement thanks to our

Contractor H. A. Marks Ltd and our professional support team. Regrettably we have not yet managed to raise sufficient funds to move into the second and third phases, those of completing the access routes to the building and completing the flooring, decoration and fixtures & fittings necessary to make the building useable. This is a great disappointment to both the management and the users of the Roundhouse and of our services. However, the trustees and management, together with our architect and project manager are exploring alternatives so that we can occupy and start to realise the benefit of our magnificent building as soon as possible. Our target is to open in the spring of 2019.

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. Our turnover (2017/18) has increased from £964,000 to £2,615,500 partly due to the increase in the need for services but mainly due to capital fundraising for our new building, i.e. an increase in operational income from £709,000 to £767,000 and increase of income for our building from £255,000 to £1,848,400.

Martin Jones was elected to the Board of Trustees at our last AGM. Martin was one of the original trustees when the Highbury Roundhouse was established more than 40 years ago. It is a pleasure to welcome him back. He has already had an impact on helping to develop our relationship with the head of Highbury Fields School to enable us to perhaps address the extra curricula needs of the young people in the school through our young people's 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

This year has been very challenging, but also busy and exciting for us. I say challenging because the environment that we work continues to evolve; with reductions in funding, changes in personnel and the continued need to deliver services within very tight financial parameters, whilst ensuring that we keep our users safe. The year has not been easy and at times some very difficult decisions had to be made for the long term sustainability of the organisation.

Another area where we would have loved to achieve better results is with the construction of our new building. Although phasing construction was the correct approach, as it allowed construction to commence whilst we continued to fundraise. It also helped to ring-fence some of the funds we already raised, as they would have been lost, if the project had not started. Currently the building is budgeted to cost over £3million; the fundraising target to complete the remainder of the works is £457,520. We have pledges of £157,520, this leaves a shortfall of £300,000. We are exploring various options on how best to raise the balance, I'm confident that we will raise the funds with the building complete in 2019.

I am also 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, all this without a back building. At a time when London has lost 81 youth centres and 800 full time youth workers as a result of £39m of cuts to youth services 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 funding 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. 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, which follows us right across the organisation.

Our older people's services have experienced a lot of change and uneasiness over the past 12 months. 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. 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 plan to be able to finally purchase the 17-seater minibus for the members.

Our work in the community, with the early year's continues to be of a high standard, as a result we have seen a 20% increase in the number of families attending. We are also aiming to work more in partnership with Bright Start Islington. Bright Start is the leading family support service for underfive's in the borough. We intend to continue our partnership work

in areas such as safeguarding and the welfare of children and their families. We plan to continue and expand this work when we move into our new building.

We also continue to support user groups and help them as best we can with the limited space, we have to deliver services that local people need. During the year two new groups joined our family of service providers, once we move into our new building, we expect to be welcoming many more groups.

Our income increased from £964,538 to £2,615,532. This increase was partly due to the increase in the need for our services, but mainly due to the capital fundraising for our new building. Our operational income increased from £709,074 to £767,142 this represents an increase of over 8%, against a budgeted target of 3%.

We have managed to achieve this growth with no back building; once our new building is complete, we expect to be able to double our footfall in 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.

I would like to thank our many funders, who have supported us over the years and helped us achieve the progress we have enjoyed to date. Funders such as the Big Lottery, London Marathon Charitable Trust, Arsenal Foundation, Clothworkers' Charity, City Bridge, Garfield Weston Foundation and many others that have helped us. If I have not mentioned your Trust, please forgive me, as there are just too many to mention. All have helped us get to where we are today, so I thank you all.

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 last few 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.

Andrew Berthier

Director

## Early Years' Service

### Childminders and Soft Play Project

Within the last year, our childminders group have been thriving each week. This is potentially due to the closure of a few underfives groups in the Islington area. As a result, our Wednesday and Thursday groups have had a strong turnout and we have seen a 20% increase of families attending within the past year.

