

Educational Centres Association



2012-13 Annual Report & Accounts

Annual Report 2012-2013



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Letter from the Chair



Dear Colleague,

The year on which this report is based was one of contrasts; of highs and lows, personal and professional successes and problems.

Undoubtedly the greatest low for the Association was the cessation of government grant ushered in as part of the austerity measures which are destroying the voluntary sector. To help counter this we were able to negotiate a financial settlement with Norfolk charity Family First on conditions relating to locality based work.



This enabled us to fulfil a promise to celebrate the 2012 Olympics with a community engagement project that built on our earlier sustainability initiative 'Every Action Counts'. 'Going Green for Gold' gained the coveted Olympic Inspire Mark. Following the excitement of the summer, a series of related family and community learning days were held through the autumn and spring. As is typical of our work, evaluations showed that we continue to maintain quality in our offerings and the host establishments have continued to value our engagement at institutional and personal levels.

We built on our valued ongoing relationship with European partners, including the very welcome appearance of both the EAEA President and General Secretary at our Leicester AGM. In addition we helped launch the Real Project, a new Grundtvig project that builds on our 'Flexi-Path' successes.

The continuous hard work of maintaining the charity's work; trying to conserve resources while still maintaining a programme has often seemed near impossible.

Two factors that might be highlighted here are: -

- the sheer labour of chasing money from diminishing and hugely over-bid funds
- coping with personal illnesses and those of close family

We entered the present year in poor shape and with poor prospects despite the generous settlement by Family First.

Thus continuation of a mission which has endured close on a century needs a real focus on the charitable objects and the realistic functions of this adult-education body which above all values centre-based life.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernard Godding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bernard Godding MBE, ECA Chair & CEO

Structure, Governance and Management



“It will be generally agreed that the education of the adult population of this country is an urgent and immediate necessity. All schemes for the reconstruction of society, if they are to be effective, must be based upon education.”

Arnold Rowntree 1920 explaining the need for the new Educational Settlements Association

The Educational Centres Association was founded, as the Educational Settlements Association, in 1920 to co-ordinate local settlements as hubs of adult education. Some of the original settlements were Quaker Foundations (14 by 1921 and 32 in 1935) however few still survive today. The majority of current local educational centres have a local authority background and have seen rapid change over the past decades and indeed many have closed recently due to financial pressures. However new forms of local centre and types of adult education still spring up to continue to refresh the movement. The Association has recently reflected this in its constitutional change to embrace intergenerational as well as adult education.

The Association retains a strong ethos and set of principles upon which we believe that adult education should be based, essentially having the local presence of a parish church combined with the erudition and academic rigour of the university, run through a process of self-governance led by the learners themselves.

The Association is a membership body governed by a written constitution that was last amended at a Special General Meeting in 2008. This document prescribes the form of the National Executive Committee (NEC) whose members have trustee status.

The officers of the Charity are elected at periodic intervals by open meeting, based upon nominations from amongst all registered members. Members of the NEC are elected by postal ballot of members. Details of these elections are circulated in accordance with the Constitution. Where specific expertise or experience is sought this may be filled by a process of co-option to the NEC of an appropriate person. Currently there are 2 co-opted members of the NEC.

The work of the charity is undertaken by a combination of volunteers, members of the NEC and part-time administrative staff to:

- Undertake specific project activities;
- Develop the work of the Association and secure additional funding;
- Assist in the financial management of the Association
- Maintain contact with members



The Association maintains a website with the designation www.e-c-a.ac.uk hosted by the internet service provider Paston Chase and managed through the Head Office.

The Association retains membership of the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA), Voluntary Norfolk and is part of Democracy Matters, a loose alliance of national organisations. It is also involved in the Community Sector Coalition CIC.

