

# Release

# Annual Report

# 2010-2011

Release is the national centre of expertise on drugs and drugs law – providing free and confidential specialist advice to the public and professionals. Release also campaigns for changes to UK drug policy to bring about a fairer and more compassionate legal framework to manage drug use in our society.

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## Board Report

As Chairman of the Release Board I continue to be impressed by the dedication and hard work shown by the staff at the organisation. Whenever I talk to the team it is clear that their drive comes from supporting and helping some of the most deprived and marginalised individuals in society.

The lawyers at Release continue to provide legal assistance and representation to clients of drug projects throughout the London area – this year they saw in the region of 1700 people. This service has prevented people from becoming street homeless, has ensured that people receive benefits so that they can meet their very basic needs and has strived to treat everyone accessing the service with the dignity and respect they deserve.

The drugs team has ensured that people who are having problems accessing services get the treatment they need, have prevented people from losing their jobs because of imperfect drug testing regimes and have supported parents of children who use drugs problematically.

In last year's report I highlighted how difficult funding is because of the economic situation and the fact that Release is not seen as a 'cuddly charity'. This continues to be the case. However, we must remember that at the heart of everything the organisation does are people who need support and representation. These people are part of our communities and yet often are pushed to the margins of society, Release works hard to try and end this both through the services we deliver and the campaign work that is undertaken.

Please support the work of this wonderful charity.

Ronald Hooberman

Chairman  
**Board of Trust**

## Executive Director's Report

In 1991 I became a volunteer at a needle-exchange in Tower Hamlets. One day I was asked to go to the Release office and pick up some leaflets. I remember thinking it was so cool and how wonderful it would be to work there one day. Careful what you wish for! In May 2003 the board approached me for the job as executive director. The next eight years would prove to be one of the most exciting and rewarding periods in my life – a real rollercoaster ride. From leading a team whose advocacy skills cleverly ensured the rights of the most marginalised to wondering how next month's payroll would be met.

The global financial meltdown of 2009 and the severe cuts to public services in the UK brought Release to the very brink. Without the commitment and hard work of all the staff - the organisation could well have closed. While writing this report – I am happy to say that we have come through this difficult period and Release now enjoys a sense of relative security.

Release is now ready for new and younger blood at the helm and for me it is time for different challenges. I have therefore decided to move on. Part of me is tremendously sad to be leaving. However, when I look around the new offices with the dynamic team of highly motivated staff and volunteers, always busy helping the public with all types of legal problems and responding to a multitude of complex drug issues, I feel that my work at Release is done.

The first report I wrote in 2003 contained this paragraph *"It is unlikely that organisations like Release will ever enjoy secure long term funding – maybe this is a good thing, as I have seen how financial security can lead to complacency and flabbiness. We will just have to continue hustling from the statutory, charitable and private sectors to keep our place firmly on the map of harm reduction - in its broadest context."* Some things never change.

In 2004 I wrote *"Drugs, the law and human rights compose our field of expertise and engagement; the values of human dignity, health and security to which we adhere, remain as valid as ever. It is a world in which drugs have, if anything, grown in significance - a world in which the sensible and pragmatic must take precedence over the senseless and dogmatic."* Maybe this is finally happening?

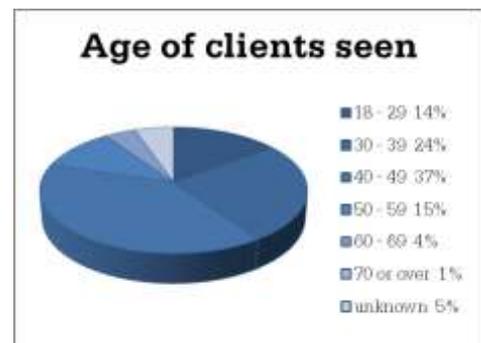
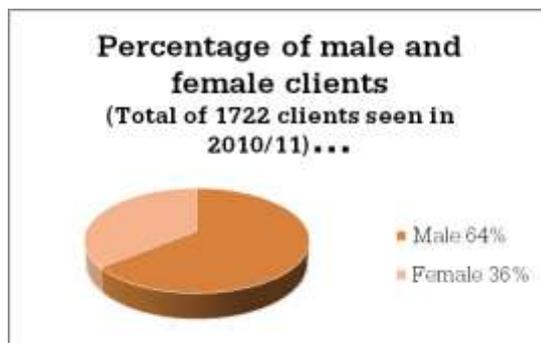
Working at Release has taught me so much – about people, their rights and the importance of dignity.

