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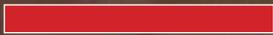
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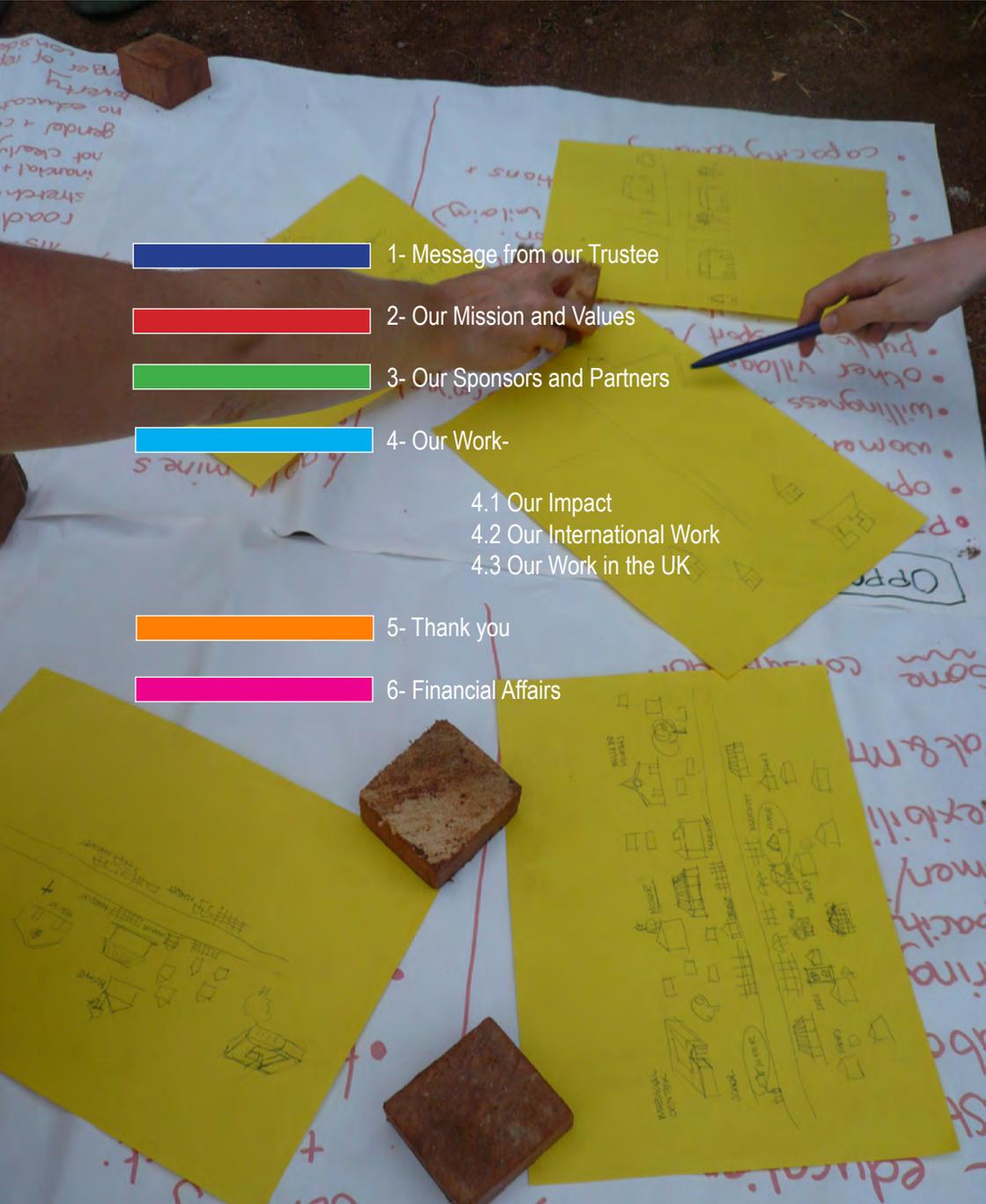
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1 Message from our Trustee

As 2013 draws to a close the Philippines is facing a major humanitarian crisis in the aftermath of typhoon Haiyan. This disaster has put a spotlight on inequality in the state of the built environment that exists in many countries. It is the nearly 30million slum dwellers in the cities of the Philippines, whose housing is least able to stand these shocks, that have been struck the hardest. At the same time in the UK increasing property values are leading some to search for new solutions to fix an unsustainable model of housing development. However these debates tend to take place at a policy level without communities necessarily being part of the process.