At the beginning of the year we were introduced to Bright Start Islington, which is the name for family support services in Islington for the under-fives and their families. Bright Start have been supporting our groups each week by providing us with a termly leaflet about all the underfives services available in the borough which include Highbury Roundhouse Childminders group. They also offer us any consultation parents or carers may need. We provide 2 sessions, on Wednesdays we run a music session for our underfives, with music, dance and drama. All children participate with the support of their carer. On Thursdays, the session is focused on Arts, we cover knowledge and understanding of our world and expressive arts and design.

In order to keep our sessions proactive and effective, the learning and development within the underfives is shaped through our programme of activities in line EYFS framework. To be able to track and measure the development of children, we have weekly discussions with their childminders and carers. This way we can easily identify areas of development and which aspects to focus on for each child. The safeguarding and welfare of the children is also discussed.

We work closely with the Islington childminders co-ordinator who visits us every term and speaks to childminders face to face where they get the opportunity to raise any issues and concerns, they may be experiencing. The co-ordinator signpost childminders to services and provides information on training and job opportunities all of which are displayed on our notice boards.

We have had a very successful summer term with all the lovely weather that we had. This made it possible for us to use the paddling pool each week and do more activities outdoors including having our lunch in the sun, which the children loved. We had our annual Halloween party in October, and we ended the year with our Christmas celebration, we had themed activities, decorations, a Christmas dinner and a visit from Santa.

We want to give a big thanks to all who have helped us throughout the year to make our group very successful.



Carmel Zanre

Early Years' Service Manager

## Young People's Service

### After School Clubs

Our Ofsted registered clubs serve the children and parents in seven Islington primary schools – St Joan of Arc, Yerbury, Hanover, Blessed Sacrament, St Peter & St Pauls, St Luke's and Laycock. Currently three provisions have been judged as outstanding by Ofsted in their most recent inspections.

We aim to provide children with the highest standard of play and enrichment opportunities. Some of the specialist clubs on our enrichment programme this year have included – Young Explorers, Fencing, Taekwondo, Karate, Keyboard, Guitar, Art, Drama, Hockey, Gardening, Basketball & Badminton. The after school club programme offers children aged 3 to 11 a chance to develop social skills, build confidence and make decisions. The programme is a balance of structured and freeplay activities where the children are always at the heart of planning. Each centre will allow the child to be creative, constructive, sporty, and artistic or just offer a chance to chill out with their friends. This year we have celebrated themes including Chinese New Year, Easter, Eid, Diwali and black history month. We have helped hungry caterpillars turn into beautiful butterflies, looked after worms in a wormery and raised an army of ants!

We adhere to the EYFS framework to ensure our youngest children are able to access a range of play opportunities that helps to support with their individual learning and development. We continue to work in partnership with Parents & Carers and Islington Council Children's services so that we can support families in accessing our affordable childcare provisions. Regular consultation with parents & carers tells us that the service is of great value them as their children are being well cared for whilst they continue to work or study. We are committed to supporting staff in their professional development and work with our staff to identify areas of development. This year staff have accessed training in Health & Safety, Safeguarding, Paediatric First Aid, Prevent and Food Safety.

Our staff are committed to providing a high-quality service and their efforts are rewarded when we send home happy children each day. Last month we were approached by another primary school to deliver another out of school service. We are currently planning to open our eighth centre in Spring 2019.



## Playschemes

We run two holiday playschemes based at Aubert Court and Whittington Park Community Centre. They are open from 8am to 6pm for children aged from 3 to 12 years. This year children from over twenty different primary schools attended our provisions. Parents tell us that their children return to the club every school holiday because they feel so welcome. This year both centres were inspected by Ofsted, Aubert Court was awarded Outstanding and Whittington Park was awarded a Good, we were extremely pleased to receive both of these outcomes. Some of the key findings Ofsted told us were that all children demonstrate high levels of self-esteem and confidence. Staff are highly skilled at meeting children's needs and supporting their emotional well-being.

