



# ARK Community

## CIC<sub>34</sub>: Community Interest Company Report

### Social Audit Report

ARK Community – Community Interest Company  
Registered in England and Wales as a Private Limited Company  
Registered Office – 1417-1419 London Road Streatham, London, SW16 4AH  
Company Registration Number 13067371  
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## Introduction

This report presents a summary of the requirements of the CIC<sub>34</sub> Community Interest Report. The report sets out our activities and achievements for the period of December 2020–21 including the work we have undertaken during that period to benefit children, young people, and families whom we provide a service to. It also sets out examples of the consultative work with our stakeholders.

## Annual review 2020/21

2020-21 was a year in which everything changed, and we were all reminded of the most important things in life. For the majority in our community, it was the hardest year of their lives, yet was also the year which ARK Community CIC ('ACC') like most non-for-profit organisations demonstrated our shared humanity and compassion like never before in living memory.

Through the 18 months since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, we were reminded in so many ways of the inequality in our society. While no group had been immune from its impact, the pandemic had been far worse for people in our community who were already disadvantaged. The effect of the pandemic saw no increase in wages however a growing inflation fuelled by supply chain and energy supply problems. The government ended the £20 uplift per week for universal credit given during the pandemic, which meant that thousands of families found themselves slipping further into debt every week.

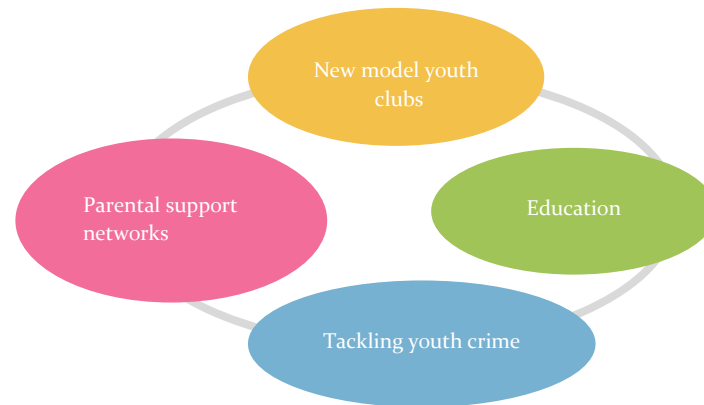
Many young adults in our community lost more than a year when they would normally be laying the foundations of future family and working lives. Children had their education severely disrupted, a lot of people in our community lost their jobs and were worried about the prospect of finding new work.



**Pierre Noah**  
Founder / Director

## Background

ACC is an early intervention solution based methodology to manage and to assist in building a healthier community through its four pillars: New model youth clubs; Education; Tackling youth crime and facilitating Parental support networks.



## Our objectives 2020 – 2021

- ✓ To reduce the risk for youth in our community becoming involved in unsafe activities, such as using drugs, alcohol and other antisocial behaviours.
- ✓ To identify key risks and ways of reducing youth crime within our community; environmental stress leading to family adversities which in turn cause delinquency.
- ✓ To support parents coming together as a group of people with many diverse skills, talents, and interests who are united by a common interest, improving their children's lives.
- ✓ To increase the number of 'Independent advisors'.

At ACC we addressed some of the issues such as the rise in youth crime within our communities and provided support to parents.

## Our achievements against our objectives

- ✓ **To reduce the risk for youth to becoming involved in unsafe activities, such as using drugs, alcohol and other antisocial behaviours.** We provided online fitness classes free of charge for children, we encouraged participation as an ACC activity to help act as a protective factor enabling our youth to make healthy choices.
- ✓ **To identify key risks and ways of reducing youth crime within a community; environmental stress leading to family adversities which in turn cause delinquency.** We encourage participation in our activities in many other ways, we hosted a virtual event with specific focus on one of our pillars; “Parental Support Discussion about the rate at which youth involved in gun and knife crime in the UK continues to increase”. Some of our independent advisors were our panellists providing specialist advice.
- ✓ **To support parents coming together as a group of people with many diverse skills, talents, and interests who are united by a common interest, improving their children’s lives.** We conducted an online survey in order to ascertain true representations of community sentiments by using an independent platform reaching out to 163 participants primarily parents from a diverse background.
- ✓ **Increased the number of Independent advisors.** We brought two new members onto the advisory board:
  - 'Mish' Musharrat Ahmed-Landeryou; senior lecturer occupational therapy at London South Bank University also holds Education (teaching & learning) responsibilities, academic personal tutor, supporting clinical placements both students & clinical partners, supporting students of ethnicity on the course.
  - Iskander Fernandez; partner in Kennedys’ London office and leads the business crime and investigations team.
- ✓ We successfully launched an ACC specific initiative known as **A3RK ‘Achieving, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Knowledge** programme focused on supporting young people who met the criteria for receiving ancillary tuition.
- ✓ We successfully **partnered with Hyde Tutoring** to establish the A3RK programme through the provision of additional tuition to young people who meet the criteria for a referral for receiving extra educational support.
- ✓ **We used our social media platforms** i.e., website and Instagram to reach our audiences and to keep our stakeholders informed about our activities. We have used these platforms to market and develop the ACC brand and boosting the exposure of our community interest company and its services.

