



**LET'S BUILD MY SCHOOL**

**Charity Number: 1168814**

**ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31ST MARCH 2020**

# Let's Build My School Legal and Administration

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# Let's Build My School Trustees Report For the year ended 31st March 2020

## TRUSTEES

Appointment of Trustees is done by passing a resolution at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees

## CONSTITUTION

The charity is constituted by a foundation constitution dated 17 August 2016 and its objects are to apply funds for charitable purposes in England or elsewhere.

### The objects of the charity are:

- the advancement of education for people in need, initially in Senegal, but not exclusively, who have a lack of educational establishments by providing new-build classrooms, schools, colleges and other relevant infrastructure.
- advancing the knowledge and understanding of low-cost construction techniques to communities in any part of the world where they have no or very little experience in building with local, readily available materials by working closely with the community to carry out joint research to learn about suitable construction techniques adapted to the climate and building together low-cost educational establishments.
- raising awareness about the lack of education establishments in underdeveloped countries by providing information, raising funds and recruiting volunteers to research and build educational establishments with local materials adapted to the climate.

## REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES HELD FROM APRIL 2019 to MARCH 2020

### SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION:

'During this year, we built our second school project, an elementary school of six classrooms in the Senegalese village of Tivaouane Peulh. To help the fundraising strategy, we divided the construction in two parts. This allowed us to fundraise for the second half of the school while the first half was being built.

The construction of the first half (Phase 1) started on the 22nd of April 2019 and ended on the 3TH of August. During this first phase, we welcomed 7 volunteers from different countries (US, France, UK). This was the second edition of the LBMS One-Week Volunteer trip. Prior to arriving in Senegal, each volunteer had to fundraise 1000 GBP, contributing directly to the construction of the school. We used the same technique as our first school, which is called SuperAdobe. This consists in filling up bags with a stabilized earth mix. We used the local sand and added clay and 11% of cement to it so it becomes a long-lasting construction material. We raised the walls to build three classrooms, one office and four cubicles. This first half of the school opened a few months later welcoming 164 children. The construction of the second half (Phase 2) started on the 20nd of January and ended at the end of April 2020. During this second phase, three classrooms and one storage room were added. The school was completed and ready to open its door to over 200 children in November 2020.

During each phase of construction, we employed an average of 25 villagers to participate to the construction work.

### FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

From January 2019 to July 2019, i.e. until the end of the school construction, Let's Build My School organised weekly Senegalese lunches in Fitzrovia, London. These lunches were held in Fletcher Priest Architect's office and were funding directly the school construction. These lunches allowed us to fund-raise over £ 1,220.

A Christmas market sell was organised in December 2019 in the courtyard of Fletcher priest Architects offices in Fitzrovia London. This allowed us to fund-raise £ 1,206.

We organised a photo exhibition at Imane Fares Gallery in Paris on the 6th of February 2020. This was a documentary made by photographer Ali Khechen on the village Tivaouane Peulh in January 2019 before the construction of the school. The aim was to show the village and raise awareness about the living conditions through family portraits and daily life scenes. During the event, a Senegalese singer played songs adding to the authenticity of the atmosphere created in the gallery. Over 40 photographs were sold. The successful event allowed LBMS to fund-raise over £ 9,217.

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On the 21st of February, we organised a Yoga/Meditation workshop day with two Yogis coming from France to teach breathing techniques to children at school in order to increase their capacities to focus.

## **COMMUNICATION:**

In February 2020, Kerry Alexandra, a BBC journalist came to Tivaouane Peulh to film a documentary during the construction of Phase 2 of the school, showing the technique of construction with sand-bags.

In all our actions, whether it is through our fund-raising events or through interviews and documentaries, the aim remains the same: raising awareness about the lack of educational facilities in Senegal and hoping to raise more funds in order to build more schools.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS HELD FROM APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020**

#### **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION:**

During this year, LBMS built its second school project, respecting the budget forecasted for it and the construction programme. The elementary school TP4 Salim opened its doors to over 200 children and is offering a water well located in the centre of the school courtyard, serving the neighbouring village.

#### **EVENT ORGANISATION:**

The main event organised during this year was the photo exhibition in Paris. This resulted in a successful event, which communicated the conditions of the village. This type of event appeared very efficient in both the fundraising and the communication of our actions. LBMS will explore more in this field and aims to create more art related events of this type.

#### **FUNDRAISING:**

In 2019-2020 the income rose to £ 72,417. The income was derived from Donations (60%), corporate donations (7%) and fundraising events (33%).

#### **COMMUNICATION:**

During this year, we gave high importance to LBMS' presence on social media and benefited from the services of a Dakar based community manager as a volunteer, which allowed us to gain more interest from donors and volunteers for the next editions of LBMS volunteer trips and for LBMS coming school projects.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Reserve funds are to remain in the charity's bank account for use in future projects. From April 2019 to April 2020, LBMS' income was £72,417 and the spending was £53,217. As a result, the remaining £19,200 will serve part of the funds collected for the third school project starting post COVID.



**Leila Meroue**

**Date:** Feb 02 2021

# Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Let's Build My School

I report on the accounts of Let's Build My School for the year ended 31 March 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

## Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.



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## Receipts and Payments Accounts

### For the year ended 31st March 2020

Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies				
Donations and gifts	60,774		60,774	11,844
Activities for generating funds				
Food sales & photo exhibition	11,643		11,643	4,104
Investment income			-	
<b>Total income and endowments</b>	<b>72,417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>72,417</b>	<b>15,948</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	1,084		1,084	3,359
Charitable activities	52,132		52,132	6,947
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>53,216</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,216</b>	<b>10,306</b>
Net of receipts/(payments) before gains and losses on investments	19,201	-	19,201	5,642
Net gains/(losses) on investments			-	
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>19,201</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,201</b>	<b>5,642</b>
Cash funds brought forward at 1st April 2019	17,349		17,349	11,707
Cash funds carried forward at 31st March 2020	36,549	-	36,549	17,349

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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

### at 31st March 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Cash Funds</b>					
Bank Current Account		15,254		15,254	12,978
Funds in transit		20,616		20,616	4,370
Cash held at year end		679	-	679	-
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>			-		-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-		-
<b>Liabilities</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net Assets</b>		36,549	-	36,549	17,349

Approved by the trustees on Feb 02 2021 and signed on their behalf by:-



**Leila Meroue**