

**The Chessboxing Organisation**  
**Trustees' report and financial statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2013**



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# **The Chessboxing Organisation**

## **Legal and administrative information**

**Charity number** 1131672

**Company registration number** 06777848

**Business address** 25 Oakfield Court  
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London  
N8 9RA

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London  
N8 9AN

**Trustees** Elizabeth Goddard  
Jorje Crespo  
Timothy Woolgar

**Secretary** Timothy Woolgar

**Chief executive** Elizabeth Goddard

<b>Management committee</b>	Tim Woolguard	Chair
	Elizabeth Goddard	Treasurer
	Jorje Crespo	Member

**Accountants** Keith Slack  
Accountant  
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## **The Chessboxing Organisation**

### **Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report) for the year ended 31 December 2013**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013. The trustees, who are also directors of The Chessboxing Organisation for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### *EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*

The ChessBOXING Organisation (TCBO) is an exciting new venture with huge potential to change the lives of young people in the community, initially in the London Borough of Islington but with firm plans to spread throughout the capital and the country, through the integrated coaching of chess and boxing skills. TCBO was created in December 2008 and successfully won seed funding to set up its first project in Islington in March 2009.

The delivery of this initial project, in partnership with the Hyde Plus housing association began on 16th June 2009 and the results have already exceeded expectations (see Projects section below). We have great faith in our ideas and we are confident that the energy and enthusiasm of the management committee and volunteers will ensure the Organization gets off to a great start and builds a platform for the rapid realization of its aims and objectives.

TCBO will continue to maintain the profile of ChessBOXING amongst the public and in the media by regular PR initiatives and by staging public exhibitions and fundraising tournaments. Our recent fundraising tournament in April was featured on BBC 1's One Show on Saturday morning, with a segment which was broadcast on four separate occasions. Our new project for Hyde Plus has been reported in the local press and also appears in a new BBC Four TV documentary about chess.

##### *ORGANISATION*

Our Vision: is to provide every young person in the UK with the opportunity to experience ChessBOXING. The ChessBOXING Organisation is dedicated to promoting the benefits of integrated chess and boxing training.

Our mission is to use ChessBOXING to improve the quality of people's lives by instilling self-esteem, and promoting fitness and intellectual development.

Our values speak of dedication and strength of character, fair play and the ability to approach life with the goal of continual incremental improvement.

##### *What We Do*

ChessBOXING combines two of sport's biggest individual challenges and by showing how to approach these challenges successfully in a safe and supportive environment we provide young people with a lasting sense of self-confidence. Both boxing and chess are also played as team sports and our group training promotes a combination of self-reliance and team responsibility. Chess and boxing are disciplines in which dedication and hard work lead to demonstrable improvement in a short timescale

##### *OUR PEOPLE*

###### *Management Committee*

Treasurer: Elizabeth Goddard, manages the IT department of a major international travel agent. In addition she has developed stringent project management and budgeting skills from overseeing various property interests in the capital.

Secretary: Timothy Woolgar. The founder of the London ChessBOXING Club and the driving force behind the creation of the The ChessBOXING Organisation. Tim is an energetic organizer with a proven ability to initiate and deliver both short and long-term projects. His background as a multi-media journalist and TV producer has provided him with excellent PR and communication skills enabling him to create a growing profile for ChessBOXING in the UK.

Trustee: Jorje Crespo. To represent youth on the board.

## **The Chessboxing Organisation**

### **Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report) for the year ended 31 December 2013**

#### *Trustee/Director Election*

There shall be executive consisting of not more than seven members of Chessboxing Organisation. The officers shall be members of the executive and remaining members shall be elected Annually at the annual General Meeting

#### *Trustee/Director Induction*

All new trustees are given, in the view of the board, sufficient training and have enough knowledge of their specific field to understand the nature of the charity and fully comply with charity's current view of its progression. To increase current skills mix trustees are required to attend relevant courses

#### *Organisational Structure*

The board of Trustees comprises 3 members serving at the moment. The trustees report to the chair of trustees. The members are responsible of the day-to-day running of the charity.