This is where ASF-UK has the ability to make a difference. As this annual report illustrates ASF-UK may be small but it is a charity that is reaching across these issues to offer training, opportunities for dialogue and on the ground experience for architects, planners and others in the built environment professions, both in the UK and overseas.

Through training like Challenging Practice, built environment professionals can build knowledge and skills in how to work in humanitarian and development contexts. The recent workshops in Cameroon and India demonstrate the wide-ranging approaches to building community capacity and engagement. The Change by Design workshop at the World Urban Forum demonstrates how ideas that have evolved through collaboration across continents and communities can be successfully shared on a world stage.

In a time where the social role of architecture and design is becoming increasingly important ASF-UK has never been more relevant. And these achievements over the last year demonstrate our ability to respond at the local, national and global level.

Rubbina Karruna - Trustee





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Our Philosophy



Terra Mela, Delhi-India - ASF-UK workshop

ASF-UK's Objectives

- 1.** Ensure an understanding of the core principles behind community participation, appropriate design and sustainability becomes an integral part of the education of architects, by working with universities and bodies such as RIBA and the ARB to influence the way architecture is taught in the UK.
- 2.** Equip practising architects (and built environment professionals) with the skills and knowledge they need to work successfully with vulnerable communities by developing accessible, online training programmes, complemented by practical, hands-on workshops, and marketing these courses to ensure take-up.
- 3.** Ensure emergency and development programmes lead to appropriate built environment solutions by forging relationships with the governments, NGOs and voluntary organisations running the projects and encouraging and facilitating the involvement of architects with a people-centred, participatory approach.

ASF-UK's Philosophy

ASF-UK believes strongly that local communities should be determining their own development and any external players should be building capacity and helping to facilitate the change needed. Through partnerships with national NGOs in both 'developed' and 'developing' countries, ASF-UK has organised international workshops where students have learnt on the ground. Since ASF-UK started the organisation has been questioning what can and should a built environment professional do in challenging contexts working with vulnerable people. We are not suggesting our approach is the only way, but it is a way for built environment professionals to embrace a social and environmental agenda. ASF-UK feels that there are challenging contexts on our own doorstep as well as further afield, and that our skills as building professionals can be invaluable if used appropriately. A working methodology grounded in community engagement, which is at the heart of ASF-UK's mode of practice, is relevant to a multitude of contexts and capable of adding value in all project scenarios.

ASF-UK's Approach

By testing different strategies for engaging students, professionals and communities, ASF-UK has developed an approach that sits comfortably alongside our philosophy. ASF-UK believes that learning is most valuable when grounded in real contexts, tackling real problems and testing solutions in a hands-on way. Theory without practice can often lead to misinterpretation. Equally, practice without any theory and research can lead to over-simplification of complex local issues. ASF-UK applies its approach predominantly through a series of national and international workshops, where students are immersed in a field-based environment working with real people and challenging contexts. No ASF-UK workshop takes place exclusively in the classroom or in the field, but rather the process of learning is always a balance of the two. ASF-UK strives to ensure workshops do not exist in isolation but take place at a key stage or start of a project to generate ideas and direction, which rely on a strong relationship with our local partners. Being involved with ASF-UK is not just an avenue for architects, but all building and environmental professionals and community place-makers. Working with a range of people, we find ways of sharing knowledge and building capacity at the same time. We are all learning together.