Sebastian Saville  
**Executive Director**

## Legal surgeries

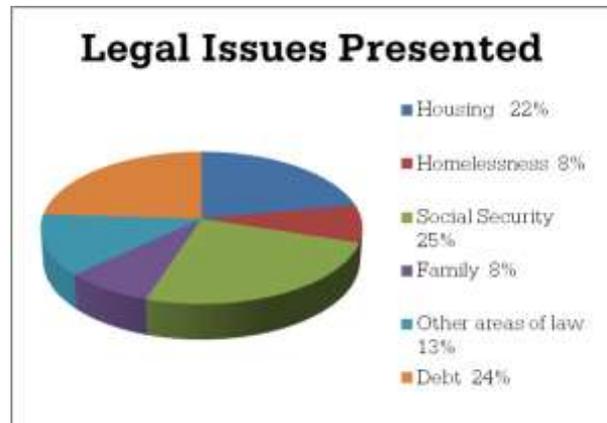
Release lawyers provide legal surgeries at drug treatment services across London. During 2010/11 we operated 9 legal surgeries in 7 London boroughs, providing advice and assistance to over 1700 clients. The surgeries were provided in some of the most deprived areas in London including Hackney, Haringey and Tower Hamlets. The surgeries operate in the following centres:

- Lorraine Hewitt House, Brixton
- Hackney Drug Intervention Programme
- Drugs Advisory Service Haringey
- Westminster Drugs Project, Harrow Road
- Tower Hamlets Drug Intervention Programme
- Blenheim Community Drug Project, Kensington and Chelsea
- Community Drug and Alcohol Service (CDAS), Hammersmith & Fulham
- CRI, Munster Road
- Druglink, Shepherds Bush



Demand for the service was consistently high with clients seeking advice on a variety of legal issues including homelessness; debts; police complaints; general housing matters; neighbour disputes, welfare benefits and family matters.

The Release legal outreach project had many positive outcomes for clients in the 2010/11. We continued to represent clients at Social Security Tribunals where benefits had been refused, removed or reduced. During this time we provided Tribunal representation in over 50 benefit appeal hearings, out of which 94% have been successful. We also started to assist clients with applying for a Debt Relief Order, which increased the number of services we could offer to our clients. A number of clients were assisted with applying for a Debt Relief Order, all of which have been approved by The Insolvency Service and have had their debt written off.

