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Officers and Professional Advisors

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	Tony Williams	(Treasurer)
	Philip Martin	(Company Secretary)
	Hilary Ryan	(Appointed 14 th July 2008)
	Jill Gentle	(Married name from 5 April 2008)
	Cath Burningham	
	John Harris	

Other Committee Members

Debbie Greaves
Kathy Mansfield

Staff	Rosemary Clarke	(Coordinator)
	Meena Andukuri	(Administration and Resources)
	Angelique Klaver	(Sustainable Schools – resigned April 09)
	Jane Bidgood	(Sustainable Schools)

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Mission, Sources of Income, Board of Trustees

Mission

GEMK exists:

- To increase understanding about how our lives are connected across the world
- To raise issues about peace, justice, poverty and the environment
- To encourage campaigning for change where there is injustice
- To challenge everyone to live more simply so that others may simply live

Most of GEMK's work takes place in formal sector education in schools across Milton Keynes.

Sources of Income

GEMK derives income from three main sources:

- Grants
- Membership subscriptions
- Resources hire and charges for other services

The Board of Trustees

A Board of Trustees governs GEMK. Any member of GEMK may stand for election to the Board of Trustees at the Annual General Meeting, which is normally held in June or July. The Board of Trustees meets every two months.

In addition to the trustees, other members can be nominated to attend meetings as members of a wider committee, but without taking on the responsibility of being a trustee, and observers at the meetings are also welcome.

Chair's Report

2008-9 has been a year of mixed fortunes. GEMK began the year with a healthy bank balance, but several key projects have been completed. This gave us a strong short-term position, but an urgent need to raise funds. The good news is that we are still here; the less good news is that our financial position is even more uncertain, unsurprising given the backdrop of the current recession.

Despite the financial uncertainties, we have been fortunate to keep our staff in post throughout the year. We are lucky to have such a strong team, which does much to enhance our reputation with our partners and member schools locally. That GEMK continues to move forward is a tribute to their enthusiasm and commitment: Rosemary Clarke as full-time coordinator, Meena Andukuri as part-time administrator, and Jane Bidgood, as part-time project officer. Angelique Klaver returned for the spring term – also as part-time project officer – after her maternity leave, before leaving again reluctantly due to changed circumstances.

We also appreciate the support of volunteers. This year Madhu Maadhavi has been using her IT skills to prepare our data base for on-line searching and booking resources. This is a massive project, still under development, and we are delighted that Madhu is helping in this way. Elaine Tooze joined us during the year as Minutes Secretary but, owing to a change of job location has since had to stand down. Kathy Mansfield has brought to our committee many years experience of working overseas as a planning specialist. She has supported the development of our 5 year plan and helped us address the need for a more commercial approach to our services.

Our Five-Year Plan Work was completed by October, with four strategic objectives, which now guide our activities:

- 1) To provide an information and advice service within a resource centre
- 2) To provide an outreach service to schools and communities, to raise awareness of global issues
- 3) To encourage and enable schools to develop a whole-school approach to sustainable development and global issues
- 4) To make GEMK financially sustainable

The resource centre at Stantonbury Campus continues as the base for GEMK's work, providing resources for schools in the MK area. Sharing of the space with the school (for EAL support) has also continued. With 4 staff employed for some of the year and a regular volunteer, this has often been a little congested. It is still hoped that a solution can be found to this for the next school year. From this base, we have continued to support schools in Milton Keynes to address global and sustainability issues in their curriculum.

Work on the whole school approach is manifested in the Sustainable Schools and the Global Dimension programmes. We have supported these activities without project funding, believing it to be the core of GEMK's role. By the end of the financial year 22 schools were enrolled on one of these programmes, though we have yet to see the full outcome of our decision to change the financial basis (of which more below).

The ASC project has now played itself out, having successfully completed its objectives – and in the process helped to build and strengthen relationships and networks in the community.

Chair's Report (cont.)

An evaluation report was produced, and is available. GEMK will use skills developed in this project to continue to support local schools on the community cohesion agenda, and is part of the steering group of the Community Development Network.