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Chelsea Fringe

- 1 Anonimo Herbs Market
- 2 Become a Mobile Gardener
- 3 Recycling Bee Garden
- 4 BuckleUp! Vintage Gardeners' Table Sunday
- 5 Climbing Tower - Carapace
- 6 Celebrating Broomfield Tuffenham under One Sun
- 7 Chelsea Fringe of St Andrew and St James Park Church
- 8 Chelsea Photo Garden Audio-described tour of Chelsea Photo Garden
- 9 Chelsea Photo Garden Accessibility Workshop for Gardeners Open to the public
- 10 COO and Other Green Things shop
- 11 Garden News Show
- 12 De Rebusque Gardeners
- 13 Devonshire Cream Tea
- 14 Dinner to Die for
- 15 Green not Greenhouse of Pen 2 Community Garden
- 16 Hearty Plant Crossing
- 17 Hidden Under Feet Guided Walk
- 18 Hogarth Roundabout Compostable Meadows
- 19 Love Veggies
- 20 Incredible Edible Rowettia
- 21 Kitchen Confidential @ Duck Kitchen
- 22 London Garden Walk
- 23 Martha Schwartz in Conversation with Sir Richardson
- 24 Walker Street Community Garden
- 25 Wednesday pop-up garden!
- 26 WNF & Co
- 27 National Gardens Scheme - Annabel Carr's Garden
- 28 National Gardens Scheme - White Rowarth's Garden
- 29 Open Garden Squares - Making the Connection
- 30 Open Garden Squares - Use and Abuse in Garden Square of words by David Harper
- 31 Open Garden Squares - Art & Sculpture
- 32 Open Garden Squares - Use, Abuse & Drawing
- 33 Open Garden Squares - Used Collections
- 34 Open Garden Squares - Punch & Judy
- 35 Oranges & Lemons Garden
- 36 Our Autonomous Nature, Notable United in
- 37 Phoenix High School - Local food scheme
- 38 Pumping Down Roots: A talk and a walk: Self-seeding in community gardens, rooftop gardens,
- 39 Roundabout Park Greenhouses - Make & bring a container & wire-tasting
- 40 Beer of Roots - 'Seed up your street'
- 41 Rubble on the Roof
- 42 Rubble (Theatre) Garden
- 43 Sacred Garden Project - Bee Stop
- 44 Sacred Garden Project - HABITAT 6 Building garden
- 45 Sacred Garden Project - Apartment City in the Tree of Wicket
- 46 St James's Edible garden
- 47 The Big Bus and Huber
- 48 The Dock Garden Meeting
- 49 The Edible Bus Stop
- 50 The Garden of Observation
- 51 The Heart-breaking City Garden
- 52 The Urban Grove
- 53 The Urbanizer in Chelsea
- 54 The Power of Gardening
- 55 The Tower Garden
- 56 Tower Garden of Goghner's Restaurant
- 57 Tower Garden of Goghner's Restaurant or other Apartment Pop-up garden of the Dock Garden Meeting
- 58 Vegetable Garden
- 59 We can grow you to help them
- 60 Wholly Mobile Gardens
- 61 Wild Trees of Chelsea

What's happening on your doorstep?





3 Sponsors and Partners





Terra Mela, Delhi-India - ASF-UK workshop

In 2012 and 2013 ASF-UK has had funding and support from a number of organisations:

ASF Funders

- European Commission - Leonardo Lifelong Learning Programme
- Vodafone World of Difference
- PTA and Multi-Kids Ghana

ASF Supporters

- Development Planning Unit - UCL
- SCIBE
- School of Architecture and Built Environment, University of Westminster
- Architecture Centre Network

ASF Partners

- ASF France
- ASF Italy
- ASF Spain
- ASF Sweden
- ASF-International
- Bristol University
- Cameroon Catalyst
- Fourth Door
- Humanitarian Hub - LSB University
- Mosame Trust
- Multi-Kids Ghana
- SEEDS India
- Sheffield University
- World Urban Forum

Thank you

ASF-UK would like to thank all our funders, supporters and partners for all their help in 2012 and 2013.

