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# ABOUT THE DRCA



Doddington and Rollo Community Association, a charitable company was established in 1983 to promote opportunities for education training, and employment and to provide in those areas facilities for recreation and community activities.

During this time, it has moved from being substantially grant-aided to be financially self-sufficient for day-to-day running costs thus ensuring that the DRCA can plan ahead without the uncertainty of funding cuts threatening its future.

It fulfills its objectives by providing the following facilities:

- A business centre offering workshop units for letting to a wide variety of small enterprises
- Community halls which can be hired by local residents for parties and activities and by other organisations who wish to offer community activities.
- There is a charity area on the first floor providing subsidised units for small charitable organisations.

# STAFF AND TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES ELECTED TO THE 2021/2022 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Jim Carry  
O'Connell  
Chair



Justin O'Kello  
Manager



Nadeene Morris  
Administration



Johnathan  
Spink  
Trustee



Soka Kapundu  
Trustee



Alex Balzama  
Trustee



Pat Taylor  
Trustee



David McEwan  
Trustee



Joe Stuart  
Trustee



Joan Saddler  
Trustee



James Turner  
Trustee



Paul Jones  
Trustee



Trevor Burrell  
Trustee



Daria Hass  
Trustee

# CHAIRS REPORT



JIM CARREY O'CONNELL

The DRCA is not unique as a Co-Operative business centre in London but it is increasingly rare. The affordable rents unit holders enjoy, the peppercorn rents charities pay for their premises, and the very affordable community halls lent out to local groups, are incredibly special in the midst of a property market which inflates ever more prohibitively. But, like all precious resources in a voracious world, the DRCA needs respecting and protecting. When I stood for election as new Chairman in August 2022 I did so with the belief that the DRCA is a Co-Operative organisation which should continue to be run as collectively as possible to the benefit of as many people as possible, I would like to use this opportunity to encourage everyone who benefits from the place to help run the place. To come along to AGMs and take part if you can. In that capacity I'd like to thank Daria Hass for standing in as chairman after long time DRCA stalwart and Chairman, Brian Barnes, passed away last year. Daria navigated her 6 months in the post with committed diligence. We are in the process of finalising a plaque to memorialise Brian Barnes' long involvement with the DRCA which will ultimately reside on the wall near the front entrance. There will be an unveiling ceremony later on this year which we'd encourage all to attend. It's widely acknowledged that the DRCA would no longer be here today if the notoriously stubborn Brian Barnes hadn't fought tooth and nail to ensure its survival at various precarious points in its decades of history.

Over the last few years COVID has thrown up numerous convoluted logistics for the DRCA, which I'm pleased to report we've managed to navigate without too much collateral damage. Dealing with the situation did however force us to dip into our financial reserves and we are now in the process of slowly rebuilding those reserves.

Despite taxing circumstances for many, none of the businesses which operate within the DRCA's four walls collapsed during or after the COVID lockdowns. Including of course the DRCA itself whose community facilities were unrentable during all the lockdowns.

A big thanks is owed to DRCA CEO Justin O'Kello for helping lots of organisations within the DRCA understand local authority help available to aid their survival, as well as securing grants for the DRCA itself. Justin was also successful in negotiating an energy contract for the DRCA just prior to the recent massive increase in energy prices, which has locked us into to relatively low-priced electricity for the next few years.

A big thank you must also go to Nadeene Morris who stepped into the role as full time administrator following the departure of Sonia last year. Nadeene has got her feet well and truly under the table with an energetic enthusiasm for all that the DRCA does and aspires to do. Big thanks also to Sonia Brown for nigh on 25 years of service as DRCA administrator and outreach worker.

Improvements within the building over the last year have seen all the corridor walls and floors newly painted. And we owe a debt of gratitude to the charity GoodGym.org - whose voluntary members do physical work for communal causes as a means of exercise - for their massive help in giving the DRCA a fresh face.

