



# **Easton Jubilee Trust**

## **A Welcome for New Arrivals**



**Annual Report**

**2010/11**

**Registered Charity No. 1096962**

## Overview of the Year

The year 2010/11 was notable for the launch of a new project: the community sewing class. This long-dreamed-off scheme allows women from different background to be trained in craft and sewing skills and their learning and sharing together promotes community cohesion. Our Somali Education Project has gone from strength to strength this year, and our work with the Roma continues to be at the heart of Bristol's provision for this most recent of our new arrival communities.

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## **Introduction to Easton Jubilee Trust**

We are an independent charitable trust which was formed in early 2002 and achieved charity registration the following year. Recognising the many needs of the different communities who have arrived in Bristol in recent times, our aim is to help them to settle and thrive. Over the years we have been involved with Albanians, Iranians and many others, but mainly with Bristol's large Somali community and now also with the Roma people and with various communities through the new sewing class. We rely heavily on our volunteers and we work with other organisations in whatever way is appropriate. For example, we are full members of the Bristol Somali Forum. In general we operate on the basis of relationships of trust, based on a shared commitment to the welfare of these communities.

Our officially registered Objectives are as follows:

*'Operating primarily in the Easton area:*

- 1. To advance the education of children and young people (up to age 21).*
- 2. To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of refugees and their dependants.*
- 3. To advance the education and training of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers and their dependants in need, so as to advance them in life and assist in their rehabilitation within a new community.*
- 4. To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers.*
- 5. The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty or social and economic circumstances.'*

EJT is based at Muller Hall, Seymour Road, Easton, where we share an office with Kensington Baptist Church. Our officially registered address is 33, Chelsea Park, Easton, Bristol BS5 6AH. We can be contacted by telephone on 0117 9511202, by post to our registered address or by email at [steve@kenbaptist.org](mailto:steve@kenbaptist.org).

## **Activities during the Year**

### ***Somali Education Project***

We employed a new co-ordinator in November 2010, Juliet Dellow, who made key changes to recruitment and support of volunteers, and the running and monitoring of the classes.

Our GCSE maths and science classes continued to run well. Ian Dellow continued to lead maths class which had higher and foundation groups, with an average of 20 pupils and five volunteers. Jon Forth led the science class, focusing on science skills and science in the news. This class was less well attended than maths, with an average of 17 pupils, supported by four volunteers. We changed our general homework club to a Key Stage 3 English class (school years 7-9), run by John Ray, which was attended by an average of 16 pupils and supported by three volunteers. All three classes continued to have waiting lists, with numbers limited by the number of pupils turning up being fewer than those on the register, but not enough volunteers to cope if we invited more to come and they all turned up on the same night.

We had a few new recruits for our home tutoring programme, which has continued to provide a much desired service for the community. We also reviewed our waiting list to update contact details and the needs of potential families.

Training in Child Protection and understanding Somali culture and beliefs, as well as the ethos and basic approach of EJT, was provided towards the end of the year.

Funding from Children in Need came to an end in July 2010. Our next application to that organisation was unsuccessful. We received three years of funding from the Yapp Charitable Foundation to contribute towards costs of the project, and some funding from the Quartet Foundation. We were also successful in our application to the Bristol City Council 'Raising Attainment for Black and Minority Ethnic pupils' funding, which will cover salary and other costs for five months, starting from April 2011. Meanwhile, we continued to be an active member and supporter of the Supplementary Schools' Forum which is managed from Bristol City Council's Equalities department.

### ***Somali Elders' Project***

Efforts to re-start the Lunch Club during the year were unsuccessful in spite of various discussions and one or two one-off events. The difficulty continues to be finding a way of making the Club sustainable.

### ***Working with the Roma Community***

Throughout 2010/11, EJT continued to host a multi-agency drop-in for Roma people on Thursdays from 4 - 6pm in the Muller Hall. This project is led and funded by the Gypsy and Traveller Team at Bristol City Council, the key man being Ian Holding. Present at these sessions would generally also be Romanian and Czech/Slovak interpreters, a Citizens' Advice Bureau worker, an Avon and Bristol Law Centre worker, a representative of Bristol City Council's Community Development team and one or two representatives from Traveller Education; sometimes a health visitor, a midwife, children's workers from Bannerman Road Children's Centre, an English teacher from the Old Co-op in nearby Chelsea Road, along with various volunteers. Typically, each Thursday would see some dozen households come for help.