Sponsorship

ASF-UK welcomes sponsorship and donations to increase the impact of our work. If you would like to donate please do so on our Virgin Money page www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/asf-uk.

For more information on individual membership and sponsorship opportunities for companies please contact Melissa Kinnear at mkinnear@asf-uk.org.





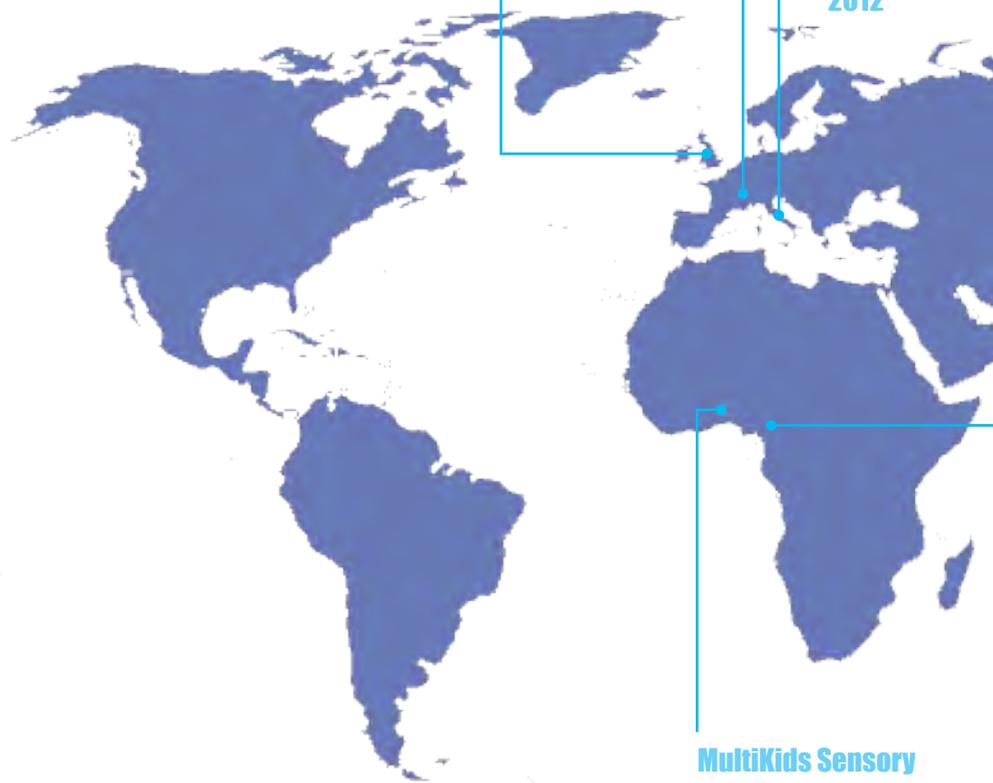
UK 2012-2013

- Chelsea Flower Show
- Open dialogues – expanding Architecture
- Roots Architecture
- Participation/Drawing for Development
- Pecha Kucha
- Evening Sessions

**Leonardo Park
Europe
2012-2013**

**World Urban Forum
Naples
2012**

**MultiKids Sensory
Garden
Ghana
2013**



4.1- Our Impact in Numbers

Partnership

Forum



Terra Mela
India
2012

Measuring Impact
Cameroon
2012

19-

Between 2012 and 2013 ASF-UK has held and/or been part of over **19** talks, events, seminars and workshops.

729-

Through these workshops ASF-UK has worked with **729** participants internationally and locally, outreaching to **240** local participants, contractors, builders and collaborating with **24** organisations and institutions.

4240-

ASF-UK is volunteer led and our projects from March 2012 to February 2013 have been achieved completely by volunteers, working a total of **4,240** hours.