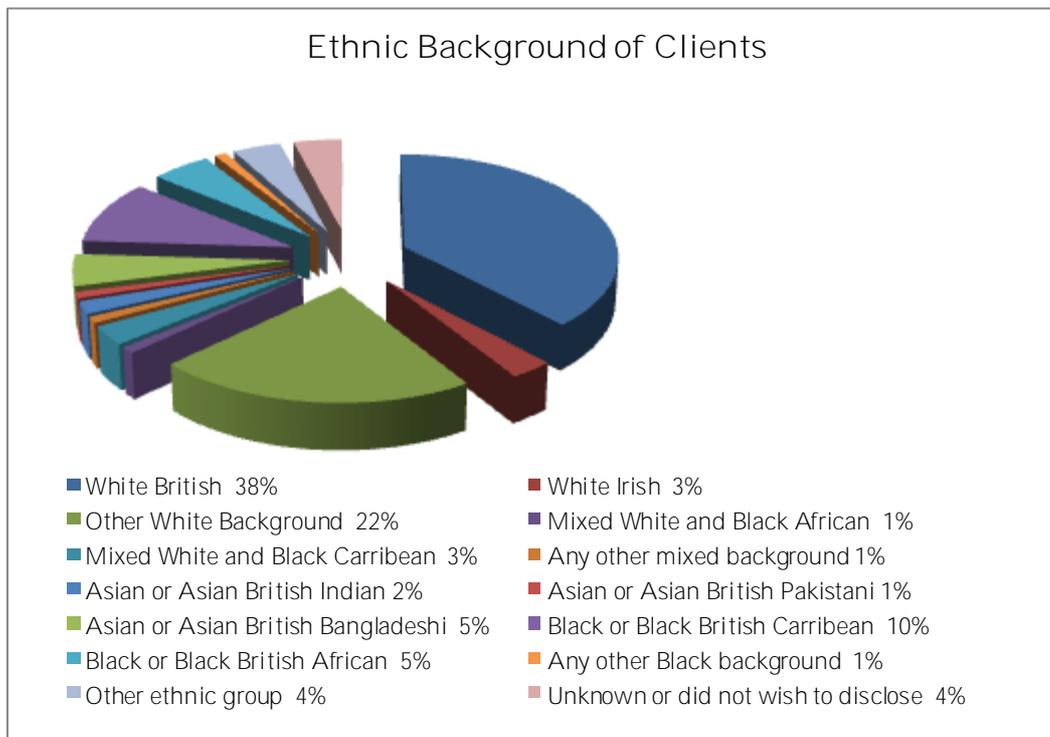


All clients that obtained advice on homelessness were assisted with making an application to the HPU or challenging a negative decision.

In areas of law where representation at Court has been required clients were referred to solicitors specialising in the area. Release often arranged the appointment and liaised with the solicitors to ensure the client received streamlined advice and assistance to resolve their legal matter.

*"I have the utmost thanks to Release for helping resolve my rejected Disability Living Allowance satisfactorily. Without Release I could not have expected such a good resolution and had been desperately worried until contacting them. Release kept me fully informed of the process and set out my options. I was very impressed with the way they were able to comprehend all the details of what was a complex case and put them to the Tribunal. Again, I am so grateful to Release for helping make such a difference in my life and totally recommend them. Without Release's advice and professional representation I fell sure I would not have had a happy ending." (A client who was represented at the Social Security Tribunal for a Disability Living Allowance Appeal.)*

In 2011/12 we hope to expand the legal surgery programme.



## Drugs Helpline

In hard economic times, services such as Release must play a greater role in ‘treatment’ of dependant people, and this has been reflected in the way our drug helpline service has developed.

Many service users have concerns that opiate substitute therapy (‘OST’) as ‘maintenance’ is not available to them. The law requires that publicly funded bodies must use NICE approved technologies and we mount a robust defence of this right for our clients.

The past year has continued the trend of the helpline receiving a rise in calls regarding intrusion into individuals’ (particularly workers’) private lives and zero tolerance of any recreational substance use. There is confusion around the range and accuracy of tests, compliance issues and metabolisation. Frequently, employees are merely told that they have ‘failed a drug test’.

Before the classification of many previous 'legal highs' at the beginning of last year, we received many calls from users who often binged and due to lack of experience were unable to handle the effects.

We can justifiably claim that we were the first organisation to flag up the heroin shortage of September 2010-March 2011 as a serious public health issue all over UK. While the supply situation is normalising, the price of heroin has almost doubled in the last 15 months.

The issue of prescription/on-line purchased medications (chiefly benzodiazepine, 'Zed' group and opioid analgesics) is still a highly problematic one for many of our callers.

'Skunk' (along with medical cannabis) still provides the highest level of calls to the drugs helpline. Our publication 'cannabis in depth' is currently being rewritten, with one on heroin to follow.

## **Legal helpline**

Release's legal helpline gives advice on issues involving drugs and drugs related law in England and Wales. The helpline is staffed by qualified lawyers specialising in the field of drugs law, who are supported by a team of 10-15 volunteers. The helpline continued to be busy in 2010-2011. Following recent developments in the law, we saw an increase in enquiries about production of cannabis and the legal status of mephedrone. The current economic climate has also provoked a raft of issues for callers facing drug testing at work. Release also gives legal advice via email. We receive a lot of positive feedback about our service, such as the message below from parents of a teenager who had been repeatedly caught in possession of cannabis:

*"Thank you so much for the both prompt and comprehensive response. It is really appreciated. The balance that you brought to our situation was also very helpful. It was very comforting that there are people 'out there' like yourselves offering the help and support that you have."*

## **Expert Witness**

The Expert Witness team service is developing a robust reputation and client base by consistently being able to discern important evidential matters for juries to take into consideration or to help Judges and coroners in non-criminal proceedings.

Cases we have written reports on range from a cannabis farm with many thousands of plants to a client with desiccated leaf material in a handbag.