Two new projects fell into our lap, both funded by different parts of Milton Keynes Council:

- * Waste, working with selected ethnic communities to improve understanding of the recycling progress, and thereby increase recycling rates;
- * Preventing Violent Extremism (for which we have been contracted by EMASS (the Ethnic Minority Achievement Support Service)).

These both fall broadly within our second objective above. Our involvement in these arose from requests from the Council, and reflects the high standing of GEMK's reputation.

Capitalising on our reputation to bring in more funding has been difficult. Our unsolicited approaches to funding organisations, such as trusts, have been unsuccessful. This is due to a number of factors, including the general tightening of belts. Charities have placed less emphasis on supporting Development Education Centres. The government Department for International Development (DfID) has also changed the basis on which it funds Local4Global, the LASER-GD (London and the South East – Global Dimension) regional project, also known as Enabling Effective Support. This led to a dramatic reduction in funding for this strategic work, though we continue to receive some financial support. This year this has funded work with Buckinghamshire County Council's School Improvement Team, and our participation in the regional Sustainable Schools network. In the next financial year we will continue to support Buckinghamshire and hope to work in some depth with one secondary school. One of our key relationships locally is with MK Council, and changes in personnel have left a vacuum which we hope will soon be filled; it has often been difficult to know who to approach.

In order to develop a sustainable financial base, we have reconsidered the basis on which we provide services to local schools, and other 'client organisations'. The blunt truth is that we currently have no core income, and can no longer afford to provide services free of charge, or significantly below cost, as we were able to do in the past. We have therefore increased our fees for the whole school approach quite substantially. We regret that this must be so, but we believe that the new fees still represent good value for schools. Initial reaction from our member schools has been mixed, but we must wait to judge the overall outcome.

Despite the challenges, we remain optimistic that GEMK will weather the current financial storm. Jane has been developing a project proposal for a project focusing on the diverse heritage and national identities among MK families. Rosemary has recently been working enthusiastically to develop support for a major event for local schools to tie in with the Olympics 2012 and the accompanying Cultural Olympiad – which would provide a focus for the work on global issues and sustainability which is close to GEMK's heart.

We are confident that our team of staff, volunteers and trustees will find ways to continue to help local schools to benefit from our professional expertise so that next year's report will demonstrate renewed enthusiasm for encouraging young people to become truly global citizens.

Martin Ferns, Chair of Trustees

Treasurer's Report

At 31 March 2009 total funds were £22,799 (prior year £23,977). Core funds were £20,570 (£13,180) whilst Restricted (Project) funds were £2,229 (£10,797). The net cash outflow for the year was £(1,178) (inflow £5,576).

Incoming resources were £65,751 (£82,305) and outgoing resources £66,929 (£76,729).

We received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (Newton project) £3,198 and DfID (Enabling Effective Schools (EES)) £823. Both of these projects were completed during the year. In March we received a further £2,229 from DfID for new project work under the EES banner.

All other income in the year £59,501 supported our core activities although separate pieces of work can be identified under this heading: Sustainable Schools, BME Waste and Preventing Violent Extremism.

Some exciting bids are being prepared to secure project funding for the coming years that will, I hope, give GEMK a firmer financial base for the future. We also hope to continue our ongoing partnership with EES.

Lastly, I would like to record our disappointment that Milton Keynes Global Centre Limited and its shop sust! have been unable to continue trading. A lot of hard work was invested in that venture. I should point out that, because Milton Keynes Global Centre is a company limited by shares, GEMK is not liable for any costs that may arise on the winding up of the company.

Tony Williams
Treasurer

Project Reports

Sustainable Schools

During the year, we have changed the basis of our audit to fit the DCSF's Sustainable Schools Scheme which is based around 8 'doorways'. This replaces the audit using the 7 key concepts highlighted by the government's Panel on Education for Sustainability some years ago. These key concepts still underlie our work but we thought it was important to reflect the new national framework. The DCSF would like every school to become a Sustainable School by 2020. The long time frame indicates the depth of change that will be necessary. Some of our schools are operating, in part, at the "Good" level, but none at "Outstanding". However, the national expectation is for schools to be "Satisfactory" by 2010 and "Good" by 2015, so some of our schools are well ahead of the national picture.