## Our stakeholders

Two key stakeholder groups were identified to ensure a broad spectrum was reflected, as follows:

1) ACC Senior Management
2) ACC's Independent advisors

## To contribute towards the wellbeing of our communities

Through Mortal Art Academy, the self-defense school owned by Pierre Noah our director, we successfully hosted free online exercise classes for young people in our community to boost mental health and provide parents with a source of respite.

The outcomes:

- Improved physical health
- Improved mental health
- Reduced isolation
- Increased confidence

## To be responsive, caring and finding solutions to contribute towards our communities

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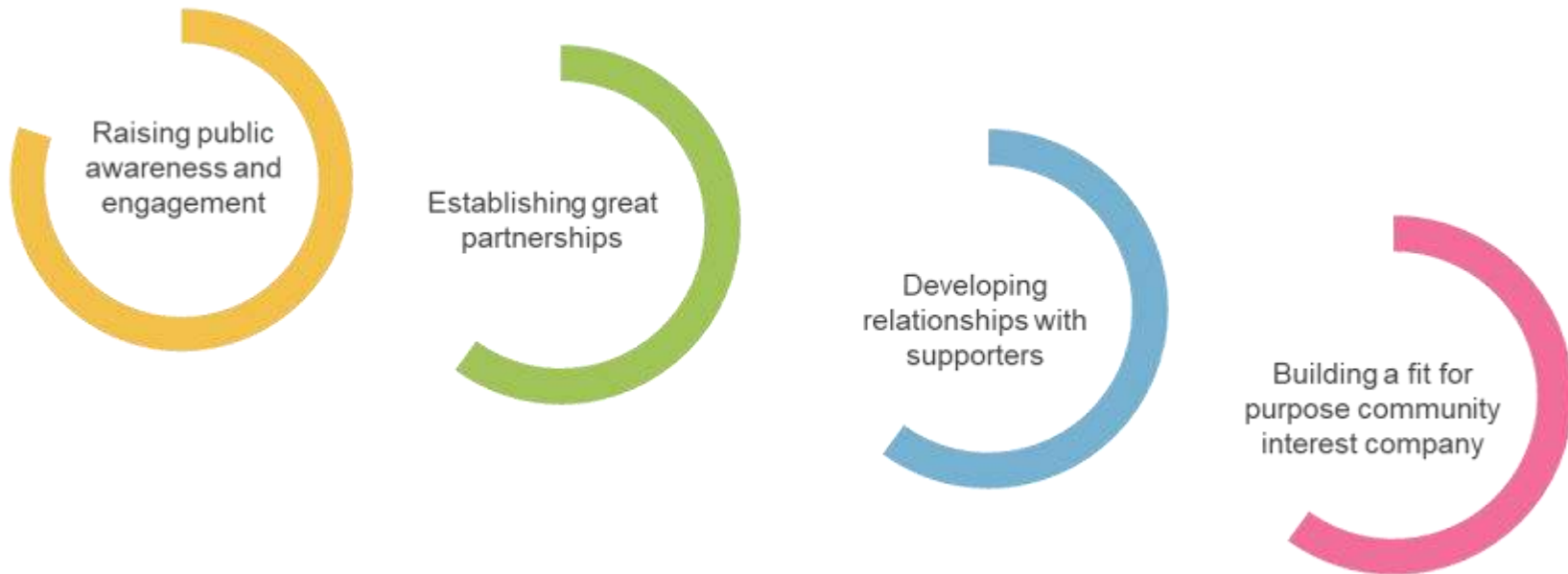
To use the recommendations to form the basis of ACC's report which will be shared with these stakeholders:

- Catherine Ropper Met Commander, Head of Profession for Crime Prevention, Inclusion and Engagement.
- Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London
- Councilor Hamida Ali, Leader of the Croydon Council

ACC's strategy is to involve its community and collaborate with its members to improve the relationship between the Government and its communities. Issues such as knife and gun crimes arising from socio-economic factors remain widespread in our communities and we are looking for solutions to curb these issues.

## Looking ahead

ACC will continue to be committed to its community, using its platform to achieve its mission and vision for healthier multicultural communities in the UK through its strategic objectives



## Our Finance

### Micro-entity Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 December 2021

	<i>Notes 2021</i>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	-
<b>Current Assets</b>	300.00
<b>Prepayments and accrued income</b>	-
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	0
<b>Net current assets (liabilities)</b>	300.00
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	300.00
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	0
<b>Provision for liabilities</b>	0
<b>Accruals and deferred income</b>	0
<b>Total net assets (liabilities)</b>	300.00
<b>Capital and reserves</b>	300.00

- For the year ending 31 December 2021 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
- The directors have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Directors on Monday 22 August 2022

Signed on behalf of ARK Community CIC by:

**Sylvie Garnett, Director**

**ARK COMMUNITY CIC**

**REGISTERED NUMBER 13067371**

Notes to the Micro-entity Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2021

1	Employees	2021
	Average number of employees during the period	0





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