

Education for Democracy in South Africa (EDSA)
(Registered charity, number 1003795)
Annual report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2022

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**Education for Democracy in South Africa (EDSA)
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

Full name: Education for Democracy in South Africa

Organisation type: Charitable Trust

Registered charity number: 1003975

Principal address

14 Riverside Road, Oxford, OX2 0HU

Trustees

Anne Harries Brown (Chair)

Jude Brown (Director)

Gary Lock (Treasurer)

Linda Richards

Ceri Thomson

Rosemary Ann Applegate (retired 31st January 2022)

John Applegate (retired 31st January 2022)

EDSA said goodbye to two of its longstanding Trustees in 2021-2022. Ann and John Applegate had been in at the beginning of the Charity during the very difficult apartheid days. They had been instrumental in helping EDSA to raise funding and Ann was the Treasurer for many years.

Bank

CAF Bank Limited,
25 Kings Hill Avenue,
Kings Hill,
West Malling,
Kent ME19 4JQ

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its trust deed dated 24th June 1991, amended 31st March 2006 and 20th June 2008. Governance and management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are appointed under the terms of the trust deed. The minimum number of trustees required in order to form a quorum is three. There is no upper limit on the number of trustees that may be appointed. Day to day activity is managed by volunteers including the EDSA Director who is a trustee and works in a voluntary capacity. There are no paid staff.

The trustees elect one of their number as Chair and may also appoint a secretary and treasurer. New trustees are appointed by the current trustees through resolution at a trustees meeting.

Objectives and activities

The principal object of the charity is the advancement of education and relief of poverty of disadvantaged students (children and young people) in South Africa.

The main activity of the charity is to raise and distribute funding to impoverished children and young people in the Western Cape, South Africa. The charity provides funding to projects within the isolated rural township known as Smitsville, in the Overberg District of the Western Cape. All funds raised by EDSA are deposited in the Charity Aids Foundation bank and are distributed from there to South Africa.

Public benefit statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

In fulfilment of its objectives the Trust funds and supports a range of activities including:

- supporting the Net vir Pret; a not for profit project based in Smitsville to deliver informal educational projects supporting the progression of children and young people.
- supporting children and young people living in poverty within isolated farmsteads funding direct work within the Smitsville township which will benefit those children and young people living in poverty.
- encouraging the use of music and other creative arts and sports for after school and holiday projects in townships.
- recognising the effect of foetal alcohol syndrome in the township and enhance the healthy lifestyles of these and other disadvantaged children and young people around such issues as domestic abuse, parenting, (un)employment, HIV/AIDS, drug and alcohol misuse and crime, as well as supporting their understanding of and access to good nutrition and housing.
- encouraging township children and young people to become more aware of and take some responsibility for their environment.
- encouraging the sharing of good practice in Smitsville with other townships.

Trustees are aware of the public benefit of the work they are funding with Smitsville township. The fact that no young person had been to further or higher education before the involvement of Net vir Pret and there has been a steady number every year since they began to work in the township is a testament to one of the public benefits of the work the charity supports. Public benefit also arises from improvements in the quality of life and mental and physical health of children and young people participating in funded activities; as well as broader community wide benefits associated with improvements in education, social inclusion, community and environmental awareness and public safety.

Summary of the main activities undertaken during the period

Main activities funded during the year included:

- Supporting the building of a toilet block in the Gwarri (squatter) Camp within the Smitsville township. This provides safe and healthy toilets for the 12+ squatter homes which each house several children. The community decided on the design and were involved in the build. As one mother said to EDSA Director when she visited "I am no longer in the horrible position of having to go into the bush with my children to toilet every day" "It was degrading and dangerous"

Thanks go to Michaela Fyson, volunteer who did the liaison work and fundraising for this project, the final cost was £1479.