These are the 8 doorways:

Food and drink	Buildings and grounds
Energy and water	Inclusion and participation
Travel and traffic	Local well-being
Purchasing and waste	The global dimension

For the first time we have also been auditing the children.

GEMK has also contributed to the regional work on sustainability, helping to organise the second regional conference in March 2009: *Creating Sustainable Schools through Global Learning*. Through this regional network, GEMK has made links with the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT). This has led to a conference for local secondary schools on the theme of Sustainability, scheduled for July 2009.

During the year 3 new schools have joined the Sustainable Schools scheme – Bushfield, Green Park, and Kent's Hill. At the end of the financial year there were 16 schools on the scheme.¹ However, our decision to charge a more realistic price for our support has resulted in 3 schools withdrawing from the scheme.

Sustainable Communities

This project has come to a formal end this year, with the publication of a CD: *Compelling Learning Toolkit*. This is a framework for organising a collapsed timetable day in secondary schools, based on the experience of Oakgrove School. It contains detailed ideas, PowerPoint presentations and directions for holding a successful day on the theme of Sustainable Communities, and is available free of charge. We will continue to provide support for local schools interested in pursuing this agenda.

¹ Bow Brickhill Primary, Bushfield, Green Park, Greenleys Junior, Heronsgate, Kents Hill, Langland, Moorland Infant, New Bradwell, Oldbrook First, Orchard, Oxley Park Primary, Shepherdswell, Southwood, White Spire, Wyvern

Project Reports (cont.)

Looking for ways to develop our work on Sustainable Communities, we participated in the Stantonbury Campus FAST (Families and Schools Together) programme for Year 7s and their families. We have also joined the steering group of the Community Development Network, benefiting from two workshops and a master class as well as contributing to plans for training. The new University Centre Milton Keynes (UCMK) is hoping to offer a foundation degree in Sustainable Communities from September 2010, and we would like to be able to offer training to prepare local people working in the sector to join that course. I was invited to join the national judging panel for the schools award within Creating the Future 2008 and was encouraged to see the variety of ways in which schools interpreted the Sustainable Communities agenda. GEMK also worked with the DfID Global Schools Partnership to deliver a workshop on Community Linking.

Global Dimension

The change in arrangements for the use of DfID funding in the region means that this work must now be self supporting. It looks at the attitudes of children and used this as a basis to help schools challenge these ideas.

Using materials developed by our sister organisation in Reading, RISC (Reading International Solidarity Centre), GEMK has been working with 7 schools on its Global Dimension project: Germander Park, Giles Brook, Glastonbury Thorn, St Bernadette's, St Monica's, St Thomas Aquinas, and Stanton. All schools have had some classes audited, received whole staff training and a report based on the audit. They have all responded enthusiastically to the suggestions and are actively altering the way they work to address our recommendations. However, the introduction of charges this year has led to the withdrawal of Giles Brook, Glastonbury Thorn, Stanton and St Thomas Aquinas. This does not mean that all the schools are no longer members of GEMK, nor that they will cease to consider putting a global dimension into the life of their school.

Enabling Effective Support (Restricted Fund)

For more than 5 years DfID has been supporting strategic work in each government region with the idea of enabling every child to have a global dimension to their learning. Following a national evaluation and a change of staff at DfID, the new 5 year plan submitted by LaSER-GD was initially rejected. DfID were not happy with the consortium arrangement which recognised Development Education Centres as key delivery agents and provided funding for each to work in a strategic way within its own locale.

The net result was a reduction of more than £10,000 in the income that GEMK received, and a request for us to work with Buckinghamshire County Council. ADEC (Aylesbury Development Education Centre) would normally have expected to take on this responsibility, but their capacity was reduced by staff changes. Recognising that in the long term it is important for ADEC to take this on, GEMK negotiated that the new ADEC Co-ordinator would be included in this work as part of her training.

Project Reports (cont.)