Managers are extremely committed to providing a highly effective service to children and their families. Parents are overwhelmingly pleased with the club. They are particularly impressed with the high levels of care and attention their children receive. All staff have high expectations of themselves and strive to provide high-quality experiences for children to enjoy.

Our programme has featured some wonderful trips including – Chislehurst Caves, Woburn Safari Park, Dinosaurs in the Wild, Freightliners Farm, Holloway Fire Station to name but a few. Some children and even staff were also brave enough to ride the ArcelorMittal Orbit slide at Olympic Park.

We connected with our local community and have worked closely with Octopus/Urban Wild Spaces. They delivered workshops about healthy eating, planting, sewing and an amazing workshop about Bees and the important work they do.

Through Parent/Carers consultation, we have learnt that the Playschemes are very valuable to them enabled 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 School Service Coordinator



## Youth Club

Young People's Services has had a very successful year, full of fun and learning. Our users are aged between 11 and 19 years old. In the last year we have worked with over one hundred young people. In Highbury Roundhouse's 45<sup>th</sup> year 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. In the past year we have continued to provide our core services that runs every Wednesday and Friday evening whilst embarking on several exciting new projects.

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.

Some of the activities and workshop we have delivered this year have been;

**Dunk the Junk Workshops-** This workshop entailed the young people to recreate healthy versions of their favourite take away meal. The aim of the workshop was to instil confidence in young people to be able to cook a healthy dish and teaches young people about the nutritious, health and financial benefit of making their own dishes.

The staff in collaboration with the young people devised dishes they would normally order and recreated them, such as chicken nuggets and chips, pizza and filet-o-fish. The young people were very enthusiastic about this and expressed a positive reaction. We would like to thank the Local Initiative Fund Highbury East Ward for funding this project.

**Social Action Change-Community Fun Day -** Highbury Roundhouse worked in collaboration with the Aubert Court Community Centre (ACCC) to hold a community fun day on the 11th August 2018. The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the local community services of both ACCC and Highbury Roundhouse and the services currently provided from its community centre.

The event provided young people and the residents, a platform by which information was exchanged and an open dialogue to reassure residents of their concerns around the high volume of young people on the estate. The Young People and the staff baked a range of cupcakes, cake slices and brownies to sell at the event. All proceeds raised would be used for activities for the youth group. The event was co-produced by the young people, ACCC and the Youth Club Staff.

**Mindfulness Project -** In Partnership with Young Minds we have continued to support and sign post young people in accessing services in relation to mental health and wellbeing. This is a continuous aspect of the youth project that is on-going. Elements include young people learning how to manage stress and anxiety. This is achieved through a host of mediums

which includes: Boxing, Zumba, Bollywood class, Football, Music, drama and 1-2-1 sessions.

First Aid Training - The British Red Cross provided accredited first aid training to the young people. This enabled the young people to learn the basics of first aid and allow them to learn lifesaving skills. All attendees received a qualified first aider certificate and were given the opportunity to sign up to volunteer at events.

Leap Conflict Management - HRH in Partnership with Leap supported young people aged between 11 and 19 to make changes in their lives by gaining a greater understanding of themselves and their relationship with conflict. How can young people reduce confrontational situations, we have continued to support the young people through our 1:1 mentoring program lead by the youth club staff.

We have developed links with new partners and remained engaged with our old. 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 and our programmes have been met with broad acclaim from our young people. Projects continue to bring productive enjoyment to the young people that we engage with.

Young Londoners Fund from the Mayor's Office

Highbury Roundhouse Young People's Service is pleased to announce that our project has been selected to receive funding from Mayor's Young Londoners Fund to support young people in Islington access activities to engage with services reducing the risk of young people getting involved in crime. This project will be delivered in collaboration with Elizabeth House Community Centre.

We thank our staff for their tireless dedication, which has made these accomplishments possible. We would also like to thank Islington Area Housing Team, local businesses and the wider community who support our activities and our young people who make it all worthwhile.