ASF-UK- projects 2012-2013

Measuring Impact, Participatory Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation

Bambouti - Cameroon - <http://www.asf-uk.org/cameroon-workshop>

1025 *volunteer hours*
15 *international participants*
4 *Cameroonian participants*
£ 7,130 *budget*
£ 3,000 *sponsorship*

Cameroon Catalyst and Mosame Trust have been working in Bambouti, where they have constructed a community centre, a school and a mechanics' workshop. CC & MT approached ASF-UK to conduct an evaluation of their project in order to help them to critically look at the work that they had done so far and to inform their future plans. True to ASF's focus as an educational charity on training of built environment students and professionals, it was agreed that this evaluation should be run as a workshop. The agreed outcomes were that ASF would produce a report giving an evaluation of the project as well as teaching the organisations, the community and the participants about the process of PM&E.

What I preferred during the workshop? "The clear methodical approach set out from the start of trying to achieve the 3 outcomes, and working towards these during the course of the workshop." - Workshop participant



local participant with youth groups

4.2- Our International Work

Terra Mela

Delhi - India- <http://www.asf-uk.org/archives/1590>

ASF-UK returned to Delhi in October 2012 to further develop its partnership with SEEDS India. Building on the knowledge and experience gained from three workshops and two internships spanning the last 5 years ASF-UK contributed to field research and strategic planning towards the TERRA (The environment, risk reduction and adaptation) Learning Project. This included the planning and co-hosting of TERRA Mela, a catalyst event held in Delhi at SEEDS which spanned 5 days and addressed issues relating to sustainable construction, risk reduction and indigenous knowledge. The event, which included talks from 18 speakers spanning 4 continents, an action workshop with 20 built environment students from Delhi and across India, exhibitions, installations and institutional workshops was widely attended and supported by Cordaid. TERRA Mela attracted widespread interest and funding for a part-time post within SEEDS' team to continue developing the concept of a Building Knowledge Centre, both physical in Delhi – and virtually which would promote, develop and provide training around appropriate technologies.



200 *volunteer hours*
5 *international participants*
50 *Indian participants*
£ 2500 *budget*
£ 2500 *sponsorship*

World Urban Forum-Naples

<http://www.asf-uk.org/archives/1492>



ASF-UK facilitated a training event on participatory design methodologies at the World Urban Forum in Naples, Italy. These methods have been developed in the 'Change-by-Design' action-research workshops implemented by ASF-UK in Brazil and Kenya. The training attracted over 100 participants from a diverse range of backgrounds - residents, CBOs, NGOs, private sector, academics, as well as managers of large-scale development projects and local and central government officials. It consisted of a short introduction to the overall concepts and approaches of participatory design followed by working tables representing the three scales of intervention: city, neighbourhood and housing level. In each of the tables relevant tools were demonstrated, applied, and discussed by participants. A concluding plenary session drew together the key themes and lessons and highlighted next steps and ways forward.

60 *volunteer hours*

120 *international participants*

SPONSOR *UN-HABITAT, DPU
and Westminster University*

Sensory Garden - Multikids

Accra - Ghana - <http://www.multikidsgn.com/school-news/>

A series of workshops with a school catering for children with special needs based in Accra. Multikids academy had acquired a new site for their younger children and needed to retrofit the space (an empty house) to meet the school need. One of the main projects was the garden which was in its current state unusable. ASF-UK worked with teachers and older pupils to understand the need and designed a series of small interventions focusing on sensory experience and using local and recycled materials these were realised through three workshops on Saturdays in January and February 2013.

70 volunteer hours
0 international participants
30 Ghanaian participants
£ 300 budget



S.Morley drawing for Sensory Garden Accra Ghana

Leonardo Partnership - European project

www.asf-uk.org/challenging-practice-online-course



Stage 2 Challenging Practice - Seminar

ASF-UK continued to work with partners to develop a training course for built environment professionals to practice more effectively in humanitarian and development contexts. The course is now live online for free (www.asfint.org/Challenging-Practice,156.html) The team ran a two-day seminar in November as the 2nd stage of the course and is developing stage 3 and 4.