Objectives and Activities 2012/13

The Association exists to promote the informal **and non-formal education of adults and intergenerational learning**. In particular it seeks to encourage the development of centres of adult and community learning 'Educational Centres' through: -

1. advocating and enabling partnership working
2. promoting active citizenship through involvement of students and staff in their management
3. advocating that suitably equipped and sustainably managed buildings and environments are provided and maintained
4. encouraging the exchange of information and providing training and consultation events for staff and learners in the sector
5. organising conferences and publishing material about and in support of their work
6. undertaking local, national and European educational experiments and projects, especially relating to sustainability, citizenship, cultural and intergenerational learning
7. pursuing research and enquiry into the education of adults and intergenerational learning

In the period in question this has been achieved through: -

- * Supporting our membership base; working with and seeking to represent the Association's legacy and member organisations' views on current issues, including representation to government via the FE Guild consultation.
- * Contributing to locality based work that promotes joint working of agencies in UK regions, particularly that involving ECA members
- * Continuing to maintain a lively and informative website and interactive social media platform for the Association
- * Extending and maintaining contact with a number of adult and family learning agencies
- * Working in partnership with other agencies to include and enhance relevant learning opportunities in locality work



- * Organising and running intergenerational arts events in a disadvantaged community
- * Organising and managing the 2012 Norfolk Gardens and Green Spaces Festival which provided a number of informal learning opportunities and highlighted green spaces as valuable learning resources
- * Carrying out an Olympic Inspire Mark project involving members of a disadvantaged community in horticultural activities.
- * Association contribution to the VÖV Future Forum; 'The event ' *Society without a Middle Class? Adult Education Out of Bounds?* ' in Germany
- * Contributing to an EU funded staff-competence development project
- * Contributing a greater understanding of EU funding for educational projects to UK organisations through 2012 Annual Conference
- * Using Parliament Week as a focus to encourage learning for Active Citizenship
- * Seeking funding for sole and partnership projects for formal and informal learning; focusing on mental and physical wellbeing, community capacity building and environmental sustainability.

The ECA trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities

ART 4 YOU

The two workshops, which attracted over 70 participants, received excellent feedback from participants (see page 7 for more details of the events).

"Would love it to be a regular activity"

"I love this...everybody has had a really good time...everybody has a smile on their faces"

"It was lovely to come here after school and enjoy art with the family"

"Masie, Mummy and Nanny had a lovely time spending time together making great pictures"

"This is so fun, I have enjoyed this"



Policy



National Numeracy Challenge

Bernard and Naomi Godding represented the Association at the launch of the 'National Numeracy Challenge', a major drive to raise adult numeracy levels, at the House of Lords on the 23rd October. The event, hosted by Baroness Stedman-Scott (chief executive of the charity Tomorrow's People), generated huge interest in National Numeracy and the Challenge. Numeracy is Naomi's professional specialism.

Consultation to establish a Guild for the Learning and Skills Sector

The ECA responded to the 'Consultation to establish a Guild for the Learning and Skills Sector' in February. The consultation document covered the proposal to set up a Guild for the Learning and Skills sector. The proposed Guild's purpose will be to develop, recognise and enhance the professionalism of the workforce and of the sector.

Adult and Community Learning in the UK

The ECA continued to provide and support adult and community learning within the UK this year.

National

Toynbee Hall Reception

ECA Chair Bernard Godding was pleased to attend a reception in honour of Richard Bolsin, former Workers Education Association (WEA) General Secretary, at Toynbee Hall on 17th April.

The event was well attended with many of Richard's colleagues from the WEA Board and staff team as well as senior members from the regions. Bernard had worked with Richard on the Government consultation on the future of adult learning in 2009. Bernard felt that it was a fitting location for the event since much important work carried out by the two associations is represented there.

The National Exploratory of the Middle Ages

Bernard Godding attended a workshop to help develop a proposal to establish the National Exploratory of the Middle Ages, in Norwich on 1st October.

The event, hosted by the Heritage Economic & Regeneration Trust, University of East Anglia and The Forum Trust, sought to help to develop a proposal to fuse the most extensive set of medieval resources in England into a much more connected whole. As well as to unlock funding so that these resources can be made more accessible, their

promotion can be greatly enhanced, they can be exploited more effectively as learning resources and the community can be more engaged in their use and development.

Democracy Matters

The ECA took a lead amongst members of Democracy Matters in a bid to get adult education noticed as part of the major national celebrations around the Magna Carta in 2015. The historical importance of the event is obvious but fewer adults understand the context and significance of what this event meant and therefore tried to raise funds for a national adult learning strand of the national celebrations to include events in local cities and related activities.

Eastern Region

Norwich Learning City Network

The ECA continued to be supportive of the Norwich Learning City Network including attendance at network meetings.