Following contact with Buckinghamshire's new Sustainable School's Officer, and a senior adviser in the education improvement division (EID), a short presentation was made to the entire EID. This was to inspire them to consider a global dimension to their work and to encourage members of the advisory team to attend a morning's training session in May 2009. Further training will be offered during 2009-10, keeping ADEC involved.

As part of the GOSE Sustainable Schools Group, GEMK was involved in the planning of a regional conference: *Creating Sustainable Schools through Global Learning*. This took place in Dorking in March. We are also involved in a Sustainable Schools conference for local secondary schools, planned for July 2009, working alongside the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust.

As we look forward, GEMK expects to work with a local secondary school, and to continue as part of the GOSE Sustainable Schools group.

Contract Work for Milton Keynes Council

This year GEMK has undertaken two contracts for Milton Keynes Council:

1) BME Waste Project

The Council has always tried to engage with the different groups which make up our diverse population. However, they are aware that the increasing diversity of our population, and the transience of some residents, can lead to a lack of understanding of waste disposal. Over the course of six months GEMK made contact with different faith and language communities. This resulted in:

- devising a lesson plan that could be used with ESOL classes
- visiting the Dosti Lunch Club, and providing an information leaflet in Gujarati
- working through the pupils at a local infant school to run an assembly for parents followed by a session for parents
- Contacts with Children's Centres, including a session in one
- Council leaflets in Polish being distributed to students through MK Language Schools
- Teaching and Learning Assistants working with English as an Additional Language (EAL) students at Stantonbury Campus being informed about waste disposal; fridge magnets with pictures being distributed for use at home.
- A session with young people at Peartree Bridge who were seeking to influence their peers to recycle more.

In addition, contact was made with a variety of other groups in the city.

Project Reports (cont.)

2) Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE)

Milton Keynes is in the second phase of roll-out of this government initiative, and the Ethnic Minority Achievement Support Service (EMASS) is taking the lead within schools. GEMK was invited to increase EMASS's capacity and support the approach to schools. This has led to a variety of activities including the mapping of PVE against other government initiatives, attendance at two conferences, introducing PVE to heads' cluster meetings, and involvement in the planning and delivery of a morning's seminar for key secondary school staff in June 2009.

Local Faith and Global Issues – Voices of Faith

Following the successful collaboration between GEMK and InterFaith MK in 2008, which resulted in the compilation of the booklet 'Voices of Faith in a fragmented world', work has continued to explore the possibilities of engaging young people more directly in the issues of Faith and Global Issues. This fresh stage of the 'Local Faith and Global Issues' project is being called Voices of Faith, and over the last year, IFMK have paid Ken Harris's travelling expenses to allow him to meet with young people in different settings, and investigate the potential of this new stage. He has met some young people through youth clubs. However, most of his efforts have been focused on schools, and in particular, through meeting with a group of young people each Monday lunchtime at Oakgrove School.

Interfaith MK have just learnt that they have been successful in their application to the government-sponsored 'Faiths in Action' fund, for £12,000 spread over two years. This will enable Ken, with continuing support from GEMK, to carry on this work, and hopefully widen it to other young people between now and March 2011. There is much that can be achieved in helping establish meaningful meetings between young people and representatives of different faith groups in the city – and in particular in exploring the relevance of Religious Faith to developing a more just, peaceful and sustainable future for our planet and its inhabitants.

General Activities

In addition to project related work, GEMK has been involved in a variety of activities during the year. Our links with the Council have included:

- Working with the MK Council's primary languages consultant, we contributed several workshops on community languages for KS2.
- We built on our contact with Newly Qualified Teachers (NQTs) by running two afternoon sessions on the Global Dimension, one for KS1 teachers and one for KS2.
- Contributing to EMASS's twilight sessions on Community Cohesion and Refugees
- GEMK was invited to the launch of the MK Children's Trust, and to a local Every Child Matters Conference.
- The library hosted the launch of an exhibition about Sierra Leone, including the High Commissioner

Project Reports (cont.)