#### *Risk Management*

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## **The Chessboxing Organisation**

### **Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report) for the year ended 31 December 2013**

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### *PROJECT PROPOSALS*

##### **Community/Youth Centres Project:**

The plan is to recruit local community and youth centres to provide ChessBOXING classes to their members. This presents a potential income stream to TCBO since these organizations have budgets to supply activities to their members. We will absorb any initial equipment and manpower costs from designated funds (Cripplegate Grant). It is anticipated that once these projects are running there will be a small ongoing administration cost which will come from undesignated funds (fees).

##### **Project 1**

##### **Hyde Housing Association Ringcross Youth Centre:**

Status: commenced delivering 90-minute, weekly classes on 16 June on an initial 6-week contract.

Budget considerations: we have budgeted £750 in start-up and £30 per week in designated funding costs plus £30 per week undesignated admin costs. Income from the project from Hyde Plus is £90 per week.

##### **Personnel**

Boxing coach: Reinaldo Dominguez (current enhanced CRB certificate holder) is a former amateur junior world champion and member of the Cuban national amateur boxing team. He is also registered and qualified in the UK to coach Boxercise and personal fitness.

Chess Coach: Tim Woolgar, (enhanced CRB certificate pending) has played chess since the age of 7 and has undergone structured training with regular personal coaching from UK chess masters over the last twelve months

Assistant: Chelsea Freed (current enhanced CRB certificate holder) is a full-time playgroup assistant with experience of working with children aged 5-16 years.

##### **Community Need and How We are Addressing It**

The housing association concerned identifies three main problems in the community:

1. •Poverty
2. •Unemployment
3. •Failure of young people to engage with the community in a positive fashion.

We address these issues by providing an activity which is aimed at 12-25 year-olds and which is FREE for them to take part in and which provides an inclusive club atmosphere. ChessBOXING training will enhance the participants' future employment prospects by providing life-skills. Employers are always looking for something which makes candidates stand out from the crowd and an interest in ChessBOXING on a candidate's CV will create a positive impression.

##### **Initial Outcomes**

We recognize the need for hard monitoring and evaluation to be applied to the project and will begin doing this after week four. We felt that during the opening phase, written tests and feedback forms would tend to undermine the bond of trust we are forming with the participants. We are able to provide numbers of participants for each class and anecdotal notes compiled by Tim Woolgar who has attended every class as chess coach.

"Week 1: Class size- eight, (two female) age-range 8-12. Although this is a younger age than we are targeting, we took a decision to supply the training to this group. Initially the group were tentative about taking part in the exercises and lacked interest in the chess, however, this changed quite quickly and by the end of the session the enthusiasm was palpable.

Week 2: class size 25 (five female), age-range 8-19. We had a 100 per cent success rate in terms of attracting the participants from the previous week. The presence of the BBC Four film crew helped attract additional numbers with around 80 per cent of the class being in the age range 12-19. This was a larger class than we were expecting but nevertheless the group responded well to the boxing exercises and the chessboards were in use throughout.

Week 3: class size 15 (one female) age range 8-19. Once again the original class returned in force with only one absentee from the original group. The older participants enjoyed both aspects of the training and began asking detailed questions about the mechanics of chess. In addition to the 15 who joined the class another half-dozen or so hung about observing from the sidelines. We believe this group are likely to join in at some point in the future."

## **The Chessboxing Organisation**

### **Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report) for the year ended 31 December 2013**

#### **Achievements and performance**

ChessBOXING provides training for the MIND and BODY

There are already numerous chess clubs and boxing clubs in London, not to mention a variety of other sporting opportunities, such as football and swimming.

We do not aim to compete directly with any other sport but rather to work in a complementary way with all of them. The lessons and values of ChessBOXING are transferable to any other sport as well as everyday life.

Playing chess involves foresight, planning, visualisation skills, creativity, mental calculation and the ability to remember and recognise patterns. To some extent or another, these techniques are required in many sports however chess is the only one which offers structured and established training methods for improving these abilities.

