# ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1999

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 288434** 

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1752272** 

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### **OBJECTIVES**

The U3A In London aims to advance the education of the public, in particular, that of older men and women in the Greater London Area by running courses in a wide variety of non-vocational subjects.

## **ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR**

The financial position of the U3A In London continues to be satisfactory. A surplus of income over expenditure for the year prior to unrealised gains on investments, amounted to £30,776 and total funds at  $31^{st}$  August 1999 were £298,560.

#### **ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

It remains the policy of the directors to allow the surplus of income over expenditure to accumulate and to be invested in approved charity funds. The prime purpose of the accumulated funds is to provide adequate reserves which may be required to ensure continuity of accommodation. U3A in London have security of tenure at Crowndale Road until July 2000 but there remains uncertainty beyond that date.

## **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

No changes are anticipated in the operation of the company.

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ACCOUNTS**

Company law requires the Directors, who are also the Trustees of the charitable company, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- (d) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

#### **AUDITORS**

A resolution to appoint Knox Cropper as auditors under S.385, Companies Act 1985, will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The U3A In London is a company limited by guarantee (each member having a liability of £1) and a registered charity.

Company Registration Number:

1752272

Charity Registration Number:

288434

Registered Office:

44 Crowndale Road, London, NW1 1TR.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

## **DIRECTORS**

The names of those who served on the Board as Directors and Committee Members during the year are:

A. Mulgan

(Chair)

E. Adler

M. Bieber

M. Duncan

F. Foss

(Appointed March 1999)

H. Gilbert

L. Greene

H. Greenwood

(Resigned March 1999)

S. Griggs

S. Landau

L. Long

L. Lourie

A. Michaels

(Appointed March 1999)

E. Miller

R. Nathan

Derek Scott

(Appointed March 1999) (Resigned March 1999)

P. Ross

E. Wall

#### **BANKERS:**

Lloyds Bank Plc Covent Garden Branch 22-24 Southampton Street Strand London WC2E 7JG

## **AUDITORS**

Knox Cropper Chartered Accountants 16 New Bridge Street London EC4V 6AX

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

E. WALL (Secretary)

## **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**

#### THE U3A IN LONDON

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments at market value and in accordance with applicable accounting policies set out on page 6.

#### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS**

As described on page 1, the directors (who also act as trustees and committee members for the charitable activities of the company) are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

#### BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### **OPINION**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31st August 1999 and of its incoming resources and resources expended including its income and expenditure in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

16 New Bridge Street London, EC4V 6AX

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2000

Knox Cropper Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1999**

	Notes	Un- restricted £	Restricted £	1999 Total £	1998 Total £
Income and Expenditure					
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Subscriptions		35,993	-	35,993	34,978
Legacies		-	15,000	15,000	3,145
Donations		391	-	391	468
Investment Income		14,317	-	14,317	13,589
Other Income	2	7,926	-	7,926	9,684
Income Tax Recovered		4,233	-	4,233	4,467
Total Incoming Resources		62,860	15,000	77,860	66,331
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	3	43,629	-	43,629	44,375
Management and Administration	4	3,455	-	3,455	4,024
Total Resources Expended		47,084	-	47,084	48,399
Net Incoming resources		15,776	15,000	30,776	17,932
Gains on investments Unrealised gains	6	15,487	_	15,487	15,346
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		31,263	15,000	46,263	33,278
Balances brought forward		252,297	-	252,297	219,019
<b>Balances Carried Forward</b>		£283,560	£15,000	£298,560	£252,297

## **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

## **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1999**

	Notes		999		98
FIXED ASSETS		£	£	£	£
Tangible Assets Investments	5 6	4,675 261,529		5,420 226,042	
			266,204		231,462
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	2,770		2,522	
Cash at Bank	8 .	60,608		45,569	
CDEDITORS: amounts falling		63,378		48,091	
<b>CREDITORS</b> : amounts falling due within one year	9 .	(31,022)		(27,256)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			32,356		20,835
NET ASSETS			£298,560		£252,297
FUNDS					
Restricted Funds	10		15,000		-
Unrestricted Funds			283,560		252,297
TOTAL FUNDS			£298,560		£252,297