Future Projects

Plans for 2009-10 include:

- Obtaining funding for an international community film festival based on the Millennium Development Goals (working with Northamptonshire University). We had expected an application to be made to DfID in November 2008; the target date is now November 2009.
- An application to the Heritage Lottery Fund is being prepared on the theme *Who am I?*
- Continuing to build support for, finding funding and starting to involve schools in a Cultural Olympiad project with the provisional title: *Stadium Sustainability Showcase*

Rosemary Clarke

Milton Keynes Global Centre

Milton Keynes Global Centre and sust!

The last year has seen the end of our dream to have a City Centre location promoting the type of activities that are at the heart of GEMK's educational activities. The dream had begun in 1996, as an attempt to break out of the largely school-based focus of GEMK (or MKWDEC as it then was). A huge amount of effort was put into creating a Global Centre, but it was just not to be. However, the Global Centre started a joint newsletter (now published by the Peace and Justice Network and called MK Network News), launched the MK Fair Trade Forum (which continues to function) and in October 2003, set up sust! as a city centre shop selling fairly-traded and environmentally-friendly goods.

Sadly, sust! has now closed, a victim of many different factors which were going against it:

- the poor trading conditions due to the 'credit crunch' around Christmas 2008 led to a significant financial loss over the course of 2008.
- the poor footfall outside the shop following the move of Sainsbury's to a new location
- the uncertainty about the future of the Food Centre itself made any expansion of the premises impossible to fund
- the success of the Fair Trade movement generally resulting in more goods, particularly food and beverages, being available in supermarkets.

We could see no way of turning the business round and making a profit in the foreseeable future. Without raising further loans, it would not have been possible to continue trading. So the shop closed in February 2009, although there is still stock remaining to be sold off.

Despite this, during more than 5 years of activity, the shop achieved a lot – including selling over £600,000 worth of goods, and raising the profile of Fair Trade and environmental products within Milton Keynes. The future of MK Global Centre Ltd, the trading company which ran sust!, is still to be decided, but its first priority is to complete the winding down of shop business. The second priority is to repay the many loans that had been made by its supporters to enable it to purchase the necessary stock to run the shop in the first place. It may be that the company has no further purpose and will be closed down, or it might find a different way of operating in the future. Whichever, it can look back at a job generally well done, even if there is disappointment that it has not proved possible to run a financially-sustainable shop.

Ken Harris

Trustees' Report

Risk Management

GEMK's main area of risk for consideration is financial. Our main risk would occur if we were unable to obtain funding for either future projects or to manage the Resource Centre (Core Funding), or if the relationship which has existed between GEMK and Stantonbury Campus since the DEC was first created in 1980, were to break down.

In order to minimise risk, we continue to approach potential funders in both the public and private sectors with carefully thought out and planned projects. Similarly, we ensure that any applications for core funding are considered and, to that end, we are currently funded by Christian Aid and World Vision, although both of these agreements finish this year. Oxfam is rethinking how it supports Development Education which means that there is an increased reliance on project funding – which always tends to be short-term.

As part of our risk management process we monitor our cash balances on a regular basis which includes a forecast, prepared on a monthly basis, of our year-end cash and project balances. We are, therefore, always in a position to take prompt and appropriate action if it is required.

With regard to our other area of risk, insurance, we believe that we are adequately covered as part of the Stantonbury Campus Health and Safety policy and we have our own Employers Liability Certificate.

The Trustees have a range of policies which guide their oversight of the running of GEMK. The following policies are currently in place:

- Access
- Confidentiality
- Child Protection
- Data Protection
- Disciplinary
- Equal Opportunities
- Grievance
- Green
- Recruitment
- Sustainable Development
- Transport
- Volunteering

Trustees' Report (cont.)

Monitoring and Evaluation

Opening Hours

GEMK is open 1300-1700 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On a couple of occasions we have had to close the office early or for a short time within an afternoon.

Use of Resources

This year 159 resources were borrowed, compared with 244 in 2007-8, by 37 teachers from 23 different schools and Milton Keynes College. Teachers' packs remained the most popular resources, and the areas of the world most teachers were interested in were Africa (with an emphasis on Ghana), and India. Usage of our website is now more than 100,000 hits a year, thanks to Meena's creative input and management.