## **Policy work**

Release continued to work on welfare reform throughout 2010. The Welfare Reform Act 2009 proposed that welfare claimants who used cocaine or heroin be subjected to a specific regime which would have seen the sharing of information between police and Jobcentre Plus; drug assessments and testing undertaken by the Department of Work and Pensions; mandatory referrals to treatment providers – failure to engage in the regime would have seen sanctions being applied to the claimant. This would have potentially resulted in the withdrawal of benefits.

The Social Security (Welfare Reform Drugs Recovery Pilot Scheme) Regulations 2010 to be introduced under the Welfare Reform Act 2009 were subject to a consultation process. This process was carried out by the Social Security Advisory Committee ('SSAC'). Release submitted a consultation response highlighting that the regulations were particularly onerous and raised potential areas of law which could be open to challenge. The SSAC final report on the regulations referred to Release's response and advocated against the introduction of the new regime as it would result in sanctioning a specific group of claimants who were already highly sanctioned under the existing benefit rules. In light of the SSAC's recommendations the regulations were dropped by the Coalition Government and the whole section of the Welfare Reform Act 2009 which relates to those who use drugs problematically will be repealed.

Another major part of Release's policy work this year was the organisation's response to the Drug Strategy Consultation Paper launched in August 2009. The document was the Coalition Government's first foray into the UK's national drug strategy and they described their intended approach as a new direction. However, for many of us

working in the field it was very much a continuation of the approach undertaken by previous Governments. The main proposals contained in the final strategy were the introduction of temporary banning orders for new psychoactive substances ('legal highs'); a focus on a 'recovery agenda' and the introduction of payment by results for drug treatment. Release in its response did raise concerns about the lack of focus on proven evidenced based harm reduction strategies and a failure to properly evaluate the current system of drug control.

## **Campaigns**

Release has had significant success in both of its most recent proactive campaigns. The 'Nice People Take Drugs' campaign which launched in 2009 challenged the stigma faced by those who use drugs. The campaign received global recognition with grass roots organisations organising events in the UK, Australia, Canada, the USA and Germany. The campaign received widespread media attention and continued to gather momentum throughout 2010. The campaign was supported with a number of materials including campaign cards; wrist bands; badges; playing cards depicting politicians who have admitted to their drug use and slogan t-shirts. The organisation was asked to present the campaign at conferences around the world including the Drug Policy Alliance conference in Albuquerque, the International Aids Conference in Vienna, the Harm Reduction Coalition Conference in Texas and the International Harm Reduction Conference in Beirut.

This year Release launched its new campaign 'Drugs – It's Time for Better Laws' with an open letter to the Prime Minister calling for a review of the UK's drug policy with proper consideration being given to decriminalisation as a policy option. The letter was signed by a number of high profile individuals, including Sting, Dame Judi Dench, Mike Leigh, Bob Ainsworth MP, three former Chief Constables and several leading lawyers. The campaign received significant press coverage including reports in over 300 newspapers (national and local) and over 50 TV and radio interviews.

Both campaigns were supported by significant social media tools and Release remains very active on Facebook and Twitter.

## New publications

Release published an updated version of 'Sex Workers and the Law' in March 2011. The previous edition was written in 2005 and there had been a number of significant changes to the law in that time. The publication was well received:

*"We are pleased to hear you have updated the publication as the 'old' version was akin to a manual for the project working we do with street and off street sex workers as we are not legal experts." (The SWEET Project, Huddersfield)*

The comprehensive booklet covers all aspects of the law around offences related to sex work, as well as providing useful information about associated health issues, tax matters, advice about legal representation and criminal records.

*"This excellent, much needed and well researched publication provides sensible and invaluable advice for those working in the sex industry." (Sebastian Gardiner, Barrister, 25 Bedford Row)*

The publication was funded by the Home Office Violent Crimes Unit and Release worked with the UK Network of Sex Work Projects to distribute 1000 free copies to organisations across the country who assist sex workers.

## Talking Drugs

TalkingDrugs has established itself as an engaging online publication with a global audience. We consistently have far more visitors from outside of the UK than within it - we are really pleased that we get such a strong audience in Mexico in Spanish given how much suffering the war on drugs currently brings to that country.

In 2010 we added the Thai language to the website, written by native speakers with a strong emphasis on human rights and the rights of drug users in particular. To date TalkingDrugs operates in nearly 30 languages and attracts in excess of 50,000 unique users a month.