- Supporting the final stages of the new build house in Smitsville which had been demolished by fire. A further £3260 was spent to cover costs of roofing, electricity, and labourers. EDSA Director visited the finished building which had finally cost around £8500 to complete to find a very secure, well-built house which was home to Granny and her 4 foster children as well as her son and daughter and was spic and span inside. A great investment by EDSA supporters in the future development of Smitsville township.
- EDSA supported 5 young people with bursaries to a total of £2500. These were varied and included subsistence and transport for one student completing his Theatre Diploma; one starting Human Resource Management and another doing early childhood development; school fees for one very impoverished learner; a health grant (towards transport costs) for a young learner with cancer; enrolment fee into a higher certificate in sound production. Each of the young people are known to Net vir Pret and bursaries agreed EDSA trustees.
- EDSA funds were also used towards the final cost of the new extension to the Net vir Pret Centre. Despite several difficulties because of being built on a slope, the building was finished in July 2022. Much of the work was done by local people led by NvP staff and there are now 3 good sized workshops, 2 extra toilets and a shower. The workshops are for carpentry, textiles, and pottery and it is hoped that eventually the items made will be of saleable quality.
- All other funds from EDSA supported the wider work with Children and Young people, in and out of the Centre in the township. Net vir Pret has a huge and creative programme of work which happens throughout the year including in school holidays when they run Holiday Schools. EDSA funds are also part of the support for the feeding schemes necessary to ensure children have some hot nutritious food daily and most importantly go towards the cost of staffing the Centre. The programme of work in 2021-22 included:

A very successful Aftercare Programme for those aged 4-11 years which was able to continue and adapt to the COVID restrictions. The children have a safe and happy space to develop their wide range of craft – most of them have no access to any books or materials for craft of any sort at home. A girls only group continued to offer training in personal safety, self-care and self-awareness and the journey into womanhood.

The Chess club continued to take part in championships and with some success with Rhoda-Leigh (aged 14 years) getting first place in all age groups.

The Eco-Warriors continued to work within their local environment and successfully planted 87 trees as well as regularly clearing their river and the land around the township of rubbish.

Young leaders continued to be recruited to work with staff and interns within Net vir Pret and at the Holiday Projects. They always play an active role in

the Giant Puppet Show held in December each year, called Our Plant World.

EDSA funds also helped to pay for an additional Youth Worker for mostly boys aged between 6 and 14 years. Many of them have trouble fitting in with the regular Aftercare Programme and need different types of stimulation. They do have access to the computer suite and the use of Eduplay which is a progressive educational software package to help with their general education. They also love cycling and have access to bikes once a week, they go to the river to help clean it and to learn about nature and ecology. EDSA helped to fund several new bikes for this group. The Director spent time with this group of boys and noted that they were calming down and learning how to concentrate and to complete tasks as well as having lots of fun.

The Riel Dance group continued to thrive and to take part in village activities at local restaurants and hotels, when requested.

The regular December Day of Reconciliation, Giant Puppet Show was once again created and presented by NvP staff and all the children and young people attending the centre. Inspired by Greta Thunberg "What a Wonderful World" was videoed because of COVID restrictions and is a wonderful watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ToypZBivlk&authuser=0>

EDSA Trustee and volunteer at the project in 2022, Linda Richards, supported NvP and Weltevrede Primary school and Barrydale library to link with local Junior schools in Bramham Yorkshire. They shared information, talked about favourite reading, and enjoyed their involvement in "World Book Day", they presented this video to the UK schools.

<https://youtu.be/bA6P0ZzjEDQ>

Summary of the main achievements during the period

The fact that COVID only stopped EDSA Trustees from visiting for one year (2021) and they were able to return in 2022 was very important as they were able to see at first-hand how the Net vir Pret Centre continued to work within the township locality providing a safe and creative space for the children and young people.

EDSA Trustees were very impressed to see the success of the long standing programme as well as the many new things on offer to the children and young people. The proof that EDSA has had an important impact in the township became apparent when we met the new Head of the local school and realised that he had been involved as a volunteer at the Project and had been one of the very early recipients of a bursary for his own training. His support of NvP is without doubt and his Deputy is now the Chair of the Management Board.

Fundraising was more difficult in 2021-22 for EDSA, however our wonderful "Friends of EDSA" continued to remain loyal supporters and to show an interest in the work in Smitsville Township and to donate funds when they could.

EDSA is proud to have provided the toilet block for 12 squatter shacks in the Gwarri camp. Despite the shacks not being supported by the Municipality they will remain for many years and the dignity of the impoverished people using the new facility is of utmost importance.

The existence of the Centre and the completion of the latest workshop extension are something which we share pride in together with the Project team and the participants in Smitsville.

Financial review

Our main source of funds this year was from voluntary donations mainly from our “Friends of EDSA” supporters. EDSA also received funds via the Give as you Earn scheme and from two private Trusts. There was one sponsored event via a supporter using Facebook as a platform for donations. Many of the donations attracted Gift Aid.

EDSA used most of the funds raised to send to South Africa for programmes within the rural township as agreed by the EDSA Trustees. Most of the funds go to Net vir Pret, a not for profit organisation serving the township and run from its base in the Children’s and Young People Centre. Unusually two projects within the township were specifically supported by EDSA – the Gwarri toilet project and the final part of the rebuild of a township house burnt to the ground.