And whilst we're on the subject of thanking helpful volunteers, a shout must also go out to John Mendoza who continues to lend his grasp of administrative processes to help DRCA with numerous jobs involving Excel spreadsheets. And all he ever asks for in return? A cup of tea whilst he plugs in the data.

Over the last year the DRCA's corridors have also been deep cleaned, and new a Paladin and storage unit has been built at the back. Even though 'Paladin' sounds like it could possibly be a bejewelled carriage from the Arabian Nights fables, it is in fact a fancy word for a bin store. The big dustbin and recycling bins at the back are now tucked away out of sight in the new Paladin, and the newly built storage unit next to it is now rented out to the benefit of the DRCA.

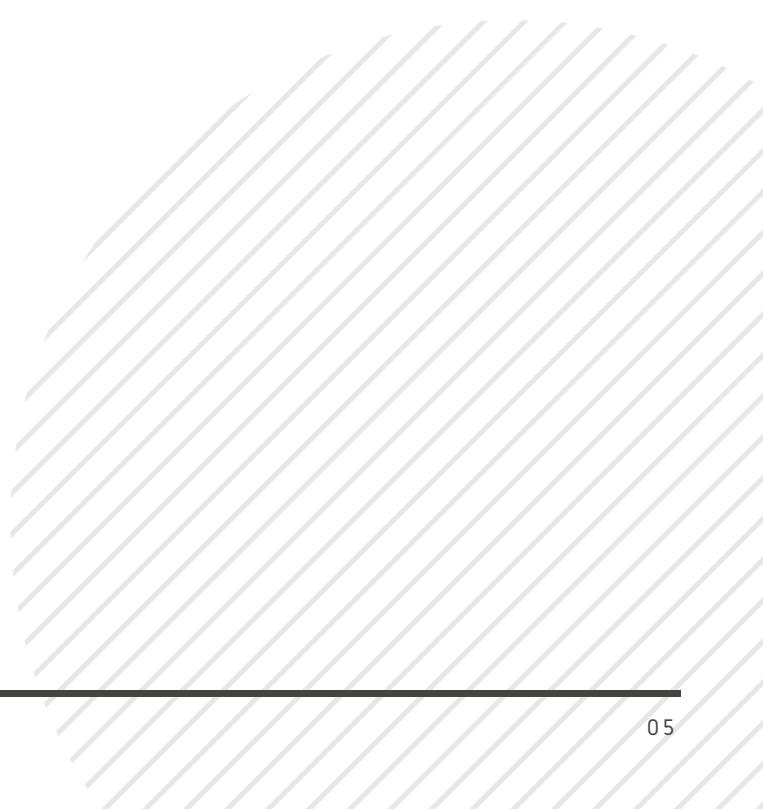
Other new additions also include a communal table upstairs which stands on a stretch of astro turf and is surrounded by numerous indoor plants purloined at the end of the Wimbledon Tennis Tournament.

A new media room - with tables chairs and internet access - was also completed this year on the site of the old café upstairs and is now a rentable resource.

The DRCA is now the guardian custodian of a new 'Community Cargo Bike' installed in the pedestrian area out the front of the DRCA by Wandsworth Council. It is available to borrow FOR FREE for the first 2 hours to do your shopping or transport heavy stuff from A to B.

Thanks for reading this far. Looking forward then to a brighter more industrious year coming up for the DRCA, with no more COVID lockdowns and a greater fostering of community in and around the place. Do please come and take part if you feel able.