Visits to schools

During the last year, we have worked with the 16 schools on the Sustainable Schools programme, 7 schools on the Global Dimension programme and the following additional schools: Bradwell Village, the Hazeley, Olney Middle, Shenley Brook End, Sir Frank Markham, and Stantonbury Campus.

Membership

Our school membership increased this year from 35 to 37; we had 8 individual members.

Links with other organisations *(see glossary for acronyms)*

DECs - ADEC, Cheshire DEC, Hampshire DEC, HEC, Kent and the Wider World, RISC, WEDG

Funders: Academy for Sustainable Communities (through MK Council), Christian Aid, Community Foundation, DCFS (through the Local Network Fund) DfID, Heritage Lottery Fund, World Vision

In kind: Stantonbury Campus

SEG (Sustainable Educators' Group) BBOWT, City Discovery Centre, Hanson Environmental Studies Centre, Forest Schools, MK Council, National Energy Foundation, Parks Trust, Recycling Centre.

Local: City Discovery Centre, Co-op, CVO, EMASS, Fair Trade Forum, Ghanaian Association, Global Centre, Living Archive, MK Economic and Learning Partnership, MK Music Centre, National Energy Foundation, Northamptonshire Council, Northampton University, Olney-Newton Link, One World Week, Oxford Diocese, Play Association.

Regional: GOSE, Local4Global (formerly known as LaSER – GD)

National: Academy for Sustainable Communities, British Council, DCSF, DEA,

Human resource development

We have also tried to encourage the development of our members of staff and trustees by providing appropriate training. This has included:

- CVO run Outcomes Training
- DEA events
- Humanities Education Centre, London
- Sessions organised by Local4Global
- The Academy for Sustainable Communities

Evaluation

Evaluation results have highlighted the success of project work in schools to endorse cultural diversity and support self-esteem and students' sense of cultural pride. The centre has continued to purchase wide-ranging resources that are challenging and pertinent to the needs of teachers and their pupils.

Trustees' Statement

Charity and Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net outgoings for that period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimate that are reasonable and prudent:
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Charities and Companies Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention, detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of GEMK (Global Education Milton Keynes) Limited

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2009, which are set out on pages 18 to 23.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 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:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 226(A) of the Companies Act 1985 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Simon Gill FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
Member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners
14 July 2009

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2009 £	Restricted Funds 2009 £	Total 2009 £	Total 2008 £
Incoming Resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Grants received	2	50,400	6,250	56,650	79,506
Subscriptions		2,510	–	2,510	1,260
Other incoming resources		6,591	–	6,591	1,539
Total Incoming Resources		59,501	6,250	65,751	82,305
Resources expended					
Charitable Activities	3	(52,111)	(14,818)	(66,929)	(76,729)
Total Resources Expended		(52,111)	(14,818)	(66,929)	(76,729)
Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources		7,390	(8,568)	(1,178)	5,576
Fund balances brought forward		13,180	10,797	23,977	18,401
Fund balances carried forward		20,570	2,229	22,799	23,977

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The company has no unrecognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.

GEMK (GLOBAL EDUCATION MILTON KEYNES) LIMITED
 Company Limited by Guarantee
 Year ended 31 March 2009

Balance Sheet					
	Notes	2009	2009	2008	2008
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Investments	4		500		500
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank		22,799		23,977	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year		(500)		(500)	
Net Current Assets		22,299		23,477	
Total Net Assets			22,799		23,977
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted Funds	5		2,229		10,797
Unrestricted Funds	6		20,570		13,180
Total Funds of the Charity			22,799		23,977

For the year ended 31 March 2009 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 249B(2).

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) Ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
- (ii) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year, and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The Financial Statements set out on pages 18 to 23 were approved by the Directors on 14 July 2009 and were signed on their behalf by:

Martin Ferns
Chairman

Tony Williams
Treasurer

The notes on pages 19 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Principal Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005, Accounting and Reporting by Charities, published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

Accordingly, the Trustees have decided not to take advantage of the special provisions for small companies under part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

Cash Flow Statement

In the opinion of the Trustees the Company qualifies as a small company and accordingly a cash flow statement is not required.