## Older People Services

### Pensioners' Club

"Reflecting and Responding!"

Service provision in figures

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Meals	2960	3796	3924	4034	3714
Classes and group attendance	6647	7730	7917	8118	6389
Transport	1552	2258	2195	2115	2099
Day trips	4	4	3	3	4
Places of interest and theatre	2	6	12	8	6
Trip numbers	145	190	291	172	177
Dances and dinner	8	6	4		
Visiting entertainers	3		4	3	1
Membership			130	118	71

#### Membership

When I reflect on the numbers, it is disappointing that over this year we have experienced a roll back in the number of those who have paid their membership and attending activities, I think there are several reasons for this.

- 1) The insecurity the users feel around the future of the Centre.
- 2) The inclement weather we experienced in those very cold weeks in the winter with 3 days closed for snow.
- 3) 4 of our users, who were every day attenders had a period of ill health.

Unusually I want to mention some users who left the provision this year:

Edna Newell who was one of the steering groups of the centre for many years.

Jean Harwood who was here when the centre opened (1974 with her Parents)

Massie Pagan who was a long-standing member of Highbury Roundhouse.

*Responding:* As the future becomes more concrete, we should look to do a membership drive in the local community we could plan: -

- 1) Open days
- 2) Leaflet and information drops
- 3) Surveys
- 4) Different activities based on the surveys we carry out

#### Menu

The kitchen staff continue to work hard to provide an interesting menu. We have continued the special event menu this year along with Haggis for Burns night we added meals for Bastille Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and British saint's days. We are planning to extend this multi culturally into the future.

*Responding:* How can we deliver hot meals in a café style environment? We will need to develop a different approach and a more personally responsive menu.

#### Events

Our Clients have been entertained at a number of events and thanks are due to The Pearly King and Prince of Finsbury, our house band (Rick, Tom and Walton), Howard the DJ who was superb. We celebrated Valentine's Day, Easter, St Georges Day, Harvest and Christmas. Our annual Christmas extravaganzas were enjoyed by clients, volunteers and staff. The Disco is always a great show stopper. We need to look differently at these events to make them worthwhile and keep growing.

*Responding:* Advertise for local musicians to share their talents (if possible, for free) or apply for an Art grant to provide and pay for entertainment and the arts programme.

#### Trips

Day trips, the one to Littlehampton, this was a great success and a glorious day Southend and Brighton were fun but, wet unfortunately. We took a trip to St Albans Christmas Market that was cold and very wet. I am beginning to feel that we will need to reduce Bus trips over the next years. We have advertised these in the local press with limited success. 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.

*Responding:* we have seen numbers dwindle on coach trips while still needing accessible transport (cost is generally driven by the cost of the Driver). Could we link with other local groups say "Day Light" "Finsbury and Clerkenwell" or other provisions?

#### Programme

A full programme of health and wellbeing activity sessions are provided from the centre; including, keep fit (7 classes), singing (2 sessions), art, art and craft (2 sessions), Bingo (2 sessions), Dominoes (1 session), Yoga and a shopping trip. We are grateful to all our tutors and volunteer leaders who help us provide these activities. This programme has been running for a couple of years now and some classes are more successful than others.

*Responding:* As we consider the move and the new facilities and the impact on our offer, we will need to look to new inclusive and enabling activities that will bring in and incorporate a new constituency. How about a dad dancing keep fit class?

#### Transport

The need for transport is still high, we are often asked to provide this for new users but because of current usage and the number of ambulatory frames we cannot match the need. For the past year we have restricted the area to which we will travel to collect clients to try and shorten the travel/journey time. Although we still service current users. On a Thursday we now have an Art class dash, we have users who want to attend the class, so we endeavour to make that happen. We thank Islington Accessible Transport, Ian Spencer and his team for loaning us our day to day transport and for the provision of 2 buses and drivers on a Tuesday and 1 on a Friday. Without them we would not be able to provide this service to our members.

*Responding:* continue to work with Islington Accessible Transport and develop a pick up round focused on the socially isolated.

