



**La Leche League GB**  
mother-to-mother support for breastfeeding

**LA LECHE LEAGUE GREAT BRITAIN**  
(A charity and company limited by guarantee  
and not having share capital, registered in England)

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**  
Company Number 1566925  
Charity Number 283771

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## **CHAIR'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In 2016-17 La Leche League GB continued the consolidation of the charity's financial base, and the significant cost saving associated with the 2014 shift to online operations. Our Leaders have maintained a high level of activity offering our unique services of support and information to the thousands of mothers who contact us each year throughout Great Britain.

One of the highlights of 2016 was the Anniversary Conference, a two-day event held in Derbyshire in October celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of La Leche League. The Conference, entitled 'Building a Legacy' brought together illustrious speakers, both national and international, with 180 delegates comprising Leaders, Leader Applicants, LLLGB members, health professionals and the general public. The Conference also celebrated the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of La Leche League in Great Britain with a Memory Project and the presentation of Leader awards at the Annual General Meeting. LLLGB appreciates the dedication of a skilled volunteer Conference Team which planned and delivered this highly successful event.

The LLLGB website, launched 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016, continues to present LLL to the public, showcasing our resources and information and incorporating administrative functions for Leaders and Leader Applicants. The LLLGB website now receives 17000 visits weekly. The Publications team manages and oversees the website and with LLLGB Shop, our trading subsidiary, continues to produce and promote our leaflets and information sheets. Our member newsletter *Breastfeeding Matters* remains as a popular print publication thanks to a dedicated volunteer editorial and production team. Social media continues to be a significant growth area for LLLGB with campaigns on Facebook and Twitter, as well as Instagram, Pinterest and Storify accounts, activities which extend our outreach to the public. The *Because Breastfeeding Matters* Facebook page gained 4000 'likers' during the year and our most successful post reached over 90000 people in September 2016. Most local LLL Groups manage Facebook pages or groups offering women immediate engagement with our mother to mother support, sharing LLL philosophy and information on breastfeeding. It is our practice through our social media guidelines for LLLGB groups to ensure that these groups on social media are used respectfully and are closely monitored to provide accurate information and consistent support to mothers. Our traditional mother to mother breastfeeding support meetings continue with over one hundred meetings offered each month across the country.

La Leche League operates in more than 70 countries worldwide and now in its 61st year continues to be recognised as an organisation that can be contacted on any matter related to breastfeeding. In Great Britain, our PR and Media Director and her team respond to a high volume of media enquiries and requests providing accurate, referenced information to journalists – print, radio, television and online – to students and for websites. We engage with community organisations and initiatives, academic and governmental committees and workshops, health professional bodies and hospital trusts and represent LLLGB at national conferences throughout Great Britain. Our Helpform team answer written enquiries online while our 24 hour telephone Helpline staffed by La Leche League Leaders responds to hundreds of calls each month. LLLGB Shop continues to adapt to new trading conditions, providing an efficient and friendly service to Leaders, members and the wider public.

The Council of Directors held three face-to-face meetings during the year and Trustees conduct discussions of charity affairs online on a daily basis. We have participated in international discussions on regular global cascade calls, on task forces and committees on several LLLI policy bodies.

Within Great Britain memberships have increased substantially this year and we have continued efforts to reach mothers in areas where deprivation may prevent access to breastfeeding support and information. We are pleased to have added breastfeeding resources in the Welsh language to our website in the completion of our Welsh New Groups Project.

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In all of LLLGB's diverse activities we are honoured to continue the legacy of the women who have gone before us to provide accurate information about breastfeeding and to support mothers. Breastfeeding provides for the needs of the new born baby: warmth in its mother's arms, security in her presence and food from her breast. LLLGB strives to fulfil its mission of support, encouragement and information for families, and of contributing to public discussions on the protection and promotion of breastfeeding and its importance to families and to society.

**Eden Anderson**

*Chair of La Leche League Great Britain Council of Directors*

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

The principal activity of the company is the provision of breastfeeding help, information and education.

**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Name of company: LA LECHE LEAGUE GREAT BRITAIN

The company is incorporated under the 2006 Companies Act (No. 1566925).

La Leche League Great Britain is a registered charity (No. 283771)

**DIRECTORS**

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purposes of charity law. The following persons have served during the year.

Eden Anderson	(Chair)
Emilia Bertoli	
Benaifer Bhandari	
Rebecca Bowers	
Efrat Burman	
Rae Vacher Lowe	(appointed October 2016)
Ellen Mateer	
Louise Moran	
Alison Parkes	
Johanna Rhys-Davies	
Lois Rowland	(resigned June 2017)
Rebecca Say	(appointed October 2016) (resigned November 2016)
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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2017**

### **PURPOSES AND AIMS**

#### **OUR PURPOSES**

Our purposes as set out in objects of the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

- to promote the physical and psychological health of mothers and children through education in the technique of breastfeeding, and
- to advance the education of the public and especially those concerned with the care of children, in the health benefits both immediate and long-term of breastfeeding.

#### **OUR AIMS**

Our aims are to help mothers to breastfeed through mother-to-mother support, encouragement, information and education, and to promote a better understanding of breastfeeding as an important element in the healthy development of the baby and the mother. Our aims fully reflect the purposes the charity was set up to further.

#### **OUR OBJECTIVES**

Our objectives for the year continued to be the provision of information and support in diverse formats to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and their families, and the provision of specialist training to health professionals who work with breastfeeding women.

