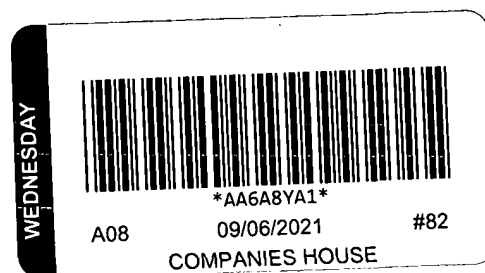


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Stepping Stones Community Learning CIC

Micro Entity Accounts

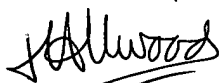
31st March 2021



Stepping Stones Community Learning CIC
Micro Entity Accounts
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31st March 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Inventories (Stock)	5,397	5,479	
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>4,756</u>	<u>6,391</u>	
	10,153	11,870	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(3,880)</u>	<u>(5,379)</u>	
Net current assets		6,273	6,491
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>6,273</u>	<u>6,491</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		<u>6,273</u>	<u>6,491</u>
Funds		<u>6,273</u>	<u>6,491</u>

- a) For the years ending 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies regime
- b) No members have required the company to obtain an audit of in accordance with the section 476 of the Companies Act 2006
- c) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the the requirements of the Act with the respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.
- d) The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to the small companies regime and the micro entity provisions.



Helen Allwood
Director

Approved by the board on 6th May 2021

Stepping Stones Community Learning CIC
Notes to the the Micro Entity Accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

i) *Turnover*

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, net of value added tax and trade discounts.

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Community Interest Company Report

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Company Name in
full

Stepping Stones Community Learning CIC

Company Number

11899139

Year Ending

31/03/21

This template illustrates what the Regulator of Community Interest Companies considers to be best practice for completing a simplified community interest company report. All such reports must be delivered in accordance with section 34 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and contain the information required by Part 7 of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005. For further guidance see chapter 8 of the Regulator's guidance notes and the alternate example provided for a more complex company with more detailed notes.

PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT

Stepping Stones Community Learning CIC has had a much quieter year due to the global pandemic. Activities have been curtailed due to lockdowns and all the impacts of COVID. Settings have been unable to deliver family learning programmes for much of this financial year. Despite this, our free downloadable ESOL Stepping Stones resources, designed for settings to deliver basic English sessions to mums along with their babies, continued to find a wide audience across the UK and beyond.

During 2020-21 the project authorised free downloads of our programme materials to 49 settings and/or areas, sold 3 hard copy packs, and our e-Learning training programme for facilitators was visited 252 times. In total, so far the project has authorised 260 downloads, sold 60 hard copy packs and our eLearning for facilitators has been accessed 1207 times. All expressions of interest in the materials and the project come through our website - www.steppingstonescic.org.uk.

ESOL Stepping Stones materials have been accessed widely across the UK this year by a varied audience including refugee resettlement teams and volunteer mentors with asylum seekers, libraries, ESOL community development workers, learning for life project workers, children's centres, speech and language therapists, outreach workers and community support groups. We have authorised requests from as far afield as Japan, Vietnam, Sweden, Nashville and Kentucky USA, Dubai, Russia, Canada, Netherlands, Algeria, Sri Lanka and India. In the UK, resources have been requested from all over, including from North Lanarkshire, Bolton, London, Nottingham, Halifax, Sheffield, Cumbria, Bournemouth and Warrington.

Our CIC therefore continues to support settings by providing our free ESOL programme resources, support and training, so that they can, in turn, support families new to English in their local communities. The provision of our materials and training continue to empower community settings across the world to deliver basic English sessions to mums along with their babies, as a first step on a learning journey for these women. The programme continues to help to overcome barriers to learning and is a tool to improve engagement with, and uptake of, appropriate services and community support. The programme also adds to the skill set, resources and continuing professional development of community settings' staff and volunteers.

By providing teaching and learning materials to appropriate settings within communities, we continue to support the provision of suitable, effective, targeted learning opportunities for adults. Our programme materials continue to empower existing staff and volunteers to deliver courses, such as ESOL mums and babies courses in Children's Centres, where there is an unmet need and no existing suitable provision. This also enhances the skill set and resources of community settings staff and volunteers to provide what their community needs allowing them to take more control over what their setting can offer.

In May 2020, the remaining funding of the project from the University of Manchester came to an end. The only means of income going forward necessary to ensure the availability of materials and the longevity of the programme is now through sales of the hard copy packs, consultancy work, collaborative work or bids for new funding streams.

(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)

PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The main stakeholders for our CIC are the staff and volunteers in community settings who wish to support adult learners and deliver programmes embedded within their community. Other stakeholders include NHS practitioners, such as midwives, charities and other organisations supporting refugees and new arrivals in the UK, and adult learning providers, such as the WEA.

Due to the pandemic and subsequent lockdowns, engagement with stakeholders has been limited this year. Queries through the website have been dealt with and some interesting projects have started to be discussed, such as a collaboration within one local council between the adult continuing education service, the 'Empowering Parents Empowering Communities' programme and 'Start Well' children's centres to deliver ESOL Stepping Stones, hopefully in 2021-22, with funding from Greater Manchester. We are also in continuing discussions with the 'Improving Me' project, midwifery teams and the NHS in Cheshire and Merseyside and with a University in the Netherlands who are keen to translate our materials into Dutch.

It is anticipated that, as settings begin to reopen, there will be more scope for consultation and delivery next year.

PART 3 – DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The Directors were not remunerated this financial year.

There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director's loss of office, which require to be disclosed.


PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION

No transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made.

PART 5 – SIGNATORY (Please note this must be a live signature)

The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company

Signed



(DD/MM/YY)

Date

08/06/21

Please note that it is a legal requirement for the date format to be provided in full throughout the CIC34 report.

Applications will be rejected if this information is incorrect.

Office held (delete as appropriate) Director/Secretary

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