The volunteers involved in the project have continued to be of a very high ability with a strong mix of graduates with Masters Degrees in relevant subjects and excellent language skills. Their strong interest in harm reduction and human rights has driven the content forward. The project has had over 200 young people involved in since its inception.

This year has seen a strong response to TalkingDrugs' growing reputation. A Russian volunteer supported a group of Russian journalists at AIDS 2010 in Vienna. A UK based volunteer represented the project at a meeting to discuss young people's involvement in drug policy reform in San Francisco. TalkingDrugs also presented at a plenary session of the 2011 Harm Reduction International conference in Beirut.

## Conferences/ Events

Release representatives were invited to present at a number of UK and International conferences this year. These included:

18<sup>th</sup> International Aids Conference – Vienna

8<sup>th</sup> National Harm Reduction Conference – Texas

22<sup>nd</sup> International Harm Reduction Alliance Conference – Beirut

UK Network of Sex Work Projects Training Day – London

DDN 4<sup>th</sup> Service User Conference – Birmingham

2nd European conference of the CONNECTIONS project - Drugs, Alcohol and Criminal Justice: ethics, effectiveness and economics of intervention – London

During the summer months Release staff attended a number of music festivals providing legal advice and promoting the 'Nice People Take Drugs' campaign. Festivals included:

Lovebox – Victoria Park, London  
SW4 – Clapham Common, London  
V Festival – Chelmsford, Essex  
One Love – Hainault, Essex

Release also organised a launch at the London Canal Museum for Professor Alex Stevens' new book 'Drugs, Crime and Public Health: The Political Economy of Drug Policy'.

## **Media**

Release staff undertook dozens of media interviews on a range of subjects including mephedrone and the legal high debate, welfare reform, a US organisation who wanted to pay drug users to be sterilised, heroin prescribing for those who used street heroin and the debate around decriminalisation.

Interviews were given to various outlets, some examples include: BBC News 24, Al Jazeera, Sky News, ITN, and various local radio stations.

Two members of the legal team also have regular columns in 'Drink and Drugs Today' and 'Drugs and Alcohol Today'.

## **International Drug Policy Consortium**

The International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC) is a global network of NGOs and professional networks that comes together to promote objective and open debate on the effectiveness, direction and content of drug policy at the national and international level, and supports evidence-based policies that are effective in reducing drug-related harm. We produce briefing papers, disseminate the reports of our member organisations about particular drug-related issues, and offer expert consultancy services to policy makers and officials around the world.

For the period of 2010-2011, IDPC has continued to expand and consolidate. In March 2011, we had 79 member organisations in 39 countries (in March 2010, we had 53 members worldwide). We are also in a new phase of our development, since we

became legally independent from Release in January 2011. We would like to thank Release for the valuable support they have offered us since 2008. As IDPC continues to share offices with Release, the relationship between the two organisations is as strong as ever.

In terms of international advocacy, IDPC has continued to work at the international level and during the 53<sup>rd</sup> session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs we organised a series of well-attended side events in collaboration with our member organisations on issues related to drug policy. We also held a number of side meetings with UN and government officials.

This year IDPC has focused its advocacy efforts on direct engagement with national-level policy makers, particularly in South East Asia, Latin America and – for the first time – the Middle East and North Africa, through series of meetings, workshops, seminars and policy dialogues. Another great success this year has been the creation of a network of NGOs in South East Europe, in collaboration with the Andreas Papandreou Foundation and Diogenis, to share experiences and coordinate advocacy activities in the region. We have also produced a wide range of publications in English, French and Russian, which are available online at [www.idpc.net/publications](http://www.idpc.net/publications). We have translated the IDPC Drug Policy Guide into Spanish, French, Russian and Georgian to ensure wider dissemination. The Guide is the core IDPC publication which brings together global evidence and best practice and provides recommendations to national governments in revising their drug policies and programmes. The Guide has been used as a powerful tool in our discussions with national governments and it will be updated next year to reflect changes in available evidence and experience.

The numbers of subscribers to the IDPC Monthly Alert, which provides information on the latest news, publications and upcoming events related to drug policy, has reached 14,000. Please subscribe to the Alert in English, French or Spanish here: <http://idpc.net/alerts/subscribe>.