The strategies employed to achieve the charity's objectives are through:

- Training and supporting La Leche League Leaders
- Encouraging and supporting Leaders in forming local groups
- Supporting Leaders in delivering support and information to mothers and others
- Developing breastfeeding courses
- Maintaining a membership of mothers and health professionals and providing them with information and support
- Producing and purchasing publications for Leaders, members, health professionals and the general public
- Raising public awareness of breastfeeding and of La Leche League.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

#### **ENSURING OUR WORK DELIVERS OUR AIMS**

We review our aims, objectives and activities on a regular basis. The main objectives for the year continued to be the provision of information and support in diverse formats to pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and their families, in addition to achieving significant cost savings and raising money in order to secure our financial future. This review looks at the success of each activity we have undertaken, and the benefits they have brought to each group. We have referred to the guidance given in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives, and in planning future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and activities they have set.

The strategies employed to achieve the charity's objectives are to:

- focus on meeting the needs of breastfeeding mothers and babies for information and support;
- enable families throughout the UK to access our information and services easily (e.g. with a baby in arms and older child(ren) at their knee);
- provide healthcare professionals with tools to enable them to help mothers/families effectively in their local communities.

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## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **GOVERNING DOCUMENT**

La Leche League Great Britain (LLLGB) is an affiliate of La Leche League International (LLLI), a world-wide not-for-profit organisation and internationally recognised authority on breastfeeding. La Leche League GB is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission and is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England, incorporated under the 2006 Companies Act, governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, dated 9 June 1981 and amended to allow for current governance arrangements on 23 October 2004, 22 November 2008, 12 October 2013, 25 May 2014, 12 October 2014 and 10 October 2015. The members of the Company are those women accredited by La Leche League International as competent to offer breastfeeding information to the best of their ability in the advancement of the objectives of La Leche League Great Britain (“La Leche League Leaders”) and who have paid their annual Leader fee. Non-Leader members of the Company may only become voting members if appointed to serve on the Council of Directors. There were 225 Leader members at 31 March 2017 (234 Leader-members at 31 March 2016, 242 at 31 March 2015) each of whom agreed to contribute £1 in the event of the charity winding up.

### **APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES**

As set out in the Articles of Association, the Chair of the Trustees is elected by the Council of Directors (the Trustee board). Each year, at the Annual General Meeting (usually held in October) attended by the members of the charitable company, one third (or the nearest number to a third) of Trustees shall retire, but shall be eligible for re-election, subject to restrictions placed on the re-election of Departmental Directors. Departmental Directors are Trustees who have been elected by the membership to take responsibility for designated areas of the company’s business and who may not serve more than two three-year terms in such a position. All voting members are circulated with invitations prior to the AGM advising them of the retiring Trustees and requesting them to nominate Trustees for election at the AGM. The Trustee board has the power to co-opt other Trustees during the year, subject to such persons then standing for election at the next AGM. When considering co-opting Trustees, the board has regard to the requirement for any specialist skills needed.

### **TRUSTEE INDUCTION AND TRAINING**

New Trustees receive an orientation pack (revised and updated as necessary) to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity’s policies and procedures, the department structure and decision-making processes, the recent financial statements of the charity and the current strategic plan. Opportunities are given to new Trustees to meet key employees and other Trustees. Trustees are encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

### **ORGANISATION**

The Council of Directors, which administers the charity, can have up to 13 members (the majority of whom must be appointed from amongst the Leader-members of the company). The Council meets three times a year and communicates regularly by email. The first online meeting of Trustees took place in November 2014, replacing one face-to-face meeting as a cost saving measure.

The Trustees manage the day-to-day operations of the charity. To facilitate effective operations, authority is delegated to staff and volunteers, within terms of delegation approved by the Trustees, for operational matters including finance, volunteer training and support, publications and training activities.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Risks facing the organisation were reassessed in 2016 and plans put in place to mitigate them. These risks have been/are being addressed in the following ways:

**Risks associated with the costs of our infrastructure:** we have moved to a new database which has enabled much efficiency, particularly in the way we process memberships. In addition to annual memberships we now offer monthly memberships payable by direct debit. The new website has further increased efficiency of administration. Risks associated with the economic links between the trading subsidiary (LLL (Books) Ltd.) and LLLGB: these risks have been mitigated by cost containment and improved trading conditions as detailed in this report.

**Risks associated with the links to La Leche League International (LLLI), our parent organisation:** LLLI has addressed financial challenges and made significant cost savings by closing their head office and conducting business through an Association Management Company (AMC). Initially the AMC was Bostrum Management Consulting, Chicago but in 2016 further savings were achieved moving to IMI Association Executives, Raleigh, North Carolina. Trustees took part in regular discussion via email and voice over internet meetings with the Board of Directors of LLLI. Trustees have taken part in discussions about bylaw revision and together with GB Leaders, trustees joined international groups to discuss changes to LLLI policy and procedures.

**Risks associated with lack of general funds from memberships and donations:** some fundraising has been undertaken, including online donations and a successful ongoing membership campaign, which is reversing recent declines in membership.

## **MAIN AREAS OF OPERATION AND HOW THEY DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT**

Our main activities providing information and support are described below; these are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for public benefit. We deliver services to many areas of the UK, and are working to increase our outreach further, as for example with the Welsh New Groups project.

## **SUPPORT**

**Mother-to-mother support** - LLLGB Local Groups, LLLGB 24-Hour Telephone Helpline, LLLGB Online Helpforms, website and social media.

**Volunteer support** - Leader Accreditation, Leader Support.

## **INFORMATION**

Publications, website, professional liaison, public relations, and trading subsidiary LLL (Books) Limited. We are also actively pursuing closer cooperation with other mother-support organisations in the UK.

