



ACCESS-ABILITY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2009

Company Number 5538092
Registered Charity Number 1113302

Founder:

Ken Carter

Trustee / Directors:

Professor James Crabbe (Chair)

Michael McAleenan (Company Secretary/Treasurer)

Adrian Ellison

Dr James Ohene-Djan

Annette Haworth

Vice-President:

Lord Low of Dalston, CBE

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Advisers:

Helen Lansdown (Chief Executive, Deafax)

Professor Harold Silver (Educational Research)

Michael Jones (Speech and Language)

Dr Rachel Shipsey (ICT Development)

AACT (ACCESS -ABILITY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY)

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of AACT (Access-Ability Communications Technology) for the year ended 31st August, 2009.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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The Registered Address of the Charity:

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Reading
Berkshire
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The charity is registered under the charity number 1113302, and the company is incorporated with the company registration number 5538092.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There have been some significant financial transactions upon which to report since the Company was incorporated.

LEGAL STATUS

Access-Ability Communications Technology ('AACT') is a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 16 August 2005 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 15 March 2006.

OBJECTIVES

The charity has a broad remit to promote and advance the education and training of children, young people and adults who are subject to any disability associated with speech, language and different forms of communication. Its aim is to achieve this through the use of information and communications technology. In addition it seeks to raise the awareness of the public of the challenges faced by those with these disabilities.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Directors have continued to meet at regular intervals to devise and refine a strategic plan to achieve AACT's charitable objectives and continue to seek funding for projects matching AACT's charitable objects. The directors still recognize the difficulties with which they are faced, but derive confidence from their success in attracting even more funds during the year towards their Appeal of £200K.

AACT has worked in partnership with Deafax (Transforming lives through Technology) and Decibels (Enabling through Sound, Music, Arts, Performance and Technology) on developing a Virtual Learning Academy for the benefit of children, young people and adults with speech, language and communication disabilities. All three charities have invested some of their funds in sharing costs.

The Trust has partnered with Talk4Meaning on a project involving 'Children with Selective Mutism'. 10 families have been helped with all of them being given appropriate software for them to use at home. Results so far from this pilot project show definite progress in breaking down the barriers of silence.

AACT was selected as one of the first charitable participants for the launch of www.ChristmaSee.com (powered by Winkball) and since then we have been developing an AACT through Winkball project which enhances interactive communication and learning opportunities between families, their children and their schools/special units.

The British 10K London Run proved to be an opportunity not only to raise funds, but to bring together friends and supporters and publicise the work of AACT. It also enabled the Trust to benefit from the Gift Aid scheme.

The AACT website has been set up and work is being undertaken to look into ways of making it more interactive, engaging and informative. It is also being assessed for use as a vehicle for distance learning for a wide variety of learners locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served during the period to period to year to 31 August 2009 are shown on page 3. The overall strategic direction of the charity is determined by the Trustees of AACT. The role of the Trustee is one of guidance and governance. They are responsible for overseeing the activities and finances of AACT and ensuring that the best interests of the charity are protected and promoted at all times. They are also responsible for ensuring any income is spent fairly and appropriately. Included in their responsibilities is the setting of the strategic direction of AACT, with considerable input from the Founder and where appropriate staff and advisers in general, and maintaining the long term viability of the charity.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

Company Law and the Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies apply them on a consistent basis, making judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees have taken The Charity Commission's specific guidance on public benefit (contained within the recently issued guidance publication "The Advancement of Education for Public Benefit") into consideration in preparing this statement on public benefit.

BENEFITS & BENEFICIARIES

In accordance with its charitable objectives, the charity has now started to deliver face-to-face training and information to groups of parents, teachers and children with different disabilities. The charity's principal beneficiaries are children and young people across the UK and those who work and live alongside them. This year we have had a particular focus on Selective Mutism, the Virtual Learning Academy and the developments of Winkball. The main benefits provided by the charity are new technology-based opportunities for a variety of people with disabilities to access training and information. This is in alignment with AACT's general aim of contributing to the quality of life of people with disabilities associated with speech, language and communication of all ages by expanding their horizons through the innovative use of ICT. In addition AACT is starting to work with the wider community to promote awareness, inclusion and equality.

TRUSTEES' ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

AACT is now starting to operate an outcomes focused approach in monitoring the progress of the charity in order to determine the terms of delivery of public benefit. The outcomes focus approach means that regular evaluation and collection of information will be embedded in all our work, ensuring that the evaluation process is relevant and valuable and that our professional practice is ultimately improved. Staff and beneficiaries will complete summative evaluation forms following each workshop providing information about their own experiences positive and negative. A detailed work timetable with deadlines, expected outcomes and progress will be reviewed regularly and updated as necessary. At each stage internal aspects of individual projects will be considered including dealing with stakeholders, funders, media coverage and other bodies outside the project team. In addition regular meetings, quarterly reports to trustees and funders will ensure that the work is monitored effectively and accurately.

This report was approved by the Trustees on, and was signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

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Professor James Crabbe – Chair of Trustee/Directors

Date of approval:

14-12-09

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2009

	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations	1,800	8,661	10,461	14,450
Interest received		299	299	50
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	<u>1,800</u>	<u>8,960</u>	<u>10,760</u>	<u>14,500</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Grants	1,800	2,008	3,808	
Fund raising costs		557	557	1,078
Meetings, travel, IT and sundries		2,131	2,131	100
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>1,800</u>	<u>4,696</u>	<u>6,496</u>	<u>1,178</u>
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE Y	0	4,263	4,263	13,322
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	0	12,985	12,985	(337)
Balance carried forward at 31 August	<u>£0</u>	<u>£17,248</u>	<u>£17,248</u>	<u>£12,985</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2009

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Caf Cash Account	17,263	15,218
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	(15)	(1,233)
Loan from Director	-	(1,000)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>£17,248</u>	<u>£12,985</u>
 Represented by :		
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	17,248	12,985
RESTRICTED FUNDS	-	-
	<u>£17,248</u>	<u>£12,985</u>

Notes

- (a) For the year ended 31 August 2009, the company was entitled to exemption under S.249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (b) An audit is not required in accordance with S.249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for maintaining proper accounting records.

The accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the financial year in accordance with S.226 of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on
and are signed on their behalf by:



M C McAleenan

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2009, which are set out on pages 3 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees 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 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;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

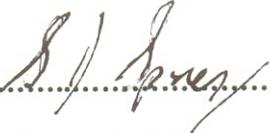
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 trustees 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 Charities have 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.

Name: Stephen Spires Signature:.....

Date:.....14/11/2010

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