## YouthRise

Youth RISE has continued to receive considerable support from Release, not only in financial management, but in the organisation's development and governance. Two new staff members joined the Youth RISE in October 2010: Anita Krug from Australia is now the International Coordinator and Robin Pollard is the organisation's Operations Coordinator.

With its improved governance and operations structure, Youth RISE has had a very successful year, being asked to present and contribute to a number of leading international conferences and meetings and maintaining a steady output of academic and practical publications. This is in addition to a number of successful youth meetings. Youth RISE staff and International Working Group members have conducted sessions and presented at the following events:

- The 5th National Conference on HIV/AIDS in Nigeria
- The closing panel of the CRISA conference
- The Steering Committee of the HIV Young Leaders Fund
- The XVIII International AIDS Conference and Youth Pre-conference held in Vienna
- The II Latin American Drug Policy Conference
- The Ninth Biennial Conference on Alcohol, Drugs and Society in Africa.
- The UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna.

The Rise Up! For HIV Prevention project, now in its third year has seen a number of successful harm reduction trainings in Canada and Mexico with over 50 at-risk young people. Subsequently, Youth RISE launched its youth-driven training guide for HIV prevention, substance use, and sexual health in order to empower and educate young people. The guide was a result of two years of work and provides much needed free access to training resources for young people who can use the manual to facilitate peer education workshops.

Youth RISE also produced a number of academic publications, practical training guides, briefing papers and publications alongside our partners at Harm Reduction International and the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network.

## Trustees

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## **Funders**

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Open Society Institute  
The Brit Trust  
Westlon Trust  
World Health Organisation  
25 Bedford Row (Chambers)  
Kensington and Chelsea PCT

**We would also like to thank all those who became Release members; made donations or supported our campaigns by purchasing Release merchandise.**

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2011

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2011 £	Total Funds 2010 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
Incoming resources from generating funds:				
Voluntary income	39,154	704,329	743,483	816,006
Activities for generating funds	179,544	-	179,544	137,446
Investment income	155	-	155	1,215
	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>218,853</b>	<b>704,329</b>	<b>923,182</b>	<b>954,667</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Costs of generating funds:				
Costs of generating	(4,730)	(2,336)	(7,066)	(37,570)
Fundraising costs	(466)	-	(466)	(453)
Charitable activities	(99,438)	(854,728)	(954,166)	(923,991)
Governance costs	(6,133)	-	(6,133)	(10,170)
	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>(110,767)</b>	<b>(857,064)</b>	<b>(967,831)</b>	<b>(972,184)</b>
<b>NET OUTGOING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR/NET FOR THE YEAR</b>				
	<b>108,086</b>	<b>(152,735)</b>	<b>(44,649)</b>	<b>(17,517)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward	114,088	35,226	149,314	166,831
	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>222,174</b>	<b>(117,509)</b>	<b>104,665</b>	<b>149,314</b>

These summarised financial statements may not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of Release Legal Emergency and Drugs Service Limited. For further information, the full annual financial statements, the auditors' report on those financial statements and the Directors annual report should be consulted; copies of these can be obtained from the Company Secretary at 124-128 City Road, London, EC1V 2NJ. The full annual financial statements, from which these summary financial statements are derived and on which the auditors gave an unqualified opinion, were approved on 02 December 2011 and have been submitted to the Charity Commission and the Registrar of Companies.

On behalf of the board

Anthony Hyams

Trustee

Date: 06 December 2011

## BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2011

### FIXED ASSETS

### CURRENT ASSETS

	£	2011 £	£	2010 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible assets		14,325		15,344
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors	34,889		120,727	
Cash at bank	115,989		92,528	
	150,878		213,255	
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	(60,537)		(79,285)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		90,341		133,970
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		104,666		149,314
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		104,666		149,314
<b>FUNDS</b>				
Restricted income funds		(117,508)		35,226
Unrestricted income funds		222,174		114,088
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		104,666		149,314

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

## **Auditor's statement**

We have examined the summarised financial statements comprising the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet as set out on pages 16 to 17.

## **Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditors**

The directors are responsible for preparing the summary financial statements. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statements with the full annual accounts and directors' report, on which we reported on 8 January 2010. We also read the other information contained in the summary financial statements and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summary financial statements.

## **Basis of opinion**

We have carried out the procedures necessary to ascertain whether the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements from which they are prepared.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion the summarised financial statements are consistent with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011.

## **Lubbock Fine**

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