## **EDUCATION and DEVELOPMENT**

Ante-natal breastfeeding courses, and training of peer supporters.

## **ADMINISTRATION and FINANCE**

Administration, finance, memberships.



## **MOTHER-TO-MOTHER SUPPORT**

### **Local Groups**

Groups run regular breastfeeding information and support meetings for mothers. During 2016-17, 77 groups met regularly throughout England, Scotland, Wales and the Isle of Man. At minimum, each LLLGB group meets once per month; many meet more frequently with some large groups having up to 16 meetings per month.

The number of contacts with mothers through Groups and one-to-one, by local Leaders, in 2016-17 was 25876, a significantly higher number than previously recorded because of the more accurate counting of social media contacts initiated this year. In 2015-2016 individual contacts with mothers were estimated at 14,500, an increase on the figure of 12,000 estimated for 2014-2015.

In addition to support meetings for mothers, many groups operate a closed, online, social media group for mothers and parents to post their questions in and request information and support online. These online groups have proven to be invaluable in some areas, for providing a sense of group cohesion and ownership/responsibility for the ongoing running of the group. Local groups also organise fundraisers and workshops, plus work locally with health professionals, particularly during National Breastfeeding Awareness Week (NBAW). Whilst attendance at meetings might fluctuate from month to month, Leaders also receive continual feedback which confirms the value of face-to-face LLLGB group support, and a high level of confidence in LLLGB philosophies; for example:

*"I had spent 3 months trying to breastfeed my daughter and was struggling so much. Emotionally, too. I was so close to giving up when LLL came to the rescue. Within 2 weeks, I was able to exclusively breastfeed, and I couldn't have done it without the support of all the lovely leaders. They're all incredible, and I will be recommending LLL to all the breastfeeding mothers I know."*

*"LLL matters so much. I've only been to 3 meetings but each time I'm amazed at how much I take from them. Feeling supported and knowing there are people who are always on hand is truly priceless."*

*"I was hours within quitting breastfeeding my prem[ature] boy, I was sore and fed up and feeling down. I didn't have any local support so drove half an hour to get help from LLL and they welcomed me with open arms. I left the session with a new group of friends and feeding positions that didn't hurt. LLL saved our breastfeeding relationship and I owe them so much."*

*'The knowledge of the leader is second to none and the well worded support never feels judgemental, whatever situation they are helping you tackle on your feeding, or mothering, journey. An invaluable resource at a time that breastfeeding really needs knowledgeable guidance. "*

*"I will be eternally grateful for the warm loving and expert support that I received. The glorious thing about LLL is the mother to mother support and community backed up by an incredibly knowledgeable and compassionate group leader. Thank you to LLL for being there."*

*"LLL has been integral in my bf relationship through giving essential bf information, building my confidence as a mother, providing a support network and giving me an opportunity to meet amazing women all allowing me to love being a mother. I don't know where I'd be without LLL."*

### **National Helpline**

In 2016-17 LLLGB Leaders spent 36,225 minutes talking to mothers who rang the LLLGB National Helpline. GB Leaders also contacted 424 callers who left voicemail messages on the LLLGB National Helpline. The largest number of calls came from mobiles and the top four locations for Helpline calls are Outer London, London, Edinburgh, and Brighton. In October 2016 we made the helpline cheaper for mothers to call by changing our number to 0345. In November the management system was changed so that fewer calls are missed and more callers are helped. As a result of these changes GB Leaders talk to mothers on the Helpline many more minutes every month than previously. In addition to ringing the Helpline, we find that mothers increasingly turn to the LLLGB website, local group websites and Facebook groups for information.

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### **Online Helpforms**

We continue to respond to online Helpforms from mothers; anywhere from 45 to 70 or more per month are carefully answered by our volunteer Leaders. Because we have better links to our website on the Helpform page online, suggesting that mums refer to the LLLGB website before submitting their Helpform, we are seeing steadier numbers in this activity than in the past when numbers were higher. However, it remains a valued channel of communication.

### **Social Media**

Leaders give a vast amount of breastfeeding and mother to mother support via their local group's Facebook page. The move from more traditional telephone based support to online support is a change that has occurred very rapidly in the last few years. In 2016 the quarterly statistic reports completed by Leaders started to include questions about helping situations in social media, in acknowledgement of the work done by Leaders in this way.

Social media is also increasingly used to advertise our presence and message and reach out to the public. The social media team carefully co-ordinates the regular and timely production of attractive 'memes' publicising our message and shared in social media. We also promote our website resources, raise awareness of LLLGB groups across the country, and encourage membership and donations. We currently have a presence on:

**Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/breastfeedinglllgb/>

**Twitter** - @LLLGB, <http://twitter.com/lllgb>

**Instagram** - @lalecheleague\_gb [https://www.instagram.com/lalecheleague\\_gb/](https://www.instagram.com/lalecheleague_gb/)

**Pinterest** - @lalecheleaguegb <https://uk.pinterest.com/lalecheleaguegb/>

In 2016 a **Storify** account was opened to make stories with our social media posts - <https://storify.com/LLLGB>

Our strongest social media platforms are currently Facebook and Twitter. The *LLLGB Because Breastfeeding Matters* Facebook page is our 'shop window' on Facebook. The page is used as a way of advertising LLL, rather than helping mothers individually. We have gained approximately 4,000 likers on this period, and as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, over 16,000 people 'like' the page. LLLGB's Twitter account (@LLLGB) has over 4,600 followers.