The costs incurred by EDSA charity are small and include an amount for fundraising costs and bank charges. All other costs are absorbed by Trustees in their voluntary capacity.

There is a general balance of £10,654 which will be sent to South Africa at the beginning of the next financial year.

The charity’s fundraising policy

EDSA has a Fundraising Strategy (currently 2021-2025) which includes its policy which is in line with that of the Fundraising Regulator. The charity is not a member of that organisation because EDSA is a small charity and does not wish to pay for services, which are felt to be less useful for such a small charity. EDSA does not pay other organisations to fundraise on its behalf.

The charity’s policy on reserves

EDSA applies funds raised towards vital township projects in South Africa, after retention of a small amount needed for fundraising in the UK. Grants are awarded as soon as possible after the necessary funds have been received. EDSA does not commit to make grants except out of funds already held by the charity.

Sufficient reserves are held only to ensure the smooth continuation of fundraising in the UK, and to retain a modest buffer for smaller grants that might be made in the short term. Reserves are reviewed annually, in conjunction with forecast income and expenditure, and sufficient funds are retained in reserve to ensure that costs may be met over the following three years.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees:

Signed GRLock
Gary Lock, Trustee

Date 1/11/2022

**Education for Democracy in South Africa
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2022**

2021 Total Funds £		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
	Receipts				
49,106	Grants & donations	2 & 3	14,879	4,796	19,675
15	Bank interest		-	-	-
-	Sundry receipts		-	-	-
<u>49,121</u>	Total receipts		<u>14,879</u>	<u>4,796</u>	<u>19,675</u>
	Payments				
216	Fundraising costs		1,466	-	1,466
34,000	Charitable disbursements	4	19,011	4,739	23,750
839	Project equipment & materials	5	629	-	629
134	Bank charges		146	-	146
-	Sundry payments		-	-	-
<u>35,189</u>	Total payments		<u>21,252</u>	<u>4,739</u>	<u>25,991</u>
13,932	Net receipts/(payments)		(6,373)	57	(6,316)
3,038	Cash funds at start of this period		16,970	-	16,970
-	Transfers between funds	6	(66)	66	-
<u>16,970</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>10,531</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>10,654</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2022

2021		Note	2022
£			£
16,970	Cash assets		
	Bank accounts		10,654
-	Cash in hand		-
<u>16,970</u>			<u>10,654</u>
	Other monetary assets		
-	Debtors	7	-
<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>
<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
-	No assets are retained for the charity's own use		-
	Liabilities		
-	Creditors	8	-
<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>
<u>-</u>			<u>-</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed GRLock Dated 1/11/2022
 Gary Lock, Trustee

Education for Democracy in South Africa
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received, and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations received

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Adept Care Homes	10,000	-	10,000
Cumber Trust	1,000	-	1,000
Charities Trust	1,000	-	1,000
Mary Hilton Trust	200	-	200
Sundry donations	<u>2,679</u>	<u>4,796</u>	<u>7,475</u>
	<u>14,879</u>	<u>4,796</u>	<u>19,675</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
Gwarrie Project	-	1,413	(1,479)	66	-
House Rebuild Project	-	<u>3,383</u>	<u>(3,260)</u>	-	<u>123</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,796</u>	<u>(4,739)</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>123</u>

4. Charitable disbursements

Charitable disbursements are funds provided to support projects in South Africa. The majority of funds are used to support the Net vir Pret project. Funds provided for specific projects include the Gwarrie Project and House Rebuild Project (restricted funds listed in note 3 above), as well as bursary awards and a garden project.

5. Project equipment and materials

This includes equipment and materials purchased and donated to the Net vir Pret Project. Items donated during the year included bicycles and stationery.

6. Transfers between funds

The transfer from the General unrestricted fund to the Gwarrie Project restricted fund is to cover a small deficit on this activity.

7. Debtors

There were no debtors at year end.

8. Creditors

There were no creditors at year end.

9. Volunteers' reimbursements

During the accounting period, no reimbursements relating to trustees' travel and meeting expenses arose. A total of £629 was reimbursed to trustees for equipment and materials they purchased on behalf of the charity and which were donated to the Net vir Pret project. This is reported in the receipts and payments account under project equipment and materials.

10. Trustees' remuneration

None of the trustees were paid any remuneration during the period. Trustees were reimbursed for project equipment and materials they had purchased on behalf of the charity (see note 9 above).

11. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid in the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, and within the general objects of the charity.