Jim Carey Connell  
(Chairman)



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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	Notes	2022 Unrestricted Total Fund £	2021 Unrestricted Total Funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>			
FROM		<b>28,329</b>	<b>53,213</b>
Donations and legacies			
Other trading activities	2	289,857	231,160
Investment income	3	3	13
Other income		<u>12,741</u>	<u>44,676</u>
Total		<u>330,930</u>	<u>329,062</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising Funds		<b>277,167</b>	<b>301,287</b>
Other		2,567	2,493
Total		<u>279,734</u>	<u>303,780</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>			
		51,196	25,282
		29,020	3,738
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward		<u>80,216</u>	<u>29,020</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>			



# DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

## Support costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Finance	755	727
Bank charges		
Information technology	138	114
Computer expenses		
Human resources		
Training costs		
Other	13,871	23,453
Bad debts	14,775	12,210
Cleaning Legal Fees	1,795	3,754
Accountancy and legal fees Repairs	1,686	1,731
and renewals Equipment hire	24,806	17,152
Sundries	1,980	1,144
Telephone	106	102
Postage and stationery	1,450	1,545
Fixtures and fittings depreciation	2,426	2,837
Computer equipment depreciation	223	156
	531	376
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPANDED</b>	<b>63,649</b>	<b>64,460</b>
<b>Net income/ (expenditure)</b>	<b>279,734</b>	<b>303,780</b>
	<b><u>51,196</u></b>	<b><u>25,282</u></b>



# DRCA EVENTS AND PROJECTS



## PLATINUM JUBILEE

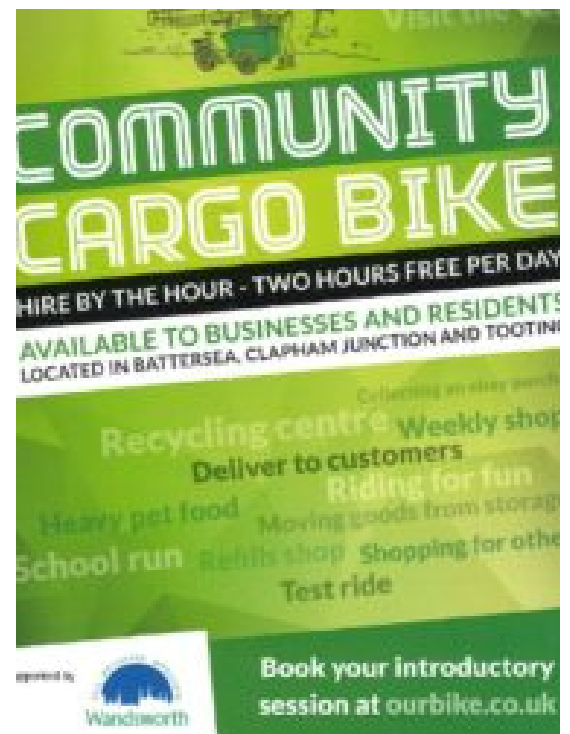
The DRCA hosted a street party with Waste Not Want Not Battersea, Riverside Radio, STORM Family Centre and Begin2Sport to celebrate the queens platinum jubilee

## COMMUNITY CARGO BIKE

The DRCA and Wandsworth Council have installed a community cargo bike, FREE for the first 2 hours for all residents, contractors, council staff and business tenants to use.

You need to register to use the bike on the OurBike website after which you'll be emailed the information needed to book and unlock the bike.

Free training sessions are available the DRCA. You can book onto one of these sessions when you register to use the community cargo bike.



# LOCAL PROJECTS HOUSED INSIDE THE DRCA



## BEGIN 2 SPORT

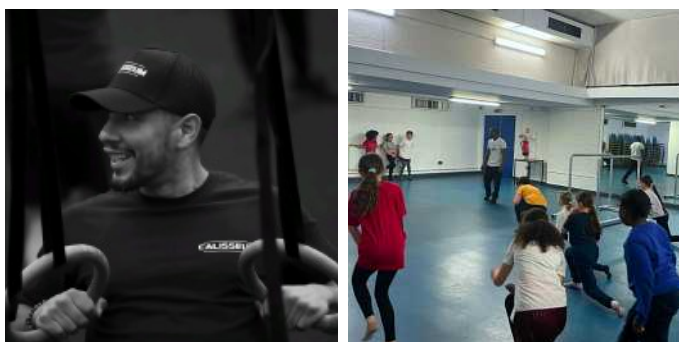
**Begin 2 Sport** is a gym and athletics mentoring programme which runs on Wednesday evenings at the DRCA, outside of lockdown. This is a Non-Profit organisation providing sporting-opportunities to the communities, delivering activities to children, youth, adult and Neuro-Diverse people.

