



# **ACCESS-ABILITY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**

**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2008**

**Company Number 05538092**  
**Registered Charity Number 1113302**

**Founder:**

Ken Carter

**Trustee / Directors:**

Professor James Crabbe (Chair)  
Michael McAleenan (Company Secretary/Treasurer)  
Adrian Ellison  
Dr James Ohene-Djan  
Annette Haworth

**Vice-President:**

Lord Low of Dalston, CBE  
Ann Darnbrough, OBE

**Advisers:**

Helen Lansdown (Chief Executive, Deafax)  
Professor Harold Silver (Educational Research)  
Michael Jones (Speech and Language)  
Dr Rachel Shipsey (ICT Development)

# **AACT (ACCESS ABILITY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY)**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of AACT (Access-Ability Communications Technology) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2008.

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# **AACT (ACCESS ABILITY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY)**

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Founder**

Ken Carter

### **Vice President:**

Lord Low of Dalston, CBE

Ann Darnbrough, OBE

### **The Board of Directors:**

Professor Michael James Crabbe - Chairman

Michael McAleenan - Company Secretary/Treasurer

Adrian Ellison

James Ohene-Djan

### **Advisers**

Professor Harold Silver

Dr Rachel Shipsey

Michael McMillan

Helen Lansdown

Michael Jones

### **The Registered address of the charity:**

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The charity is registered under the charity number 1113302, and the company is incorporated with the company registration number 5538092.

### **Report and Financial Statements Year ended 31 August 2008**

Access-Ability Communications Technology is a Company Limited by Guarantee  
Registered in England No. 5538092, & Registered Charity No. 1113302

# **AACT (ACCESS ABILITY COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY)**

## **TRUSTEES REPORT**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

There have been some significant financial transactions upon which to report since the Company was incorporated.

### **LEGAL STATUS**

Access-Ability Communications Technology ('AACT') is a company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 16 August 2005 and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 15 March 2006.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The charity has a broad remit to promote and advance the education and training of children, young people and adults who are subject to any disability associated with speech, language and different forms of communication. Its aim is to achieve this through the use of information and communications technology. In addition it seeks raise the awareness of the public of the challenges faced by those with these disabilities.

### **REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

The directors have met at regular intervals to devise and refine a strategic plan to achieve AACT's charitable objectives and continue to seek funding for projects matching AACT's charitable objects. The directors still recognise the difficulties with which they are faced, but derive confidence from their success in attracting some funds towards their Appeal of £200K and working in partnership with other charities similar to AACT to implement specific projects within AACT's charitable objectives.

### **THE TRUSTEES**

The trustees who served during the period to period to year to 31 August 2008 are shown on page 3. The overall strategic direction of the charity is determined by the Trustees of AACT. The role of the Trustee is one of guidance and governance. They are responsible for overseeing the activities and finances of AACT and ensuring that the best interests of the charity are protected and promoted at all times. They are also responsible for ensuring any income is spent fairly and appropriately. Included in their responsibilities is the setting of the strategic direction of AACT, with considerable input from the Founder and where appropriate staff and advisers in general, and maintaining the long term viability of the charity.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

Company Law and the Charities Act 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 at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies apply them on a consistent basis, making judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

**AACT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2008**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>2008 Total Funds £</b>	<b>2007 Total Funds £</b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				
Donations	14450		14450	-
Bank interest	50		50	30
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>14500</b>		<b>14500</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
Companies House Fees	100		100	65
Travel and subsistence			-	76
Sponsorship			-	177
Fund raising costs	1078		1078	-
IT costs			-	49
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>1178</b>		<b>1178</b>	<b>367</b>
<b>Net Incoming /(outgoing) resources for the year</b>	<b>13322</b>		<b>13,322</b>	<b>(337)</b>
<b>Funds Brought forward</b>	<b>(337)</b>		<b>(337)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Balance Carried Forward at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008</b>	<b>12985</b>		<b>12,985</b>	<b>(337)</b>

## AACT BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2008

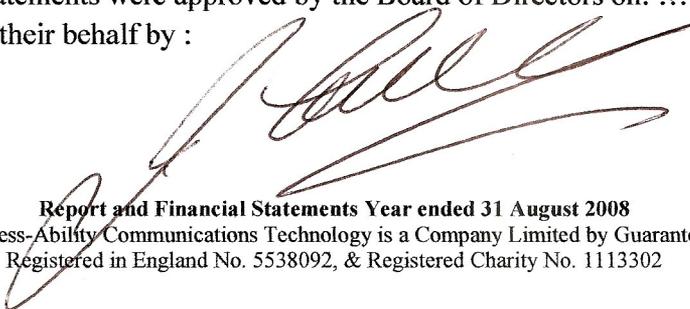
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2008 Total Funds £	2007 Total Funds £
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash in Bank	15218		15218	1003
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Sundry creditors	(1233)		(1233)	(367)
Loan from Director	(1000)		(1000)	-
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	12985		12985	663
<b>Represented by:</b>				
Unrestricted Funds	12985		12985	(337)
Loan from Director	-		-	1000
	12985		12985	663

### NOTES

- (a) For the year ended 31 August 2008, the company was entitled to exemption under S.249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (b) An audit is not required in accordance with S.249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for maintaining proper accounting records.

The accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year in accordance with S.226 of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on: 21/4/09  
and are signed on their behalf by :

  
**Report and Financial Statements Year ended 31 August 2008**  
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PROFESSOR M.J.C. CRABBE

## **EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT (FOR A COMPANY CHARITY)**

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of AACT (Access-Ability Communications Technology) Charitable Company.

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 August 2008, which are set out on pages 1 to 5.

### **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**

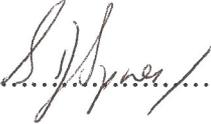
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - 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;
  - 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.

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