## Minibus Update

Unfortunately, we are still unable to celebrate the purchase of a Minibus, as an organisation we have been trying to fund the shortfall to purchase and run a brand-new van via Charitable Trusts. Although currently our applications have not been successful enough.

*Responding:* can we go back to the community to fund the New Bus, this could impact the continued funding for the New Building, although we could ask local charities and business.

## *Future Developments:*

The move to Ronald's Road:

The users are still apprehensive about the move. We know that at any age change is difficult, and often, more so for the elderly as it reminds them of the transitory nature of things. The 3 major concerns for the clients are Accessibility, Venue Suitability and Provision.

*Responding:* we should make transport a priority to alleviate the issue of accessibility. we should look to providing door to door and a shuttle service from local bus stops.

Within the budget for the build we should look to re designating rooms (no longer call any room the youth room) and transforming rooms to meet the multipurpose and inclusive nature of HRH. Form a designated area for socialising with furniture that is suitable for the older client group.

## *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.

<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Tutors</i>	<i>Staff</i>
Bob Collins	Rick Ferry	Nikki
Miriam McGuire	Susan Sealy	Beverley
David Oliver	Gee Dudley	Lawrencia
Tom Disney	Keiron Baine	Belinda
Irma Gomez	Liz Woods	Tanya
Caroline McIntyre	Vincenza Orofino	Phil
Walton	Kate Jacobson	Nigel
	Mark Antoniewicz	
	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.

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](mailto:sothebymews@gmail.com)

## 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 – 31 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. 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.



**Hungarian Children and Parents Group**

**Londoni Magyar Iskola Plusz**

**UK Registered Charity Number 299048**

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

### Temari Bunko

Temari Bunko, one of the new 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. For further information, please contact via email on: [temari.bunko@gmail.com](mailto:temari.bunko@gmail.com)



## Dance, Fitness & Wellbeing Activities

### 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 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 so 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 on Tel: - 01322 350699, Email: - [d-a-r.highbury@ntlworld.com](mailto:d-a-r.highbury@ntlworld.com) Website: - [www.dance-a-round.com](http://www.dance-a-round.com)



### 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](mailto:info@cocojam.co.uk) and Website: - [www.cocojam.co.uk](http://www.cocojam.co.uk).



## Highbury Jitsu Club

Highbury Jitsu has been running at the Highbury Roundhouse for nearly 7 years. We are now 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. See [www.highburyjitsu.org.uk](http://www.highburyjitsu.org.uk). For more information contact Sean Adjei on tele: 07879843587 or email: [highburyjitsu@gmail.com](mailto:highburyjitsu@gmail.com)



## Karate (Ken-Bu-Kan)

Since 1982, the karate group has been going strong with training and competing by the chief instructor, Andy Michaelides. 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 potential for the most capable 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)



## Line Dancing

Line Dancing runs every Mondays 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.



## 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 1st floor at Highbury Roundhouse every Saturday at 10:30-12:00noon. For further information please contact Judith/Agnieszka on tele: 07770419671 or email: [highburyyoga@gmail.com](mailto:highburyyoga@gmail.com)



## Seer Yoga

The teaching style is strong and yet soft 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 mindfully. 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 Wednesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. There is a monthly workshop on a Sunday 12.30pm – 14.30pm £15 move details can be found: [www.seeryoga.uk](http://www.seeryoga.uk), Instagram [jaz@seeryoga.uk](https://www.instagram.com/jaz@seeryoga.uk). Contact: Jaz Mullings-Lambert on Tel: 07850060066 or Email: [Jaz@seeryoga.uk](mailto:Jaz@seeryoga.uk)



## Leyla Yoga

A weekly flow yoga class which works on strength and flexibility, aiming to cultivate a sense of balance though 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 Monday 6.30pm-8pm at Highbury Roundhouse. Contact: Leyla on 07852988204 or [www.leylayogalondon.com](http://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 07944022129.