Approved by the Directors on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2000

A. Mulgan

H. Gilbert

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

## **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1999**

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, subject to the inclusion of investments at market value, in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting by Charities) issued by the Charity Commissioners in October 1995.
- (b) Depreciation is charged so as to write-off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. Furniture and office equipment are estimated to have useful lives of five years.
- (c) Donations and legacies are included in the income and expenditure accounts as soon as they are received.
- (d) Investment assets are valued at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are arrived at by comparing the net sale proceeds with the market value at the end of the previous financial year; unrealised gains and losses represent the difference between the market value of investments still held at the end of the financial year with their value at the beginning of the year or with their cost if purchased subsequently.
- (e) Dividends are received gross and are accounted for when they are received together with any associated tax credits. Bank Interest is accounted for on receipt.
- (f) Membership subscriptions received for the following year are accounted for as creditors.
- (g) Designated funds represents funds which have been earmarked for specific purposes by the charity.
- (h) The Charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly, where applicable, all costs and expenditure incurred are inclusive of VAT.
- (i) The Charity has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year as required by the Financial Reporting Standard No.1 because the Charity has relied on the exemption available for small undertakings.

#### 2. OTHER INCOME

	1999	1998
	£	£
Weekend and Special Events	7,078	9,249
Sundry Income	848	435
	£ 7,926	£ 9,684

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

# **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1999**

J.		1999	1998
		£	£
	Accommodation	23,022	22,445
	Printing and Stationery	5,224	5,355
	Postage	1,583	1,419
	Telephone	684	623
	Travelling	981	1,342
	General Expenses	2,745	1,770
	Depreciation	2,273	2,252
	Weekend and Special Events	7,117	9,169
	·	£43,629	£ 44,375
4.	MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION		
		£	£
	National Affiliation Fees	2,750	3,378
	Audit Fees	, 705	646
	· · ·	£ 3,455	£ 4,024

## 5. FIXED ASSSETS

TALD AGGS 1.5	Furniture And Equipment
Cost:	£
as at 1 <sup>st</sup> September 1998 Additions	14,391 1528
as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 1999	15,919
Depreciation:	
as at 1 <sup>st</sup> September 1998 Charge for year	8,971 2,273
as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 1999	11,244
Net Book Value 31 <sup>st</sup> August 1999	£ 4,675
Net Book Value 31 <sup>st</sup> August 1998	£ 5,420

# **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

## **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1999**

6.	INVESTMENTS		
		<b>1999</b> £	<b>1998</b> £
	Market Value brought forward Additions Unrealised gain	226,042 20,000 15,487	200,696 10,000 15,346
	Market Value carried forward :	£261,529	£226,042
	Market value carried forward .		
	The investments are represented by:		
	COIF Charities Investment Fund	150,358	123,362
	CAF Income Fund Units	111,171	102,680
		£261,529	£226,042
	The historic cost value of investments is :	£190,000	£170,000
7.	DEBTORS		
	Prepayments	2,770	<u>2,52</u> 2
		£ 2,770	£ 2,522
8.	CASH AT BANK		
	Building Society	57,233	42,511
	Bank Current Account	<u>3,375</u>	3,058
		£ 60,608	£ 45,569
0	ODEDITORS		
9.	CREDITORS		
	Membership subscriptions received in advance	25,683	25,409
	Accruals	5,339	1,847
		£ 31,022	£ 27,256

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

## **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1999**

## 10. **RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	£
Balance brought forward 1 <sup>st</sup> September 1998	-
Income	15,000
Expenditure	· -
Balance carried forward 1 <sup>st</sup> August 1999	£ 15,000

A legacy of £15,000 was received during the year, to be spent by U3A in London and the U3A in North London, in developing a series of musical events for the members.

## 11. **DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION**

None of the directors received any remuneration for their services.

#### 12. STAFF REMUNERATION

None of the four part-time staff employed in the administration of the Charity receive any remuneration.

## 13. **DIRECTORS' EXPENSES**

No reimbursement of expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Directors in respect of the year.

#### 14. TAXATION

U3A in London is a registered charity and is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains received within the categories covered by Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes.