



Working together to strengthen London's voluntary and community sector

LONDON FUNDERS

Report and Accounts for 2010

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The formal objects of London Funders are “the promotion of the voluntary and community sector, primarily within Greater London, for the benefit of the public by the exchange of information, knowledge and experience among and between funding organisations where there is a primary, but not exclusive, locus of operation within Greater London, and between funding organisations and the voluntary and community sector, with a view to enabling funding organisations to support the voluntary and community sector more effectively and with a view to the voluntary and community sector accessing support and funding from funding organisations more effectively.”

Structure, governance and management

Executive Committee Officers

Chair	Mubin Haq	Trust for London (appointed 18 October 2010)
	Lisa Greensill	Government Office for London (appointed 1 February, resigned 18 October 2010)
Vice Chair	Sara Llewellyn	The City Bridge Trust (resigned 1 February 2010)
	Sandra Jones	London Borough of Lewisham
	Mubin Haq	Trust for London (1 February until 18 October 2010)
Treasurer	Ian Redding	London Councils

Executive Committee Members

Jill Andrews	Safer London Foundation
Kristina Glenn	Cripplegate Foundation (appointed 1 February 2010)
Susan Humphries	London Borough of Haringey
Katherine Payne	The Mercers' Company (resigned 15 June 2010)
Debbie Pippard	Big Lottery Fund (resigned 20 July 2010)
Ciaran Rafferty	The City Bridge Trust (appointed 15 June 2010)
Andrew Robinson	CCLA Investment Management Ltd
Chris Robinson	The Mayor's Fund for London (appointed 19 January 2011)
Alison Rowe	Big Lottery Fund (appointed October 2010)
Bonnie Royal	London Borough of Southwark
Alastair Wilson	UnLtd

The Executive Committee is the Board of Trustees. Its members are Directors of the Company. It has 12 elected members, each serving a maximum of two three-year terms. They are drawn from London Funders' membership. Three Honorary Officers are elected by the Executive Committee annually: Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer.

Long-standing Chair Sara Llewellyn left London Funders in early 2010 when she moved to a new role at Barrow Cadbury Trust (not a funder of London's VCS). She played a vital role in building up the role and membership of London Funders and the Board paid due tribute to this. Her successor was Lisa Greensill but the Coalition Government's abolition of Government Office for London straight after the election meant that her occupation of the role was brief. Mubin Haq was invited by the Executive Committee at its meeting in October 2010 to take the chair until the next AGM.

The Committee expresses gratitude to two other members retiring from the Committee after long service, former Vice Chairs Debbie Pippard and Katherine Payne. Kristina Glenn took Sara's place on the Executive Committee until the AGM in June 2010 when she was elected for a three-year term. Ciaran Rafferty was also elected at the AGM, and Susan Humphries, Andrew Robinson and Bonnie Royal were re-elected. Later in the year, Alison Rowe and Chris Robinson accepted invitations to fill the casual vacancies left by Debbie and Lisa until the AGM in 2011.

The Committee held four meetings during the year and members participated in a half day strategic planning meeting. The Officers held additional three meetings and all members undertook further roles in planning events or offering other specialised support.

Staff team

Gaynor Humphreys	Director
Yvonne Schwartz	Network Development Manager

Professional advisers

Accountants	Bankers	Solicitors
Gotham Erskine LLP	Unity Trust Bank	Russell-Cooke LLP
52-58 Tabernacle Street	Nine Brindleyplace	2 Putney Hill
London EC2A 4NJ	Birmingham B1 2HB	London SW15 6AB

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Background and structure

London Funders was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 2005 after some years of working as an informal network called London Funders Group. It is a charitable company governed by articles of association. It is a membership organisation: members are funders of the voluntary and community sector in London. Each pays a subscription and has a named representative (to vote at meetings such as the AGM). Most member organisations involve a variety of people in London Funders' activities, such as grantmaking, commissioning, policy and research staff. A category of associate membership allows third sector organisations in London which do some funding, but not as their primary remit, to belong to London Funders but with no voting rights.

London Funders maintains a small office and a Secretariat of two. A Service Level Agreement with the Association of Charitable Foundations includes payment for one day's work a month by their Head of Finance and Administration for London Funders' accounting and financial management.

During 2010, London Funders was given invaluable voluntary help by volunteers and interns: Judy Goldsmith, Martina Protze-Galas, Georgie Peti and Wilfred Wright.

Objectives

London Funders exists to strengthen and support London's funders to better meet the needs of Londoners

London Funders is a unique network of funders and investors supporting London's voluntary and community organisations. Our 100 members come from all the sectors, so that London Funders provides foundations, funders from the public sector and corporate givers with opportunities to share their experience and learn from each other. We help to forge productive relationships which contribute to the wider benefit and overall sustainability of London's voluntary and community organisations. We aim to contribute to a vibrant, varied, fit for purpose third sector which serves London well.

The importance of London Funders is our focus on the capital. Although the other English regions and other countries of the UK have considerable and particular needs, so too does London. Because of the scale and complexity of London these can be masked and need exposure to policy development and strategic thinking around funding.

The key defining feature of our work is cross-sectoralism, through which regional and local government funders get into dialogue with independent foundations, livery companies, loan finance investors, corporate sector donors and new philanthropists. All work within different frameworks and constraints and have overlapping but distinct aims and objectives. What all share is a love of London, a belief in Londoners and various areas of expertise about different parts of London and its third sector.

Public benefit

Committee members very much keep in mind that as a charity London Funders has a duty to provide public benefit: this helps guide their plans and activities. Close attention is paid to outcomes from all the work. As a second tier organisation London Funders does not directly claim impact on communities. What we do, as honestly and accurately as we can, is identify the directly attributable results of our work and consult members about the contribution to their practice which our work has made, noting the improved visibility of funders in London, increased collaboration between them, and opportunities individually and jointly that are taken up for work in partnership with other organisations.

In a year which started with concern about the economic climate and changed focus to the impact on the VCS of public expenditure cuts and radical policy change, our work was focused strongly on helping funders think about how to maximise their resources for the benefit of London.

Achievements and performance in 2010

Chair's report on behalf of the trustees

This report outlines in detail the wide range of activities undertaken by London Funders over the past year. As with the past couple of years, it has been one marked by continuing economic difficulties in the wider world. Although we have seen the end of the recession and the banking crisis which precipitated it, the price for incurring the large public fiscal deficit to get us through this earlier crisis is only now being felt. For many of us as funders, particularly in the public sector, we are having to make significant cuts not only to our funding budgets but to our staff, and I am sorry to see so many good, experienced colleagues being made redundant.

These cuts are being felt by many of those we fund, and especially by those who rely on their services and support. This affects all of us as funders as many voluntary and community organisations rely on a myriad of grants and contracts to stay afloat. When one piece is removed, particularly if it is towards core funding, the impact can be severe.

The cuts, coupled with the election of the new coalition Government, have created a period of change which in many ways is unprecedented in scale. There are few areas or issues which appear to be unaffected. Now more than ever there is a need for London Funders to support our members in understanding, and at times influencing, this kinetic kaleidoscope of change.

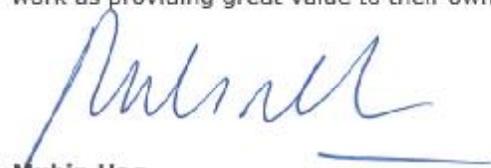
Key to this is providing our members with information so they can make better decisions. We do this through many different means including the various events we run during the year. In December we held a major conference which provided an opportunity to examine the impact of the cuts and how we as funders might respond. My thanks to all of the excellent speakers who gave so generously of their time to share their ideas and thoughts with us at all the various events we ran during the year. As a whole they highlighted that whilst this period has many uncertainties and challenges it also offers new opportunities.

We plan to run even more events in 2011 and I wish to highlight a new series of talks we are developing with CCLA Investment Management. Called *Powerful Ideas* this will provide leaders in their field with an opportunity to discuss a burning, and on occasions a controversial, issue of the day. We hope these will prove popular and help us to share thoughts and debate some of the wider principles underpinning the social policy changes shaping our work and our lives.

Our small team of staff and volunteers, ably led by our Director Gaynor Humphreys have been excellent in running this impressive programme of work, and we are grateful for their hard work and dedication.

I also wish to pay thanks to all of my fellow Board members, particularly a number of long-serving individuals who stepped down this year and who have been critical to the establishment and development of London Funders. This includes Sara Llewellyn, Debbie Pippard, Lisa Greensill and Katherine Payne. Whilst the loss of their skills and experience has been significant I am delighted that the Board continues to attract funders of the highest calibre, who have been so generous in giving their time to the work of London Funders. This is absolutely vital in an organisation which is so compact.

We face many challenges as an organisation during the year, not least the end of our funding from the London Development Agency, who have been generous in supporting us and subsidising our work. As a result we have had to increase our subscription rates to our members as well as thinking through new ways of generating income. We hope our members will continue to view our work as providing great value to their own work, and we look forward to supporting them in 2011.



Mubin Haq

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Activities

London Funders' uniqueness lies in the breadth of its membership, with London-based public sector funders alongside independent foundations, non-departmental public bodies and a small but committed group of corporate donors. This creates opportunities to foster mutual understanding and respect and to open up scope for collaboration and shared thinking. Much of our work is through meetings and events which bring groups of members together.

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

In 2010 London Funders organised four major members' meetings, bringing in high-level keynote speakers to inform and stimulate the membership and set London's local and regional issues in context.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

March

What are the incentives to action – and the barriers? Can funders help each other, and those they fund, to recognise their potential for positive impact?

This meeting looked at the connections between responsibility for the environment and social justice and explored how and why groups that serve London's communities can be encouraged and supported to bring environmental awareness and changed practice into mainstream work.

AGM AND MEMBERS' MEETING

June

Alongside a short amount of formal business our AGM featured a discussion on the impact of the elections on funders and the third sector in London. We were very fortunate to have as our main contributor Tony Travers, Director of the Greater London Group at LSE who helped us, at an early stage in the life of the Coalition Government, to see some of the radical policy and financial changes on the horizon.

SMART MONEY...MAGIC BULLETS?

September

Whatever their response to the government's approach to reducing the deficit through public expenditure cuts, all funders are inevitably affected by it. While much attention is going into managing cuts intelligently and coping with reduced budgets, many funders have been asking whether it is time to break away from the same old funding and investment processes and try something different from contracts for commissioned work, and grants. This meeting brought funders together to help make sense of the social investment market, the broadening array of charitable and enterprise vehicles and increasingly blurred boundaries, eg in public sector delivery.

STORMY WEATHER: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN A CHANGING LONDON

December

At this day conference, London's funders and commissioners of services had the opportunity to look at the probable impact of the current economic and policy environment on their own resources and how shared thinking may help them best use those resources. We brought them together with voluntary and community organisations to share evidence and insights, identify those in London at most risk, and discuss how to develop shared strategies to address the most serious problems. Informed and challenging speakers set the scene and the day was full of opportunities for frank discussion between those who deliver services to London's most vulnerable communities and those who fund them.

Reports of these meetings are available on www.londonfunders.org.uk.

LONDON FUNDERS' PROJECT GROUPS

Participation in London Funders' project groups is open to any members of London Funders. They function as communities of practice and from time to time invite external speakers. After a few successful years, there were changes to three of the groups in 2010. Good Practice in Grantmaking, Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Development and Asylum, Refugees and Migration no longer hold quarterly gatherings and instead all members of London Funders are invited to regular discussion sessions aimed at **Learning from Funders** and occasional more focused events such as the joint meeting with Employability Forum described below.

Thanks are due to the chairs retiring from those groups which have now closed: Ian Redding of London Councils, who chaired Good Practice in Grantmaking for several years; Debbie Pippard, formerly of Big Lottery Fund, for steering Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Development through an important period for funders of second tier work; and Mubin Haq for chairing Asylum, Refugees and Migration.

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GOOD PRACTICE IN GRANTMAKING

Before it wound up, this group held two meetings. Members looked at: the Football Foundation's move from an open application process to specific timescales and a new two-stage process; LB Haringey's Compact Proofing Toolkit; Heritage Lottery Fund's work in developing geographic and social priorities; and discussed how funders can work together strategically, drawing on the Corston Coalition's experience in relation to women in prison.

OLYMPICS/PARALYMPICS

Chair: Stewart Goshawk, The City Bridge Trust

Three meetings covered the work of The Big Opportunity and its impact around securing a community legacy with the five host boroughs; plans for the Cultural Olympiad in 2012; and volunteering in relation to the Games, including views on managing volunteers' expectations.

RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

Chair: Andrew Cooper, The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund

Topics covered in quarterly meetings were:

- the development of the Football Foundation's programme management, monitoring and evaluation tool for its own use and for funded groups;
- the GLA's progress with Project Oracle and the development of a set of standards to be promoted for use by all working in the field of tackling and preventing serious youth violence;
- Trust for London's evaluation of the female genital mutilation special initiative;
- Heritage Lottery Fund's findings on targeted research into sustainability and legacy work;
- Comic Relief's research into the potential impact, value and methodology of projects which use ICT to engage young people;
- the latest research from Big Lottery Fund;
- UnLtd's recent youth-led research project; and
- evaluation work by Pilotlight.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The group discussed the impact of Capacitybuilders' support in London and especially the take-up of recession-responsive funding. They explored the role of funders in encouraging the VCS to take up in-kind support, including a look at how In Kind Direct works; and looked at the findings of research among organisations led by disabled people that identified the management and HR issues specific to such groups.

The benefits of belonging to London Funders

"Thank you and the team for organising a very interesting series of talks from many different perspectives on the common theme of alternative forms of finance (*our Smart Money meeting*). Furthermore the related handouts were very informative."

John Gahan, The Girdlers' Company

Another comment on the same meeting:

"Really liked the speakers, learned lots, and met some useful people while mingling."

Iona Joy, New Philanthropy Capital

LEARNING FROM FUNDERS

This new series of events, hosted by Buzzacott LLP, provides an opportunity to look at good and innovative practice in supporting the sector - vital at this time of economic and policy challenge. At each event participants hear from thinkers and practitioners on issues of the day and take part in round-table discussion with other funders.

Number 1: Scaling Up

October

Discussion led by Tris Lumley, one of the authors of a new report from New Philanthropy Capital. *Scaling Up* looks at smart ways of understanding the impact of good projects and ways to spread the most effective practice.

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Number 2: How are you handling the cuts?

November

Timed to take place soon after the Coalition Government published its Spending Review 2010, this meeting for funders looked at the impact of public expenditure cuts on the voluntary and community sector in London and the knock-on effect on other funders. It used the examples of two boroughs, Merton and Enfield, to explore how some boroughs have managed to make a commitment to support the VCS and maintain strong relationships.

The series continues into 2011.

POLICY BRIEFINGS AND JOINT MEETINGS

London Funders also held some joint meetings and policy briefings organised with other key agencies to provide an opportunity to respond to an immediate interest.

Current landscape of the refugee sector

This special seminar for funders in London, organised in partnership with the Employability Forum, looked at the current issues in the refugee sector and the challenges facing organisations working with refugees and asylum seekers, including patterns of asylum flows, social cohesion issues, the impact of the recession and reductions in public spending

Sinking & Swimming

Organised in partnership with the Big Lottery Fund, this event looked at *Sinking & Swimming* launched by the Young Foundation late last year. Many funders (including Big Lottery Fund) combined to support this research into "Britain's unmet needs", and its look into the future at those areas of need which will become more pressing over the next generation. The report raises questions about London's resilience, examines why and how some people can cope with shocks, setbacks and transition while others cannot and offers far-reaching recommendations on policy, public action and funding.

Later in the year London Funders also hosted a reception with the Young Foundation to launch the London case study associated with *Sinking and Swimming*.

Joint meetings with MiNet

MiNet and London Funders followed up a London-wide discussion on funding challenges for black and minority ethnic organisations by holding four sub-regional meetings to bring funders and BAME organisations together for some frank and useful discussion.

Comment from a member on the e-bulletin

"I want to let you know how valuable my colleagues and I are finding the London Funders newsletter. It is great to find out about new initiatives.... Further, the newsletter has a wealth of information in regards to new investment opportunities that we as commissioners are able to share with organisations we work with."

Reneé Harrison, Commissioning Manager
Adult, Culture and Community Services, Haringey Council

PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES

London Funders e-bulletin is an information resource which covers news relevant to funders, developments in London, news from members, alerts for events and consultations, new publications and research activity, and job vacancies amongst funding organisations. In 2010 six issues were published and in between these there were also many mini-bulletins, to share urgent information. The e-bulletin is produced for members of London Funders but also read more widely in the voluntary sector and among policymakers. The number of subscribers to the e-bulletin increased to well over 1,000 in the course of the year.

We publish on our website www.londonfunders.org.uk notes and reports from our meetings and news and information helpful to members. The website includes some basic advice for fundseekers and hyperlinks to members' websites.

The Secretariat answers queries from individual members, and puts funders in touch with each other to solve problems or foster collaboration.

Plans for 2011

Funders working together: the next few years for London Funders

London Funders has committed and loyal members – a group of funders that recognise the value of shared ideas, critique and collaboration. The current environment is recognised as a period of crisis – for London and its communities, for the voluntary and community sector and for funders. Members are telling London Funders that there has never been a more important time for funders to think and work together and that our work is more critically important than ever.

The work of London Funders has widened and increased as membership has increased. With changes in funding regimes and local and national funding landscapes, there is greater demand for opportunities for our members to meet; map and share information about funders' circumstances, policies and practice; and help update funders on the state of the VCS and specific sub-sectors within it that seem most at risk.

In this context, the Executive Committee met in late 2010 to review the role and need for London Funders. It also looked to identify how London Funders can be more sustainable. The Committee believes that sustainability will require a balance of:

- ã subscriptions, and therefore growing membership
- ã earned income streams, strongly related to our primary purpose
- ã continuing support from funders for special initiatives and specific meetings and events
- ã grant funding

We are therefore in a period of seeking how to ensure that London Funders can develop and grow its role of identifying key issues for Londoners, and bringing together funders to develop creative cross-sector responses, at the same time as starting more systematically to generate additional income through building a bigger membership base, and through sponsorship and special initiatives.

The e-bulletin will become a monthly publication from 2011, reflecting the rapidity of change and the urgency of information sharing. An increasing element of the Secretariat's work will be in collecting and sharing information between our members on their changing priorities and practice in the face of public sector cuts and growing demand for support for the VCS.

Powerful Ideas: London Funders is working with CCLA to present a series of six lectures and debates on some of the key ideas powering thinking in 2011. Lectures will be from representatives of influential think-tanks. These will take place monthly and are designed to strengthen the visibility of both organisations.

Members of London Funders in 2010

Arts Council	London Borough of Haringey
bassac (associate)	London Borough of Harrow
BBC Children in Need	London Borough of Havering
Big Lottery Fund	London Borough of Hillingdon
Capacitybuilders	London Borough of Hounslow
Capital Community Foundation	London Borough of Islington
CCLA Investment Management Ltd	London Borough of Lambeth
Charity Bank	London Borough of Lewisham
Church Urban Fund	London Borough of Merton
City Bridge Trust, The	London Borough of Newham
City of London Corporation	London Borough of Redbridge
City of Westminster	London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames
Comic Relief	London Borough of Southwark
Commonweal Housing	London Borough of Sutton
Community Development Foundation	London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Community Foundation Network (associate)	London Borough of Waltham Forest
Consumer Financial Education Body	London Borough of Wandsworth
Cranfield Trust, The (associate)	London Catalyst
Cripplegate Foundation	London Councils
Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund	London Development Agency
East London Community Foundation	London Diocesan Fund (associate)
Football Foundation	London Housing Foundation
Futurebuilders (The Social Investment Business)	Mayor's Fund for London, The
Girdlers' Company	Media Trust (associate)
Government Office for London	Mercers' Company, The
GrantScape	New Philanthropy Capital (associate)
Groundswell UK (associate)	North West London Community Foundation
Help A London Child	Peter Cruddas Foundation
Heritage Lottery Fund	Pilgrim Trust, The
Hillingdon Community Trust	Pilotlight (associate)
In Kind Direct (associate)	Poplar HARCA (associate)
J. A. Clark Charitable Trust	Red Ochre (associate)
Jack Petchey Foundation	Rosa UK
JISC	Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
John Lyon's Charity	Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
Joseph Levy Charitable Foundation	Safer London Foundation
Lloyd's Charities Trust	St Katharine & Shadwell Trust
Lloyds TSB Foundation	School for Social Entrepreneurs (associate)
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham	Social Enterprise London (associate)
London Borough of Barnet	Sound Connections (associate)
London Borough of Bexley	Tellus Mater Foundation
London Borough of Brent	Thames Community Foundation
London Borough of Bromley	Trust for London
London Borough of Camden	United St Saviour's Charity
London Borough of Croydon	UnLtd
London Borough of Ealing	Wakefield and Tetley Trust, The
London Borough of Enfield	Wates Foundation, The
London Borough of Greenwich	Westminster Foundation, The
London Borough of Hackney	Young Foundation (associate)
London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham	

Financial review

Risk management

The Executive Committee maintains awareness of areas which could represent risks for London Funders, assessing those risks on grounds of likelihood and impact. The areas considered are: governance; market position; external factors; external credibility; operational and internal factors; and financial sustainability.

The Committee and staff aim to ensure that there are controls which minimise the likelihood of risks within these categories, if this is within London Funders' ability, and lessen their impact. Any areas still considered high risk are regularly reviewed by the Executive Committee at its quarterly meetings.

Reserves policy

The Executive Committee has resolved to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds equal to at least three months' expenditure on all costs.

Acknowledgement of financial and in-kind support

2010 saw the last instalment of grant support from **London Development Agency**. The Trustees are grateful to the LDA for the three-year grant (2007-10).

At the end of the year a grant of £15,443 was received from **Bank of America Foundation**, reflecting their understanding of the work London Funders is doing to support the way funders respond to the crisis affecting the VCS.

A grant was received from **Awards for All** to support London Funders' work in membership development: this will be fully reported in 2011. Other support came in the form of grants and donations towards specific events during the year or invaluable help in kind in the form of venues and catering for members' meetings and Executive Committee meetings. We acknowledge with gratitude all these grants and donations from:

Bates Wells and Braithwaite
Big Lottery Fund
Buzzacott LLP
CCLA Investment Management Ltd
The City Bridge Trust
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation
Government Office for London
Mazars LLP
McLean Budden
The Mercers' Company
Trust for London

Preparation of the report

This report of the Executive Committee has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

It was approved and authorised for issue by the Executive Committee on 16 April 2011 and signed on its behalf by:


Mubin Haq
Chair, London Funders

Independent examiner's report to the Executive Committee of London Funders

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2010 set out on pages 12 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of Executive Committee and independent examiner

As described on page 13 the Executive Committee, which is the board of directors of London Funders for the purposes of company law, and the board of trustees for the purposes of charity law, is responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Executive Committee consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the Charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the 1993 Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Executive Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



James Gare BSc ACA DChA
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Chartered Accountants
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Date: 10/05/11.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 December 2010

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2010 £	Restricted Funds 2010 £	Total Funds 2010 £	Total Funds 2009 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds					
<i>Voluntary income - grants</i>					
London Development Agency		-	25,000	25,000	55,000
Big Lottery Fund: Awards for All		-	9,910	9,910	-
Capacitybuilders		-	-	-	4,505
Bank of America		15,443	-	15,443	-
<i>Investment income</i>					
Bank interest		65	-	65	82
Incoming resources from Charitable Activities					
Membership subscriptions		81,840	-	81,840	76,575
Meeting and event Sponsorship		17,320	-	17,320	13,000
Earned income		1,000	-	1,000	800
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		115,668	34,910	150,578	149,962
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Wages and salaries	2	59,231	25,000	84,231	89,110
Temporary staff and consultancy		3,424	755	4,179	12,946
Staff expenses, recruitment and training		948	-	948	1,032
Meetings and events		10,607	-	10,607	14,884
Membership development		2,112	2,250	4,362	1,445
Information and communication technology		2,464	2,527	4,991	2,006
Website		4,357	-	4,357	3,917
Administration costs	3	9,345	-	9,345	7,891
Other legal and professional fees		-	-	-	575
Recession project		-	-	-	3,000
Rent and service charges		8,235	-	8,235	8,738
Governance		2,062	-	2,062	1,844
Fees payable to the independent examiner					
Independent examination		2,040	-	2,040	1,833
Grant audit		470	-	470	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		105,295	30,532	135,827	149,221
Net income/(expenditure)		10,373	4,378	14,751	741
TOTAL FUNDS AT 1 JANUARY 2010		52,164	-	52,164	51,423
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010		£ 62,537	£ 4,378	£ 66,915	£ 52,164

LONDON FUNDERS (Registered Company Number 05596299)**BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2010**

	Notes	£	2010 £	£	2009 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	5		1		1
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	20,361		295	
Cash at bank and in hand		56,494		54,521	
		<u>76,855</u>		<u>54,816</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year - Accruals	7	(9,941)		(2,653)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>66,914</u>		<u>52,163</u>
NET ASSETS/ TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>£ 66,915</u>		<u>£ 52,164</u>
FUNDS					
Restricted funds	8		4,378		-
Unrestricted funds - General fund	8		62,537		52,164
			<u>£ 66,915</u>		<u>£ 52,164</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2010 the Charity was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- (i) The members have not required the Charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- (ii) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). They were approved, and authorised for issue, by the directors on 16 April 2011 and signed on their behalf by:-


MUBIN HAQ, Chair


IAN REDDING, Treasurer

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in 2005, applicable accounting standards and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The effect of events relating to the period ended 31 December 2010 which occurred before the date of approval of the accounts by the Executive Committee has been included in the accounts to the extent required to show a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 31 December 2010 and the results for the year ended on that date.

Company status

London Funders is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the Charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charity.

Fund accounting

The General fund comprises unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Charity's general objects and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds comprise money received for restricted purposes.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Subscription income is recognised in the period for which it is paid.

Pension

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to expenditure as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for gross and when incurred.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives of 3 years.

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2. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

	2010 £	2009 £
Wages and salaries	72,267	73,916
Employer's NI	7,668	8,047
Pensions	4,296	7,147
	<u>£ 84,231</u>	<u>£ 89,110</u>

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000.

The average weekly number of employees, calculated as full time equivalents, during the year was 2 (2009 - 2).

3. ADMINISTRATION COSTS

	2010 £	2009 £
Stationery	1,036	327
Postage & delivery	124	103
Telephone	1,118	355
Membership fees payable	391	426
Photocopying	5,678	5,278
Insurance	582	582
Depreciation	-	663
Sundry expenses	416	157
	<u>£ 9,345</u>	<u>£ 7,891</u>

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

During the year, no Committee members, who are the trustees for charity law purposes, received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses (2009 - the same).

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2010	<u>1,990</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2010	<u>1,989</u>
At 31 December 2010	<u>1,989</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2009	<u>£ 1</u>
At 31 December 2010	<u>£ 1</u>

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6. DEBTORS	2010	2009
Due within one year	£	£
Trade debtors	4,760	295
Sundry debtors	15,443	-
Prepayments	158	-
	<u>£ 20,361</u>	<u>£ 295</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2010	2009
	£	£
Accruals	8,311	1,923
Deferred income - membership subscriptions (see below)	1,630	730
	<u>£ 9,941</u>	<u>£ 2,653</u>

Deferred income

Balance at 1 January 2010	730	960
Amount released to incoming resources	(730)	(960)
Amount deferred in the year	1,630	730
Balance at 31 December 2010	<u>£ 1,630</u>	<u>£ 730</u>

8. STATEMENT OF FUNDS	Balance at 1 January 2010 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 December 2010 £
Restricted Funds:				
LDA funding: Staff costs	-	25,000	(25,000)	-
Big Lottery Fund:				
Membership development	-	9,910	(5,532)	4,378
Total restricted funds	-	34,910	(30,532)	4,378
General Fund	52,164	115,668	(105,295)	62,537
	<u>£ 52,164</u>	<u>£ 150,578</u>	<u>£ (135,827)</u>	<u>£ 66,915</u>

The Charity's restricted income was the grant from the London Development Agency which has been fully expended in the year on salaries; and a grant of £9,910 from the Big Lottery Fund towards Membership development. The Trustees are confident that the remaining £4,378 will be spent during 2011.

Restricted funds are represented by net current assets.