Chess helps to develop a competitive edge and the desire to battle through difficult positions and recover from setbacks. In addition chess has been adopted by professional sportsmen as a means of relaxing and achieving mental balance during intensive training or prior to major competition (eg Manny Pacquiao prior to his bout with v Rick Hatton, May 2009).

"The problem with teaching chess to young people is that although most learn the game at junior school they tend to give up quickly as they come against players of higher natural ability. Those players who have a strong natural talent for chess tend to become labelled as 'intellectual geeks' and the average players simply give up and find something else to do. There's no time and not enough incentive for the average and below average player to develop and improve." Matt Read, London Chess Centre.

By integrating chess and boxing we provide a forum for young people to play chess without negative labels and to enjoy a purely intellectual challenge in the context of an intense physical work-out. It doesn't matter if you are below average, average or expert, if you undertake ChessBOXING training you will get better at both chess and boxing and in the process, enhance your life.

#### **Financial review**

It is Chessboxing Organisation's policy to have unrestricted funds not presently committed or invested in tangible fixed assets should be maintained at the equivalent of one month expenditure in order to continue pursuing its activities should there be a period of reduce income

The Trustees are aware that there is a need to seek further venues of generating income in order to increase and maintain a level of reserves sufficient for the charity to carry on its charitable activities.

## **The Chessboxing Organisation**

### **Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report) for the year ended 31 December 2013**

#### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also directors of The Chessboxing Organisation for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board

Timothy Woolgar  
**Secretary**



## **The Chessboxing Organisation**

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of The Chessboxing Organisation.**

I report on the accounts of The Chessboxing Organisation for the year ended 31 December 2013 set out on pages 2 to 13.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner**

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for 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 Act), as amended by section 28 of the Charities Act 2006 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43(3)(a) of the Act, as amended; to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended; and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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:

(i) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep proper 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

(ii) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Keith Slack**

**Accountant**

**Independent examiner**

115 Harvey Lane

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**Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)**

**For the year ended 31 December 2013**

	£
<b>Incoming resources</b>	
Voluntary income	2400
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>2400</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>	
Cost of charitable activities	1450
Communications and IT	6
Insurance	577
Fundraising costs	180
Accountancy & bookkeeping	181
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>2394</u>
<b>Net income/(expense) for the year</b>	6
Total funds brought forward	-5308
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>-5032</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

# **The Chessboxing Organisation**

## **Balance sheet**

**As at 31 December 2013**

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### **Fixed Assets:**

Computer	313
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### **Current Assets:**

Cash at bank and in hand	<u>125</u>
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### **Current liabilities:**

T Woolgar expenses	3790
Creditors	1680
	<u>5470</u>
	-5345

Net Assets	<u><u>-5032</u></u>
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### **Funds**

Unrestricted income funds	-5032
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<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>-5032</u></u>
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## **The Chessboxing Organisation**

### **Balance sheet (continued)**

#### **Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2013**

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 31 December 2013.
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for:
  - (1) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and
  - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 20 September 2014 and signed on its behalf by

**Timothy Woolgar**  
Secretary

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tim Woolgar', with a large, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**The notes on pages 11 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.**

## **The Chessboxing Organisation**

### **Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013**

#### **1. Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year.

##### **1.1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Companies Act 2006.

##### **1.2. Cashflow**

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small charity.

##### **1.3. Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

##### **1.4. Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes including the charity's shop.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management.

# The Chessboxing Organisation

## Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013

### 2. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted funds £	2013 Total £
Donations		
Ticket Sales		
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### 3. Employees

<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2013 £</b>
Other costs	0
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2013 : None).

#### Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

<b>2013 Number</b>
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### 4. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

### 5. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31 December 2013 as represented by:	5,032	5,032
Current assets	<hr/>	<hr/>
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## **The Chessboxing Organisation**

### **Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013**

#### **6. Unrestricted funds**

	At 1 January 2013 £	Gains and losses £	At 31 December 2013 £
Unrestricted Funds	<u>-5038</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5,032</u>