### AA Group

Alcoholic Anonymous group meet once a week on Thursday between 6:00-7:00pm. The group's aim is to provide help and support to people with alcohol addiction. Support is provided by encouraging people to talk about their addiction in a welcome and supportive environment with people suffering with similar difficulties. Anyone wishing to join the group can call on 07708257949.



### Islington Foodbank

Islington Foodbank are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by the Trussell Trust, working 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 based at Highbury Roundhouse and opens Monday and Saturdays between 2:00pm -5:00pm. Contact details: telephone 07753222755 or email [info@islington.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@islington.foodbank.org.uk).



## Events at Highbury Roundhouse



Events at the Highbury Roundhouse



## Raising Funds/New Building Site

Over the last few years our focus has been on raising the £3million required to build a community centre for Highbury.

We took the decision to phase the construction, which commenced in March 2017. The funding streams from our major donors were there when we needed it and were used to pay for the staged works. We have built a beautiful new community centre. It has all the facilities and utilities that we need to provide the services the Highbury community relies upon, for the foreseeable future. It's watertight and weatherproof. *Its light and warm and energy efficient.* It's welcoming, but it's empty. As you can see from the photographs below, it only lacks the finishing touches, the outside surfaces and the inside flooring, the fixtures and the fittings.

I won't 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.

Our phased approach had anticipated that there might need to be a pause before the final stage of equipping the building. Unfortunately that has coincided with the current period of economic uncertainty, so we have not yet managed to raise the shortfall.

The shortfall currently stands at £300,000 and we would welcome any support you are able to give to help us continue construction and complete the building in 2019.

You can support us by donating to our new building fund by visiting our Mydonate Page: [www.mydonate.bt.com/charities/highburyroundhouse](http://www.mydonate.bt.com/charities/highburyroundhouse)

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  
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## Statement of Financial Activities

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Donations and other voluntary income	(2)	2,214	25,149	27,363	19,633
Income from charitable activities:					
Grants, contracts and donations	(3)	84,143	2,503,424	2,587,567	939,471
Other activities	(4)	562	-	562	5,397
Investment income		40	-	40	37
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	(12)	<b>86,959</b>	<b>2,528,573</b>	<b>2,615,532</b>	<b>964,538</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
<b>Cost of raising funds:</b>					
Fundraising and Publicity costs	(5)	7,456	-	7,456	7,450
Expenditure on charitable activities	(5)	49,115	677,130	726,245	667,427
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	(5)	<b>56,571</b>	<b>677,130</b>	<b>733,701</b>	<b>674,877</b>
<b>Net incoming / (outgoing) resources</b>		<b>30,388</b>	<b>1,851,443</b>	<b>1,881,831</b>	<b>289,661</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		85,285	592,882	678,167	388,506
Total funds carried forward	(12)	<b>115,673</b>	<b>2,444,325</b>	<b>2,559,998</b>	<b>678,167</b>

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 2018

	Notes	2018		2017	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible assets	(9)		2,511,464		540,954
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	(10)	113,803		73,649	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>116,808</u>		<u>147,819</u>	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>230,611</b>		<b>221,468</b>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	(11)	(182,077)		(84,255)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>48,534</u>		<u>137,213</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><b>2,559,998</b></u>		<u><b>678,167</b></u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>					
<b>Restricted income funds</b>					
	(12)		2,444,325		592,882
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>					
General funds	(12)		96,594		66,206
Designated funds	(12)		<u>19,079</u>		<u>19,079</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u><b>2,559,998</b></u>		<u><b>678,167</b></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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 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)  
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## Acknowledgements

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 year.

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Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust

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Cllr Theresa Debono

Local Shops

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Hanover School

St. Peter St. Paul School

Blessed Sacrament School

Yerbury School

St. Luke's School

Laycock School

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As an employer of paid and unpaid staff and a provider of services, Highbury Roundhouse Youth and Community Centre is committed to the practice and promotion of equal opportunities. Highbury Roundhouse Youth and Community Centre 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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