Social media campaigns run over the year included: Brighton marathon, running to raise money for LLLGB; National Breastfeeding Week and World Breastfeeding Week; live tweeting from the LLLGB 'Building a Legacy Conference' and 'storified' Conference sessions.

### **VOLUNTEER SUPPORT**

#### **Leader Accreditation Department (LAD)**

This past year each member of the tiny LAD team has taken on more Leader Applicants such that there is barely a backlog of applications waiting for a Coordinator of Leader Accreditation (CLA). The LLLGB Applicants Facebook page is being used regularly and we have a good team of support Leaders on there to help.

Internationally, the LAD have shared their views on policy changes at Board level to ensure decisions are relevant to our work here in GB, and we continue to be represented at every international LAD meeting.

We continue to have a lot of interest shown in Leadership via our website and are proud of all we achieve, year in year out.

#### **Welsh New Groups Project**

The Welsh New Groups Project commenced in 2012 and is now completed with the launch in 2017 of LLLGB breastfeeding web-posts and three information sheets in the Welsh language available on our website.

The Welsh New Groups Project led to the accreditation of new Leaders and the creation of LLL groups in Monmouth, Caerphilly, Swansea Valley and Aberystwyth. LLLGB thanks all the Leaders involved in this project, and thanks the Oak Foundation which gave funding to LLLGB to help with the accreditation of Leaders, the Welsh language resources on our website, and provision of mother-to-mother breastfeeding support in Wales.

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### **Leader Support**

La Leche League Great Britain places great importance on ensuring that all our volunteers feel continually valued and encouraged in their volunteer work. The Leader Department provides extensive, individual support to Leaders in all aspects of their role through regular, one-to-one contact with the Leader Department Director, District Coordinators (DCs) and Support Leaders. The Leader area of the website contains all administrative files, forms and directories that a Leader will need, as well as useful La Leche League articles. Leaders are regularly invited to attend district and national workshops and conferences.

Leaders have access to the Leader Resource File, which is regularly updated, ensuring that all are up to date with policies and procedures. Each December a review is carried out of how each individual Leader is fulfilling their responsibilities with La Leche League Great Britain. Leaders have an opportunity to dialogue with the Leader Department and to reflect on their current work and goals for the future.

Leaders are invited to attend District and National workshops and conferences providing continuing education. During 2016-17, several regional events were organised with speakers such as Maureen Minchin, Naomi Stadlen, Michel Odent, Vanessa Olorenshaw.

LLLGB also held a two-day conference in Derbyshire, 'Building a Legacy': Celebrating 60 Years of LLLI. The Conference was attended by some 180 delegates, including Leaders, Leader Applicants, LLLGB members, health professionals. Highly regarded international and UK guest speakers were featured, included Prof Helen Ball, Diane Wiessinger and Teresa Pitman; a wide range of smaller sessions were tailored to enhance ongoing training and of special interest to Leaders in their voluntary work. LLLGB acknowledges the work of the Conference team in successfully delivering this major event.

### **Safeguarding**

In 2016 LLLGB undertook to review its policies and procedures on Safeguarding vulnerable groups. LLLGB Leaders work with very young children and with parents at a vulnerable time in their lives. The charity's Safeguarding policies and procedures are reviewed annually and meet all statutory requirements.

## **INFORMATION**

### **Publications – Member Newsletter**

The charity's high-quality newsletter for members, *Breastfeeding Matters*, continues to provide its readers with inspiring mothers' stories and LLLGB support on a bi-monthly basis. It is produced entirely by a team of dedicated volunteers and offers our Leaders and members a tangible link to La Leche League. *Feedback*, our in-house magazine is online and provides information about the activities of the charity for Leaders and Leader Applicants.

*Breastfeeding Matters* has a wide circulation across Britain, Ireland and France and is also read globally in its paper and new electronic form.

### **Leaflets Team: Booklets & Information Sheets**

In 2016-17, following publication of our new A4 leaflets *Pregnant and Breastfeeding?*, we revised four current titles: *Nipple Shields*, *Nursing Supplementers*, *Thinking of Weaning*, *My Baby Won't Breastfeed* and *Working and Breastfeeding*. Work began on a new leaflet, *Parenting When Your Partner Breastfeeds*, and on a full revision of *Safe Sleep & the Breastfed Baby*.

LLLGB Shop sells the popular *Full Sample Set* of all 53 LLLGB published information sheets and booklets along with a *Complete Reference Set* comprising all the content of the *Full Sample Set*, ready filed for easy reference. All our leaflets are also available as single copies and bulk pads and packs and are popular with mothers, Leaders, breastfeeding counsellors and health professionals. Parents attending the new LLLGB Beginning Breastfeeding antenatal courses receive a pack of specially selected leaflets as part of the course. LLL Ireland purchase and sell our leaflets and LLL New Zealand have continued to print many of our titles under licence.

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LLLGB information sheets are available on the LLLGB website, greatly enhancing access to this extensive source of accurate information on breastfeeding.

### **Website**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, our national website ([www.laleche.org.uk](http://www.laleche.org.uk)) had 723,000 visitors. As our site has developed we have attracted more visitors and now average 17000 visits a week. Our most visited pages were:

- information post on alcohol and breastfeeding <https://www.laleche.org.uk/alcohol-and-breastfeeding/>
- home page <https://www.laleche.org.uk/>
- page linking to our national support services, group finder and breastfeeding information menu <https://www.laleche.org.uk/get-support/>  
<https://www.laleche.org.uk/find-lll-support-group/>
- information post on thrush <https://www.laleche.org.uk/thrush/>
- information post on positioning and attachment <https://www.laleche.org.uk/positioning-attachment/>

80% of our visitors use a mobile device. The majority are from the UK (67%), we have a significant number from the US (26%), and smaller numbers of visitors from Ireland, Canada, Australia, Russia, France and other countries. Most visitors come via search engines, some are repeat visitors and come direct and some via social media links.