Going Green for Gold

The ECA continued work on its Olympic Inspire Mark project Going Green for Gold. The project aimed to generate interest in gardening in a disadvantage community within Norwich, providing participants of all ages with opportunities to learn about and gain practical experience in horticulture.



The project celebrated National Inspire Day on 16th May 2012 by inviting Rachel Read, the winner of the RHS Great British Garden Competition whose design forms part of the Olympic Park in Stratford, to visit one of the schools taking part in the project. Rachel spent the day at the school sharing her experiences of designing the garden as well as helping the children in the school's vegetable garden.



Norfolk Gardens and Green Spaces Festival 2012



The ECA organised Norfolk Gardens and Green Spaces Festival 2012 took place from May 18th until July 27th and celebrated the county's green spaces and ways in which they could be used as a learning resource. It aimed to get people out and about, exercising, visiting, learning, relaxing and discovering the green spaces in the county. There were over 200 associated events during the festival period





ranging from stargazing, guided walks covering a wide variety of topics, family activity days, garden history, outdoor theatre and open gardens.

Community Learning Innovation Fund

The ECA submitted a bid to the Skills Funding Agency's Community Learning Innovation Fund in July 2013. The ECA was the lead partner for the bid and the partnership consisted of the WEA Eastern Region, The Base Family Centre, Norwich MIND, Community Matters along with the local SureStart and medical practice.

The funding was to enable the partnership to provide a mixture of creative informal adult and community learning opportunities for unconfident and educationally disadvantaged adults focused on improving mental and physical wellbeing in a deprived area of Norwich.

Its aim was to provide long-term support in a hard-pressed community. Informal approaches were designed to engage/re-engage individuals in learning - in turn benefitting whole families and their educational and economic success. Unfortunately the fund received a huge amount of applications and this time we were unable to secure funding for this project. However we have continued to seek funding to carry out work of this nature in the area.

National Play Day

The ECA celebrated National Play Day on the 1st August 2012 by providing a family drop in art workshop as part of an event held at The Base, a family centre in a disadvantaged area of Norwich. Families were encouraged to make pieces of art together out of paint and natural materials. The event was very successful and attracted many families from the area.

The Big Draw

For 2012's Big Draw, the Association provided 2 family art workshops at Tuckswood Primary School in Norwich on the 8th and 11th October.

Following the theme for this year's Big Draw '2012 in Lines' participants were asked to use the summer of 2012 as inspiration for their pictures. Around 70 people participated over the 2 workshops and the feedback received was excellent. Many participants said that they would love it if this was a regular activity and how they had enjoyed participating in art as a family which they wouldn't usually do.





The artwork from the exhibition was mounted and on the 19th Oct formed an exhibition at the school. The exhibition then moved to the local family centre and onto the community library.

Wildlife and Education

Norfolk Wildlife Trust invited ECA Chair Bernard Godding to attend a focus group consultation on 8th March at Cley Reserve. Bernard was able to input ideas and suggestions on what activities, events, services and opportunities a new wildlife education centre at the reserve could offer to the community.

John Jarrold Trust

The Association submitted a bid for funding to the John Jarrold Trust to carry out a series of family learning workshops in Norwich. Although the bid was unsuccessful, the Trust donated £500 to the ECA to help us continue our work. It was decided that we would use this donation to fund 4 family learning workshops in a disadvantaged area of Norwich during May 2013.

COVER

The ECA submitted 2 Expressions of Interest to COVER (Community and Voluntary Forum: Eastern Region) to evaluate 2 projects; The 'Green Train Project', which provided ICT recycling training and volunteering for unemployed people and the 'Silver Circles Project' which gets older people online and facilitating money saving 'conversations' across the East of England.

ECA Vice Chair Chris Minter represented the organisation when it was invited to an interview. Sadly the Association was not chosen on this occasion.

East Midlands Region

Parliament Week

For the first time the ECA have been involved in Parliament Week and ran a successful event in collaboration with one of its local centres in Leicester.



Parliament Week is an annual, national awareness week, co-ordinated by the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The Week raises awareness and understanding of the UK's parliamentary democracy and encourages active participation from people across the country. In 2012 it ran from 19th – 25th November 2012.