**E33 Dance School** is an Adult Professional & Youth Dance Company. Contemporary and Ballet ran by Rachel Riveros. Sessions take place at the DRCA



## E33 DANCE SCHOOL

**Calisthenics** are body weight exercises originally developed in Ancient Greece that have enjoyed a resurgence in recent years as a global urban subculture and fitness movement. Calisseum was created to showcase the calisthenics movement at all levels and celebrate the beauty and diversity of its participant athletes through events, film and photography. Calisthenic sessions take place at the DRCA



## CALISTHENICS

**Live Karma Yoga** is driven by Community and Connection. They offer Yoga and Wellbeing practices with a commitment to being inclusive and accessible to all. The Intention is to impact social change through uniting people from all walks of Life. They welcome diversity; highlighting and collaborating with community spaces and projects that contribute to the greater good.



## LIVE KARMA YOGA

# BUSINESS DIRECTORY

<p><u>CARPENTRY AND WOODWORK</u>          JFL DESIGN          JSC CARPENTRY          SEMPLICE SOLUTIONS          HIREWOODWORKS</p>	<p><u>FASHION</u>          MAC MILLAN</p>
<p><u>CUSTOM BUILT ACOUSTICS</u>          KENJI OKUMURA          LEX PRODUCTION          ERIC APPAPOULAY</p>	<p><u>RETAIL, TRAVEL &amp; OTHER SERVICES</u>          GLOBE GOERS          SEVENTH BRIDGE LTD          URBAN SECURITY          SPACE MAX</p>
<p><u>LIGHTING DESIGN</u>          SELAMI SIMSEK</p>	<p><u>UPHOLSTERY</u>          BARNETT UPHOLSTERS          DARWIN HART          LITO</p>
<p><u>SOFT FURNISHING</u>          ADCO CURTAINS LTD          VIRGINIA SOFT FURNISHING</p>	<p><u>HAIR AND BEAUTY SERVICES</u>          UNICARE BEAUTY SALON          D BARBERS          ANNALICA JACKMAN</p>
<p><u>MUSIC REHEARSAL STUDIO</u>          FRANDANKO RECORDS          NICK COHEN          PINK USAGI          FRANCIS HYLTON          MASTERCLASS MEDIA ACADEMY/ INVENTIVE AUDIO</p>	<p><u>MUSIC PRODUCTION</u>          BASIL ISAAC &amp; GAMBLE          BOX BRED          ANDY HALL HALL          SWIFT AUDIO PRODUCTION          NICO SABATINI          BUSYBEE MUSIC WORKSHOP          LEX PRODUCTION          RED PLANET PRODUCTIONS          GROVE LAB MUSIC</p>
<p><u>CATERING</u>          BURRELL CATERING</p>	

# CHARITY FLOOR



ZION SENIORS OUTREACH

*We Care Like Family*



[Bliss Care & Training Ltd](#) was established in 2016 with the aim of providing compassionate care to venerable and elderly individuals and those with special needs in the London area. Bliss Care & Training Ltd has a highly professional and dedicated management team with many years of experience in the care sector. The management team has a proven track record of providing exceptional care in a compassionate and professional manner.

[Wandsworth Community Empowerment Network \(WCEN\)](#) has been based at DRCA since its establishment in 2001. It applies a whole system approach to community care and prevention through relationships and coproduction and supports a developing Network of community and faith based organizations and people who are working collaboratively to improve the way public services are designed, delivered and received. WCEN works on various projects in Partnership with local statutory organisations (for example South West London & St. George's Mental Health Trust and the Local Authority) .

[Zion Senior Outreach](#) is a community group for older people offering talks, advice, games, social, spiritual and mental development.

[Families Anonymous](#) provides help and support for families and relatives concerned about the use of drugs or related behavioral problems.