We provide breastfeeding information, news and research articles, mothers' stories originally published in *Breastfeeding Matters*; much of the breastfeeding information comes from the LLLGB leaflets which are in demand by health care professionals, and articles prepared by our Publications and PR teams.

We have the stated intention to increase our reach into underserved and underrepresented communities; our website is a central part of our strategy for achieving this and focuses on signposting, use of diverse images and accessible language.

In March 2017 we published some of our core breastfeeding information in Welsh.

Future projects include information and support around breastfeeding and mental health, single mothers, transgender and non-binary parents and providing easy read information for those with low levels of literacy.

We launched LLLGB For Healthcare Professionals in May 2016. The newsletter is cited on our website and provides research based articles and resources. By March 31st 2017 we had over 600 subscribers ranging from GPs, Infant Feeding Coordinators and IBCLCs to midwives and doulas.

Our website fulfils all aspects of our mission by providing education, information and support. Our analytics show that visitors accessing our breastfeeding information pages usually go on to access information about our support services or their local group.

### **Professional Liaison**

La Leche League GB has submitted responses to numerous consultations and surveys this year, including a consultation from Health & Social Care Infant Centre Publications (HSCIC) on importance of data and information for providing support; and to the NHS Digital Responses re consultation on changes to NHS digital statistics. We also gave input into surveys on World Breastfeeding Week and Food 4 Life.

We provided input for the Baby Friendly Foundation Consultation, for MP Alison Thewliss's Feeding Products for Babies and Children (Advertising and Promotion) Bill and for The Lancet re the RCPCH and funding from breastmilk substitute manufacturers. Information provided by LLLGB for Parents First: A Better Start Review, will be used in its second phase.

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We have provided information for several research projects, such as studies on infant feeding choices and Third Sector support, and have been invited to sit on an advisory board looking at infant feeding in Brazil and within the UK. LLLGB also provides information to students, other organisations and healthcare professionals. We have also provided information about LLLGB to websites producing useful contact directories for mothers.

LLLGB is represented at meetings of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Infant Feeding and Inequalities, and attends Maternity Action and All Women Count meetings. We were represented at the ABM conference and one of our Leaders was presented with Pam's Prize. Leaders from LLLGB attended two Vegan Society Vegfests to give a presentation and information.

We maintain contact with many other organisations, including NICE, Baby Feeding Law Group and Baby Milk Action. LLLGB was represented at the WBTi UK Report launch, the launch of 'Out of the Blue' by the charity Best Beginnings, and contributed a blog for the UNICEF website for World Breastfeeding Week.

LLLGB is represented on the Designation Committee of UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI) which provides adjudication on decisions about accreditation and is engaged in ongoing discussions about the future of BFI.

In Scotland, LLLGB is represented on the Scottish Improvement Science Collaboration Centre (SISCC) which brings together researchers, NHS and social care staff, policy makers, educators, and the third sector to strengthen the evidence base for improvement science. One project, the Neonatal Attachment Project, draws together parents and health professionals to plan practical aspects of implementing parent integrated care in Scottish Neonatal units.

**Public Relations and Media**

La Leche League GB has received numerous media enquiries in the last year asking for our response to various news stories about breastfeeding. Leaders have taken part in several radio discussions on BBC Three Counties Radio, UK Health Radio and LBC Radio.

Information and quotes have been provided for the BBC online, Daily Mail, Huffington Post, Mail on Sunday, The Sun, the BBC3 website, Gurgle magazine and i news. We have also spoken to independent journalists writing for the Daily Telegraph and the Guardian, and to journalists from Northern Ireland and France.

Various television companies, including Channel 4, a Russian production company, ITV and the BBC have also contacted us when planning to discuss breastfeeding. An LLLGB Leader filmed some soundbites for a possible documentary and we have liaised with an independent film maker.

We have provided website articles for Made for Mums and the E-hospital. Our LLLGB website is regularly updated with articles on important issues, breastfeeding legislation, responses to news items and research.

The Civil Aviation Authority expressed thanks to LLLGB for information provided about breastfeeding which assisted in the successful proposal that the Department of Transport update their guidelines for travelling with expressed breast milk.

**LLLGB LEADER ALUMNAE**

Set to launch at The National Workshop 2017 the new Leader Alumnae organisation will offer membership to retired Leaders. The aim of the Leader Alumnae is to uphold and support the philosophy, values and spirit of La Leche League in the wider community, to provide opportunities for social gatherings and to support LLLGB.

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**Trading Subsidiary – LLL Books Ltd (trading name La Leche League GB SHOP)**

The Shop continued to trade successfully, staffed in the main by volunteer Leaders. 2016-17 turnover was £32,890, a similar amount to the previous financial year. A smaller proportion of sales came from purchase orders, presumably as a result of cuts to NHS funds for breastfeeding support, and a higher proportion from events, although such sales are less profitable because of the cost of attending the events. Sales from abroad increased and we sent several large orders to LLL Ireland. We maintained our profitability by keeping firm control of expenditure and pricing and were able to Gift Aid profits of £6,805 to LLLGB.

We attended more conferences and events than previously, with more Leaders now trained to run an event stall on our behalf. New products during the year included several newly published books, branded pens and bags, and the very popular colostrum keyrings produced by LLL Fife & Tayside. We also supplied Antenatal Parent Packs for Leaders running LLLGB Beginning Breastfeeding Antenatal Courses. To celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LLL we commissioned some beautiful pendants in silver and stainless steel, manufactured to order using 3D-printing.