To support this, the ECA sponsored a local exhibition in the Leicester Peoples Photographic Gallery, an ECA member, to run from the 19th – 25th November. This



exhibition showcased photographs taken to illustrate the national themes of Parliament Week and featured the work of local Leicestershire photographers.

In addition, the ECA also organised a special invitation event on Friday 23rd November with invited guests at the Gallery, including representatives of all the private and public sector sponsors of the Gallery.

Many members of the local Leicestershire business community, including the Chamber of Commerce, and the Voluntary and Community Sector also attended the event as well as several local councillors. The keynote speakers were the ECA's Bernard Godding and Titus Alexander, the national convenor of Democracy Matters.



Southern Region

Brighton & Hove Speakers' Corner

Chris Minter, ECA Vice Chair, represented the Association on the local steering group of Brighton & Hove Speakers' Corner which seeks to provide opportunities to promote 'voice' through free expression, public debate and active citizenship. The steering group organises local opportunities including a series of debates as part of the 2013 Brighton Festival in May.

Through this initiative, which is also supported by a catalyst grant from the RSA, the ECA is able to demonstrate a commitment to enabling adults to find their 'voice' and to work in partnership with other national and local groups to support grass roots initiatives.

Northern Region

LSEN

LSEN is the ECA's presence in the Greater Manchester area.

It held a very successful Community Learning Strategy event in Gorton Monastery conference centre on 29th January 2013. This was led by LSEN Coordinator and ECA Trustee Walt Crowson and LSEN's Cormac Lawler. It was attended by both Mark Ravenhall as Director of Policy and Impact at NIACE and Chris Minter, Vice Chair of the ECA. A Community Wiki is set up and running and looks likely to continue even though the future of LSEN is now in doubt. There was a very good debate about the possible use of Open Badges for an accreditation system that would be led by learners rather than regulations as well as an inspiring presentation on the work of the De Bono Foundation, which is based with Manchester Metropolitan University.



The positive contributions and attendance of so many people from such a wide range of backgrounds (representatives from Manchester Museum, Jobcentre Plus, Mental Health & Social Care Trust and a local Housing Association) really underlines the importance of these networks for informal community learning to flourish.

Adult Learners Week 2012

Walt Crowson was the Regional Coordinator for Adult Learners Week in Manchester. He was aided by a Steering Group of partner organisations, who are involved in different aspects of learning in Manchester.



52 events took place in the city during Adult Learners Week and covered a wide range of themes and attracted a diverse audience. They ranged from more traditional topics such as IT, crafts and photography, through to events covering more unusual themes such as genealogy, Timebanking and brewing.

A cornerstone of the promotion of the ALW programme was the dedicated “Learning in Manchester” website. This was developed for the Adult Learners’ Week 2011 programme, and was re-branded for 2012 to promote both local events and national events, via a link to the national ALW website.

In the lead up to Adult Learners’ Week, a series of Adult Learners’ Week bulletins were produced to generate interest in the programme and inspire a range of learning providers and learners to get involved.

London

Community Champions Training Course

The ECA was approached by a London based housing association to design a training course for their Community Champions. The Association started work on creating this course during the earlier part of 2013.

Adult Learning Agenda in Europe

Throughout this period the ECA has continued its membership and support of the European Association for the Education of Adults (EAEA).

VÖV Future Forum

The 2012 VÖV Future Forum took place from 9th – 11th July in Germany. The ECA were represented by Chair Bernard Godding and Treasurer Naomi Godding. The event ‘*Society without a Middle Class? Adult Education Out of Bounds?*’ was aimed at Adult .

educators, program planners, educational staff, educational and social researchers throughout Europe.

The conference looked at the impact that the diminishment of financial capacity of the middle class, who make up a large proportion of adult education students, will have on the future of lifelong learning. It also considered how adult education institutions contribute to social cohesion and what future target groups may look like.



ECA Annual Conference 2012 and AGM

The ECA held its Annual Conference at Leicester College of Adult Education on 10th November 2012.

This year's conference '*Changing States – Lifelong Learning at a Time of Transition*' focused the funding opportunities available from the European Lifelong Learning Programme. Speakers included Sue Waddington, President and Gina Ebner, Secretary General from the EAEA, Jim Bradley from Stirling University and Mark Ravenhall, UK National Coordinator of Adult Learning from NIACE. The event provided the opportunity to reflect on past and present work under the programme as well as looking to the future of the funding when it changes to 'Erasmus for All' in 2014.