Fund Accounting

General (core) funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are not charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the Trustees report.

Incoming Resources

Grants and Resources Hire Charges are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to them. All other incoming resources are recognised when received.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Governance costs are: costs incurred in connection with the administration of the charity including compliance with statutory requirements; costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out on the premises; and fund raising and administration costs.

In the opinion of the Trustees it is not possible to present a meaningful split between Management and Administration, Support costs and Fundraising costs.

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont.)

Consolidation

The charity and its subsidiary, Milton Keynes Global Centre Limited, form a small sized group. The charity has taken advantage of the exemption given by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare Group Accounts.

2. Grants Received

	2009	2008
	£	£
Milton Keynes Council	44,100	47,073
EES	3,052	15,000
Heritage Lottery Fund	3,198	13,923
World Vision	3,000	3,000
Christian Aid	3,300	-
MK Community Foundation	-	510
	56,650	79,506

3. Staff Costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2009	2008
	£	£
Wages and salaries	49,128	44,764
Social Security costs	3,747	3,658
Other Pension costs	1,818	1,816
	54,693	50,238

The charitable activities also include consumables, phone bills, other expenses and governance

No employees received emoluments of more than £60,000

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 3 (2008: 3).

The trustees neither received nor waived emoluments during the year.

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont.)

4. Fixed Assets – Investments

GEMK owns 50% of the shares in Milton Keynes Global Centre Limited (registration number 4103794). The other 50% is owned by Global Centre MK Limited (registration number 05668389) a charitable company incorporated in 2006.

Milton Keynes Global Centre Limited was incorporated in 2001 as a not-for-profit company whose aim is to promote fair trade issues in Milton Keynes. Milton Keynes Global Centre Limited leased a shop, sust!, in the City Centre selling fair trade and environmentally-friendly goods from around the world. As noted above sust! closed in February 2009 and the future of the company itself is in doubt. The immediate priority for Milton Keynes Global Centre Limited is to realise as much of the remaining stock as possible and repay loans made by supporters.

In the year to 31 March 2008, the last year for which accounts are available, Milton Keynes Global Centre Limited made a loss of £(3,130) on a turnover of £103,469. Reserves carried forward at that date were £2,974.

It was hoped that the new charity, Global Centre MK Limited would take over total ownership of Milton Keynes Global Centre Ltd. However, Global Centre MK Limited is now in the process of being wound up having failed to secure ongoing funding and suitable premises.

5. Restricted Funds

	Opening Balances £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Closing Balances £
Enabling Effective Support (DfID)	8,407	3,052	(9,230)	2,229
Newton (HLF)	2,390	3,198	(5,588)	-
	10,797	6,250	(14,818)	2,229
	10,797	6,250	(14,818)	2,229

Notes to the Financial Statements (cont.)

6. Unrestricted Funds

	2009
	£
Balance at beginning of year	13,180
Net movement of funds	7,390
Balance at end of year	<u>20,570</u>

7. Guarantees

Every member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Charity in the event of the same being wound up while a member, or within one year after ceasing to be a member, such amount as may be required not exceeding £10.

As at 31 March 2009 there were 45 members (2008: 50 members) of the company.

8. Restrictions on activities

The company occupies premises on the Stantonbury Campus for which it pays no rent and, accordingly, there is no lease agreement.

Glossary

ADEC	Aylesbury Development Education Centre
ASC	Academy for Sustainable Communities
CSV	Community Service Volunteers
CVO	Council for Voluntary Organisations
DCSF	Department for Children, Schools and Families
DEA	Development Education Association
DEC	Development Education Centre
DfID	Department for International Development
EES	Enabling Effective Support
EMASS	Ethnic Minority Advice and Support Service
GEMK	Global Education Milton Keynes
GOSE	Government Office for the South East
HEC	Humanities Education Centre
HLF	Heritage Lottery Fund
LaSER–GD	London and the SE Region – Global Dimension
RISC	Reading International Solidarity Centre
SEG	Sustainable Educators’ Group
WEDG	World Education Development Group (Canterbury)
WWF	Worldwide Fund for Nature