**EDUCATION and DEVELOPMENT**

**Education and Development Department (EDD)**

The Department ran successful pilots and then launched the Beginning Breastfeeding antenatal course for parents. It is now a package that Leaders are offering across London and also in Monmouthshire and Surrey. The course fills a gap for parents expecting a baby and wanting to breastfeed, so that both partners are aware of what they can expect and where to access information and support once the baby arrives. We envisage that the course will be rolled out in other areas around the country. We also anticipate that in some areas local funding will pay for the course and thus enable low-income families to attend. The courses are raising a modest income for LLLGB and local groups, which we expect to grow during 2018.

In the area of peer counsellor training, we take advantage of opportunities to support projects through the work of our partners Breastfeeding Lens.

**RELATED PARTIES**

**La Leche League International (LLLI) and La Leche League Europe**

Discussions continue concerning the structural changes within the international organisation. Eden Anderson and Johanna Rhys-Davies represent LLLGB on the LLLI Global Leaders Committee (GLC) formed to discuss issues that affect Leaders worldwide, such as our cost sharing arrangements, insurance and the LLLI website. The GLC meets quarterly by conference call. Ellen Mateer and Eden Anderson represent LLLGB on the DCAN group, a system by which representatives from every Direct Connect Area Network (DCAN) and Affiliate can communicate with the Board/Executive Director of LLLI. LLLGB is a member of LLL Europe. Ellen Mateer represents us on the European Council.

**External Organisations**

LLLGB was represented at the LLL European Council which met in Berlin in February. Regular contact is also maintained with the National Childbirth Trust, Best Beginnings, Baby Café, Baby Milk Action, the Royal College of Midwives and the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA), World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative (WBTi), Association of Breastfeeding Mothers, Lactation Consultants of Great Britain and other likeminded groups.

At 31 March 2017 there were 1100 members on the database. This is up on 736 members for 2015-16.

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**ADMINISTRATION and FINANCE**

The expected Gift Aid claim for 2016-17 is £4,684, similar to last year's figure of £4,739. The accounts show total incoming resources for the year of £133,753, which is up from the 2016 figure of £113,196.

Membership subscriptions have increased, as have general donations.

Some of the charity's main sources of income are:

Donations	£24,531 (£11,062 in 2016)
Subscriptions	£50,468 (£44,189 in 2016)
Grants	£24,958 (£20,405 in 2016)
LLLGB Books	£2,199
Conference sales (nearly new and COD items)	£855

Costs have been met principally through subscriptions, fees, grant income and donations. Restricted grant funding such as that for Café La Leche is beginning to play a bigger part in our accounts. We are once again grateful for the support of the various local funders and for grants to groups as well as donations from individuals. We are also very grateful for those people who felt able to make a contribution to our work, large and small. A major donation of £885 was received from a mother who ran a marathon for LLLGB this year.

During the year La Leche League groups' Balance Sheet included £38,759 cash held by groups. This is the highest sum for this figure since we began recording the figures on our current system. It may reflect some grant funding being held to cover venue fees and other expenses, but LLLGB groups are required to carefully consider the level of funds they need to retain, and whether any of that money could be used to support a sister group or some of the GB running costs. LLLGB groups have completed their Annual Return figures and we have had very little debt to write off this year because of greater attention to this requirement.

La Leche League Great Britain will aim to maintain reserves in order to provide continuity of service provision. Unrestricted funds will be held in reserve for amounts of up to six months annual running costs to provide for any unexpected shortfall in funding. The current level of reserves is considered adequate.

The balance of restricted funds represents the unspent portion of the amount received from funders which is specifically earmarked for the completion of fund projects, for example, Café La Leche funds.

During the year there was a net increase in total funds of £19,541 (2016: decrease of £2,903). This reflects the expectation from last year that the Conference costs would more than balance out. (In fact, this takes into account only the return of deposit and fundraising stalls money, and a further surplus will be included in next year's accounts!).

Uptake of the antenatal breastfeeding courses is modest, but we hope this will grow to become a sustainable source of funds for both groups and GB. The increase in expenditure in order to utilise increased incoming resources displays the continued commitment of LLLGB to reinvest our income - facilitating new ways to reach breastfeeding mothers and families, and finding ways to allow them to give back financially.

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**TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficit for the financial year. In doing so the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mrs K Seagrave ACA of Fouetté Accountancy Solutions Limited will be in office as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

**SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

**Eden Anderson**

*Chair of the La Leche League Great Britain Council of Directors*



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LA LECHE LEAGUE GREAT BRITAIN**

I report on the accounts of the Charitable Company for the year ended March 31, 2017, which are set out on pages 14 to 22.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

The Charity's Trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) 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 needed. Even though the charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 its governing document requires an independent examination and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the ICAEW.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by
- the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
  - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102): Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or
- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs K Seagrave ACA  
Fouetté Accountancy Solutions Limited  
White Rose House, 5 Walnut Grove  
Nottingham, NG12 3AU

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**LA LECHE LEAGUE GREAT BRITAIN (company number 1566925)**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