The Association's AGM saw Walt Crowson elected as Honorary Secretary and Naomi Godding re-elected as National Treasurer. Members also voted to keep membership fees for 2013 at the current level.

The REAL Project

Bernard Godding attended the first meeting for the Grundtvig funded REAL (Recognition of Experiential & (previously) Accredited Learning) Project at the University of Stirling from 4th – 7th February 2013.

The initiative will build on the success of the ECA's Flexi-Path project and extend, adapt and develop the Flexi-Path toolkit so that it can be used by anyone teaching adults who wishes to accredit their competences based on relevant experience. It will use national qualification frameworks of the partner countries to help develop a toolkit focused on enabling learners to validate their own experience against their own national framework.

Other Areas

The Rowntree Family of York Publication

The ECA was pleased to contribute a photograph and information for a new book, which was written by Paul Chrystal and published in 2013 on 'The Rowntree Family of York'.



A chapter of the book was devoted to the life and work of our founder, Arnold Rowntree, and the contribution of Bernard Godding MBE as Chair and CEO of the Educational Centres Association was formally acknowledged especially for the illustration of 'Repairing boots at the Risca Settlement in South Wales'.

The book records that:

"The Educational Settlements Association was founded [in York] in 1920 at the instigation of Arnold and fifteen other Friends; the aim was to coordinate the administration of the settlements and provide a conduit for the funding from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust ... In 1921 there were fourteen settlements, rising to thirty-two by 1935."

2013 Conference Planning

The ECA together with the Association for Education and Ageing (AEA) and the University of East Anglia (UEA) started planning for a joint conference, to take place at the UEA campus in 2013, focusing on celebrating learning in later life.

Adult and Community Education in Changing Times Publication

Bernard Godding was interviewed in March 2013 by Marion Bowl for the book she is writing for NIACE publishers entitled 'Adult and Community Education in Changing Times'. She is interviewing adult educators about their careers, philosophies of practice and experience of working within a changing educational landscape.

Advancing Communications

The ECA website (www.e-c-a.ac.uk) continued to be developed and has expanded its content and pages. It has made use of free social media, with a presence on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Educational-Centres-Association/174905595888288>) and a YouTube Channel (<http://www.youtube.com/user/THEECATV>).

Staffing and Staff Development

During this period the Head Office has employed 2 part-time members of staff to assist with the running of the office and finances during the year to which this report relates and 1 freelancer to assist with web development.

The Association would also like to thank volunteer Emma Forsberg, who came to improve her job prospects, for her work contributing to the delivery the Norfolk Gardens and Green Spaces Festival 2012, where she was especially helpful.



Policy on Reserves

The Trustees seek to maintain a minimum balance of £8K as a reserve.

Trustees' Expenses

Expenses were paid to Trustees during the year to reimburse them for travel and subsistence in connection with activities of and purchases made on behalf of the charity.

Trustees' Indemnity Insurance

No charitable funds have been used to purchase insurance to indemnify the Trustees against the consequences of any neglect or default on their part.

Accounting Policies

The Educational Centres Association is a registered charity and as such is governed by the Charities Act 2011. Under this Act it is classified as a small charity since it has gross income or total expenditure of not more than £100,000 per annum. The Act therefore entitles this charity to take advantage of the more limited and simplified presentation of its financial statements. As a result of this and to be consistent with prior years, only a Receipts and Payments Account has been prepared and presented.

Support for Key Objectives

The move towards project type activity and reduction in the number of conferences offered reflects in part the fact that the Association had become better known via other means and achieved a higher profile in its chosen fields. It also reflected the previously changing nature of the grants from BIS to the Association. The NEC therefore decided that externally funded project activity linked to local action would be its preferred option. Key areas for our engagement are; staff development, citizenship, intergenerational learning (including family learning), adult learning in culture, creativity and the arts and crafts, sustainability and the uses of ICT related to the foregoing.

Accommodation

The National Office is located at the private residence of two national officers. Here a rent-free room has been dedicated to the Association's business for over 15 years. Refunds of minor expenditure associated with the effective running of the operation, including Health & Safety and energy conservation, has been approved.