The drop-in is highly valued by the Roma community who see it as one of the very few (or only) places where they feel a sense of welcome. The year included a very lively Christmas party arranged by the staff and volunteers at the drop-in – see the cover picture!

During the year we were also involved in working with the Roma community to encourage co-operation in the use of one of the local parks. We had been made aware of friction over the use of this small park and were asked by the Gypsy and Traveller Team to assist with resolving the problem. We designed and distributed leaflets to hundreds of homes in the area and discussed the issue with a number of Roma representatives, as well as explaining the situation and requesting help at one of the Roma worship meetings which are held at Kensington Baptist Church. We believe that our efforts made a major contribution to restoring community harmony over this issue.

Kate Din is employed by EJT, with funding from Bristol City Council, to co-ordinate the work of the drop-in. She also gives support during the week to a number of Roma families, helping with needs as varied as trips to the dentist, filling in official forms and assisting children to get to school. Her work is much valued.

### ***Community Sewing Class***

Friends of EJT have long held a vision for a Sewing and Craft Club in Easton as a social outreach to women in the area. This year the vision became reality. EJT confirmed their support and enabled the nascent team to apply for a Grassroots Grant from Quartet Community Foundation. This was granted and they were able to buy six sewing machines, an overlocker and dressmaking equipment.

By January 2011 the team, organised and led by Marina Harvey, was set up with seven trainers and the first class started with the initial group of eight members from the local community. Each member has a dedicated trainer who works with her, almost guaranteeing accelerated progress in Sewing and Craft skills. This encourages the members enormously, as they witness their own progress in such a practical form. By the end of March 2011, each one had made a folder of sample processes and had also completed a simple drawstring shoe-bag for themselves. They have since continued with us and also made an elasticated skirt and a patchwork cushion.

As these women's skills have grown, so has their confidence. It is also evident that the various local cultural groups which make up a class are interacting with each other in a way that many of them have not previously done. They have reported, too, that they really enjoy the informal and non-threatening learning environment of the Club.

A recognised connection to a parent organisation has provided a legitimate and professional basis for presenting the programme. It is hoped in the future to attract more members for the Club from the local community in order to provide a realistic platform for our 'sustainable skills transfer' activities.

### **Financial Report**

The turnover for the year was just under £21,000 and was mainly from rents (£2,900) and grants (£13,000) with the remainder coming from donations and salary reimbursements. The deficit of £1,507 was met from balances as planned.

The Trust is carrying forward a balance of nearly £5,339 into 2011/12. The Children in Need grant has now been fully utilised but a number of new grants have been secured during the year, as detailed in the accounts. The Trust continues to be in a sound financial position

A summary of the accounts is included on the next page.

**EASTON JUBILEE TRUST ACCOUNTS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2011**

	£	£	£	£	£	£
			<b>Total</b>		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>						
<b>Bal B / Fwd</b>			<b>(6,846)</b>		<b>(2,203)</b>	<b>(4,643)</b>
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>		<b>22,292</b>			<b>8,379</b>	<b>13,913</b>
<b>Gross Income</b>		<b>(20,785)</b>			<b>(6,842)</b>	<b>(13,943)</b>
<b>Net Expenditure (Income)</b>			<b>1,507</b>		<b>1,537</b>	<b>(30)</b>
<b>Bal C / Fwd</b>			<b>(5,339)</b>		<b>(666)</b>	<b>(4,673)</b>

<b>BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 2011</b>			<b>31.3.11</b>		<b>31.3.10</b>
					<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investments			1,600		4,600
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	184				123
Cash at Bank	4,080				2,648
			4,264		<u>2,771</u>
Creditors			(525)		(525)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>3,739</u>		<u>2,246</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><b>5,339</b></u>		<u><b>6,846</b></u>
<b>Fund</b>					
Unrestricted			666		2,203
Restricted			4,673		4,643
			<u><b>5,339</b></u>		<u><b>6,846</b></u>

**Staffing**

During the year Juliet Dellow took over from Steve Wilmshurst as co-ordinator of the Somali Education Project. Steve remains as overall Trust Manager. Kate Din was employed as part-time coordinator for the Roma drop-in, working an average of about five hours per week, in addition to a significant amount of voluntary work.

## **Trustees**

Our current Trustees are as follows:

Andrew Paterson (Chair)  
Phil Hodges (Treasurer)  
Mobs Timi-Biu  
Sylvia White  
Lindsey Thomas  
Paul Waterfall  
Suzanne Betts

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