<b>INCOMING AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>31.03.17</b>	31.03.16
	Notes	£	£	<b>Total</b>	
				£	£
Income and endowments from generated funds:					
Voluntary income		75,499	24,458	<b>99,957</b>	75,976
Activities for generating funds		11,693	-	<b>11,693</b>	16,323
Investment income		328	-	<b>328</b>	373
Income and endowments from charitable activities		21,775	-	<b>21,775</b>	20,524
<b>Total income and endowments</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b><u>109,295</u></b>	<b><u>24,458</u></b>	<b><u>133,753</u></b>	<b><u>113,196</u></b>
 <b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Cost of generating funds:					
Cost of generating voluntary income	<b>3</b>	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold & other goods	<b>3</b>	20,087	-	<b>20,087</b>	25,517
Charitable activities	<b>3</b>	65,767	23,618	<b>89,385</b>	79,813
Governance costs	<b>3</b>	4,740	-	<b>4,740</b>	10,769
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>3</b>	<b><u>90,594</u></b>	<b><u>23,618</u></b>	<b><u>114,212</u></b>	<b><u>116,099</u></b>
 <b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR</b>					
net (expenditure)/income for the year		18,701	840	<b>19,541</b>	(2,903)
Transfer between funds		57,607	(57,607)		-
Fund balances at 1 April,2016	<b>11</b>	86,935	61,664	<b>148,599</b>	151,502
Fund balances at 31 March,2017	<b>11</b>	<b><u>163,243</u></b>	<b><u>4,897</u></b>	<b><u>168,140</u></b>	<b><u>148,599</u></b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these accounts

**LA LECHE LEAGUE GREAT BRITAIN (company number 1566925)**  
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**COMPANY NUMBER 1566925**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2017**

		2017	2016
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Tangible	5	61	121
Investment in subsidiary	4	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
		<b>10,061</b>	10,121
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stock		2,580	-
Sundry debtors and prepayments	6	5,209	6,528
Balance at Charities Official Investment Fund		78,566	78,263
Cash in bank		<u>108,650</u>	<u>71,399</u>
		<b>195,005</b>	156,190
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES-CREDITORS:</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>36,926</u>	<u>17,712</u>
		<b>168,140</b>	138,478
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
		<u><b>168,140</b></u>	<u><b>148,599</b></u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
<b>RESERVES:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Designated fund	8		-
General funds	8	<u>163,243</u>	<u>86,935</u>
		<b>163,243</b>	86,935
<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>8</b>	<u><b>4,897</b></u>	<u><b>61,664</b></u>
	<b>11</b>	<u><b>168,140</b></u>	<u><b>148,599</b></u>

The Trustees are satisfied that the charitable company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the accounts for the year by virtue of section 477 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the charitable company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of the financial year and of its surplus or deficiency for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

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- TRUSTEE

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- TRUSTEE

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form part of these accounts

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice: "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102).

**DONATIONS AND GRANTS**

Income from donations and grants, including capital grants, is included in incoming resources when these are receivable, except as follows:

- When donors specify that donations and grants given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.
- When donors impose conditions, which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions for use have been met.
- When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants, are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds receivable.

**RESOURCES EXPENDED**

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Certain other costs, which are attributable to more than one activity, are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of an estimate of the proportion of time spent on those activities.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the provision of information, advice and support, and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**CONSOLIDATION**

The Company is exempt from the requirements to prepare group accounts under 398 of the Companies Act 2006 as the group qualifies as a small size group and thus group accounts have not been prepared.

**FIXED ASSETS**

Fixed assets are included in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful life of four years on a straight-line basis. Assets costing under £50 are not normally capitalised.

**STOCKS**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. It is not possible to value the goods that are donated to the shops and these are therefore carried at a £Nil valuation within the year end stocks.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017 (CONTINUED)**

**PENSIONS**

Pensions are accounted for in accordance with FRS 102.

Pension costs and the pension provision for the defined benefit scheme are calculated on the basis of actuarial advice and are charged to the statement of financial activities on a basis to spread the costs over the employees' working lives.

Pension costs for the defined contribution scheme are charged to the accounts on an accruals basis in the period in which they occur.

A pension provision has been created within unrestricted funds in compliance with the requirements of the SORP.

Details of the pension scheme are disclosed in note 20 to the financial statements.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Funds held by the charity are either:

- Unrestricted general funds – these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.
- Restricted funds – these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**BRANCHES**

The operating results and net assets of branches of La Leche League Great Britain have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017 (CONTINUED)**

**2. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 31.03.17	Total 31.03.16
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
<b>Voluntary income</b>				
Grants receivable				
Department of Health	-	-	-	-
Oak Foundation	-	-	-	320
Others	500	24,458	<b>24,958</b>	20,405
Subscriptions	50,468	-	<b>50,468</b>	44,189
Donations	24,531	-	<b>24,531</b>	11,062
	<u>75,499</u>	<u>24,458</u>	<u><b>99,957</b></u>	<u>75,976</u>
<b>Investment income</b>				
Interest receivable	328	-	<b>328</b>	373
Rent receivable	-	-	-	-
Sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Commission receivable	-	-	-	-
	<u>328</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>328</b></u>	<u>373</u>
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>				
Publications	-	-	-	-
Peer Counsellor Programmes	-	-	-	665
Conference	1,327	-	<b>1,327</b>	996
Others	20,448	-	<b>20,448</b>	18,863
	<u>21,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>21,775</b></u>	<u>20,524</u>

**3. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED:**

	Costs of Generating Funds	Fundraising Trading	Information advice and support	Governance	2017 Total	2016 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Costs directly allocated to activities</b>						
Salaries	-	-	18,912	-	<b>18,912</b>	18,452
Direct costs and materials	-	2,642	24,360	-	<b>27,002</b>	18,376
Publications and leaflets	-	17,445	-	-	<b>17,445</b>	13,141
Travel and accommodation	-	-	-	2,202	<b>2,202</b>	3,648
Communications	-	-	3,042	-	<b>3,042</b>	4,321
Training and conferences	-	-	15,621	219	<b>15,840</b>	7,563
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Premises costs	-	-	367	-	<b>367</b>	4,695
Other costs	-	-	27,083	2,319	<b>29,402</b>	23,070
	<u>-</u>	<u>20,087</u>	<u>89,385</u>	<u>4,740</u>	<u><b>114,212</b></u>	<u>93,266</u>