Key Players

The organisation relies heavily on the hard work and good will of relatively few individuals for its continuing success. Maintaining the strength of the head office team has resulted in considerable achievements which have been widely recognised by our funding agencies and project partners. There is a broad regional spread amongst our trustees who represent us effectively in their own local communities.

Funding

Family First

Community based family learning activity in the locality of the National Office was supported by local charity Family First as part of a long-term relationship recognised by the Charity Commission.

John Jarrold Trust

The Norwich based John Jarrold Trust made a donation towards the work of the Association within the city.



Further Financial Review Details

Historically the principal sources of funding have been Membership subscriptions and the Annual Grant to Associations from BIS. However the Annual Grant has ceased due to cost cutting within government departments. The overall trend of Membership subscriptions continued downwards due to the closure of, or financial threat to former members and the consequent decision to freeze increases over a number of years.

The National Executive Committee has, in recognition of its responsibilities, undertaken a detailed review of the viability of the Charity. The implications of these findings are that some form of merger or an early winding up of the charity will be necessary. A series of options has been prepared based on these findings and these are to be debated at the AGM in December 2013.

Examined Accounts

The following pages contain the certified accounts.



I report on the accounts of The Educational Centres Association for the year ended 31 March 2013, which are set out on following pages .

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 required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- 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:

- 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 Account
For the year ended 31 March 2013



EDUCATIONAL CENTRES ASSOCIATION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31 March 2013

Receipts	2013		2012	
	£	£	£	£
Voluntary Sources				
Subscriptions	721		197	
Donations and grants	640		295	
BIS/NIACE	-		15,000	
Family First	42,275	43,636	13,204	28,696
DiE – Flexi-path	-		5,589	
Grundtvig - ECORYS	-	-	1,709	7,298
Miscellaneous				
Expenses reclaimed	-		30	
Sale of books	160	160	-	30
Investment income				
Interest received		111		22
Total receipts		£43,907		£36,046
Payments				
Direct charitable expenditure				
Conferences	236		795	
Telephone	312		350	
Salaries/fees	8,400		8,200	
Information services	280	9,228	550	9,895
Subscriptions		138		198
Projects - Grundtvig	217		1,552	
Big Draw	1,965		1,439	
Play Day	1,069		-	
Inspire Mark	1,796		4,453	
Gardens	3,614	8,661	4,054	11,498
Other expenditure				
Stationery and photocopying	37		900	
Salaries	8,767		8,047	
Postage and telephone	915		996	
Travel and subsistence	292		1,043	
Information services	290		704	
Meeting expenses and room hire	-		189	
Insurance	333		441	
Accountancy	432		468	
Office equipment	286		460	
Currency exchange differences	870		841	
Miscellaneous	-	12,222	5	14,094
Total payments		£30,249		£35,685
Net receipts for the year		13,658		361
Bank and cash balances brought forward		20,782		20,421
Bank and cash balances carried forward		£34,440		£20,782

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
at 31 March 2013



EDUCATIONAL CENTRES ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
at 31 March 2013

	31 March 2013	31 March 2012
	£	£
Monetary Assets		
COIF Charities deposit account	33,198	921
Bank balances	1,242	19,008
Cash balance	-	853
	<u>£34,440</u>	<u>£20,782</u>


Bernard Godding (Chairman)

Date: 24 September 2013

On behalf of the Trustees



1. Accounting Policies

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

Income received and expenditure paid in respect of specific projects has been shown as such in these Accounts.

1. Foreign Currency Transactions

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

1. Family First Closure

Following a successful long-term partnership with the Educational Centres Association, the Trustees of Family First decided to close the Charity during the year.

With the consent of the Trustees of both Charities the balance of funds from Family First was transferred to the Educational Centres Association.

It is a condition of the transfer that a significant amount of Intergenerational Learning will be supported in the Norfolk area and that Family First's residual documents will be preserved as required.

4. Rent Free Use of Premises and Facilities

Over the past 15 years the ECA has enjoyed the rent free use of high quality furnished office accommodation and related services for up to 3 staff, provided by the National Chairman and Treasurer.

Morning refreshments and all mains services, apart from telephone and broadband, are included in this arrangement.