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**TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Depreciation	<b>61</b>	61
Management Committee remuneration	-	-
Auditors' remuneration – audit services	-	-
Management Committee expenses reimbursed: - Travel and incidental expenses of Trustees	<b><u>2,202</u></b>	<b><u>5,245</u></b>

**Staff costs**

	£	£
Salaries and wages	<b>18,912</b>	16,142
Social Security costs	-	-
	<b><u>18,912</u></b>	<b><u>16,142</u></b>

The average number of employees during the year was 2 (2016: 2). No employee earned in excess of £60,000 (2016: £60,000)

**ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE COSTS:**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Independent Examination fees	<b>1,020</b>	1,020
Legal and professional fees	-	-
Costs of Trustee travel and subsistence	<b>2,202</b>	5,245
Annual report	-	-
LLLGB International conference and meetings	<b>219</b>	271
Bad debts	<b>735</b>	3,723
Other costs	<b><u>564</u></b>	<u>510</u>
	<b><u>4,740</u></b>	<b><u>10,769</u></b>

**4. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY**

	2017	2016
	£	£
10,000 £1 Ordinary Shares in LLL (Books) Ltd	<b><u>10,000</u></b>	<b><u>10,000</u></b>

The Company owns 100% of the ordinary share capital of LLL (Books) Ltd., a company incorporated in England. LLL (Books) Ltd. is a trading company selling books on breastfeeding, child care and family life to La Leche League Leaders, members and the general public. Profits not needed for development are donated to the charity.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017 (CONTINUED)**

At 31 March 2017 the aggregate capital and reserves of LLL (Books) Ltd. were as follows:

	<b>£</b>
Aggregate capital	<b>10,000</b>
Reserves	<b>25,682</b>
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	<b>35,682</b>
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The net assets of LLL (Books) Ltd at 31 March 2017 comprise:	
Tangible fixed assets	<b>314</b>
Stock	<b>13,908</b>
Debtors	<b>6,891</b>
Cash at Bank	<b>20,212</b>
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	<b>41,011</b>
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Less Creditors (including amounts due to group undertakings as below)	
Amounts owed to the group	<b>3,300</b>
Other creditors	<b>2,343</b>
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	<b>5,643</b>
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LLL (Books) Ltd made a loss of £78 (2016: profit of £4,273), after taxation in the year ended 31 March 2017.

**5. FIXED ASSETS**

<b>COST</b>	<b>Office equipment £</b>
Balance at 1 April, 2016	<b>1,394</b>
Additions	-
Disposals	-
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Balance at 31 March, 2017	<b>1,394</b>
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<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
Balance at 1 April, 2016	<b>1,273</b>
Provision in year	<b>60</b>
Disposals	-
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Balance at 31 March, 2017	<b>1,333</b>
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 1 April, 2016	<b>121</b>
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At 31 March, 2017	<b>61</b>
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017 (CONTINUED)**

**6. DEBTORS**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Amounts due for Peer Counsellor Programme	-	-
Sundry debtors	5,209	6,528
	<u>5,209</u>	<u>6,528</u>

**7. CREDITORS**

	2017	2016
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Peer Counsellor Programme Income in advance	-	-
Other income in advance	20,432	14,236
Trade creditors	10,634	2,268
Other creditors and accruals	5,860	1,208
	<u>36,926</u>	<u>17,712</u>

**8. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Fixed Assets	Net current Assets	2017 Total	2016 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted</b>				
Designated fund	-	-	-	-
General funds	10,000	153,243	163,243	86,935
<b>Restricted</b>	-	4,897	4,897	61,664
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>158,140</u>	<u>168,140</u>	<u>148,599</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>158,140</u>	<u>168,140</u>	<u>148,599</u>

**9. RESERVE CAPITAL**

The Company is limited by guarantee with no authorised share capital.

The amounts guaranteed in the nature of reserve capital are £262. These amounts are only capable of being called up for the purposes of winding up the Company.

**10. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

Restricted funds relate to the following programmes:

- Department of Health funding for “Community Breastfeeding Classes”
- ‘Awards for All’ and other grants for group activities
- Department of Health funding for Leader training
- Oak Foundation Fund provides general support focusing on low income families in Wales.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017 (CONTINUED)**

**11. MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS**

	Balance at 01.04.16 £	Incoming resources £	Resources used £	Transfers £	Balance at 31.03.17 £
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS:</b>					
'Awards for All' and other grants to groups	53,596	24,458	23,618	(53,596)	840
Café La Leche lottery funding	5,675	-	-	(5,675)	-
Leader training (DHS64 Grant)	(1,664)	-	-	1,664	-
Oak Foundation	4,057	-	-	-	4,057
Total restricted funds	<u>61,664</u>	<u>24,458</u>	<u>23,618</u>	<u>(57,607)</u>	<u>4,897</u>
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:</b>					
General funds	86,935	109,295	90,594	57,607	163,243
Total unrestricted funds	<u>86,935</u>	<u>109,295</u>	<u>90,594</u>	<u>57,607</u>	<u>163,243</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>148,599</u>	<u>133,753</u>	<u>114,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>168,140</u>