600 *volunteer hours*

750 *international participants*

£ 16000 *budget*

£ 16000 *money sponsored*

4.3- Our Work in the UK

Urban Green: Linking ecosystems to Social Systems

Chelsea Flower Show - <http://www.asf-uk.org/urban-greencfs2012>



Urban Green Stand at the Chelsea Flower Show



? *volunteer hours*
4 *facilitators*
150 *participants*
£ 1600 *budget*
£ 0 *money sponsored*

ASF-UK presented in May 2012 at the Chelsea Flower show Urban Green: Linking Ecosystems to Social Systems highlighted the potential for communities and individuals to improve their urban environment by growing food and plants which promote biodiversity, and reclaiming the wasted spaces in our cities.

Open Dialogues: expanding Architecture - operating a social agenda

<http://www.asf-uk.org/archives/1492>



This series of dialogues presented conversations between academics, practitioners and policy-makers who today work to challenge dominant modes of practice in both domestic and international contexts. By exploring ways in which architects can be more inclusive and relevant to the public; by questioning how and where to focus the profession's impact, locally or globally; and finally by critically analyzing how architectural education needs to adapt and evolve to the changing nature of the profession; these talk series strived to expand the scope of Architecture and explore alternative ways in which architects engage within codes and processes.



55 *volunteer hours*

75 *participants*

£ 450 *budget*

Sponsors *Architecture
Centre Network*

Pecha Kucha Style presentation - Humanitarian Hub - London South Bank University - <http://www.asf-uk.org/pecha-kucha-2013>

ASF-UK organised a Pecha Kucha style event to showcase the work of members and collaborators of ASF-UK as a series of short and energetic presentations, describing work within and inspired by the organisation.

50 *volunteer hours*

50 *participants*

£ 0 *budget*

Sponsors *LBS University*



Roots Architecture at Womad

Organised by Tangentfield a team of architects, engineers, timber framers and builders were charged to design and build 4 stages in 4 days for performers at the WOMAD Festival in 2012. Sophie Morley and Benjamin Powel facilitated a team of 16 architecture students to design and build a stage made entirely from reclaimed materials.

Participation/Drawing for Development

Participation/Drawing for Development workshops were held in the University of Sheffield, University of Bristol, Oxford Brookes University, and with Engineers without Borders EWB in London.

Evening Sessions

ASF-UK evening sessions take place in London on the 1st Tuesday of every month. These sessions are a chance for ASF members to catch up and those new to ASF to find out more about what we do and how we believe built environment professionals can better engage with communities and development.

Other Achievements in 2012 and 2013

ASF-UK continues delivering Participation for Development workshops both for students and professionals. They are a half day workshop designed to give participants an introduction to some of the methods, tools and techniques of community engagement, as well as an introduction to the basic principles that underpin this approach. The workshop itself is run in a participatory manner, allowing for conversation, questioning and feedback from the participants throughout the day.

ASF-UK continues to give one off talks for Architecture Societies, Universities and various institutions around the country.



Roots Architecture at Womad ASF-UK workshop







Team London Paris cycle ride

Raising money for ASF-UK

If you would like to raise money for ASF-UK please contact Naomi at n.shinkins@asf-uk.org. Fundraising can be done through our Virgin money page at www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/asf-uk.

Thank you!

ASF-UK has received a number of donations through fundraising events.

We would like to thank Kate Mahony, Steven Howard, Cameron Burt, David Goley, Catherine Sprately, Andrew Edwards and Naomi Shinkins for their great effort cycling from London to Paris cycling 50-80 miles per day, in order to raise funds for local Cameroonian participants to be part of the ASF-UK international workshop this summer. The group raised a hard earned and fantastic £2932.50 which sponsored four Cameroonians to participate on our ten day international workshop.

We would also like to thank the Vodafone World of Difference grant for sponsoring two of our volunteers, Mr Andrew Edwards and Ms Naomi Shinkins. This allowed them to dedicate two months of full time work to ASF-UK.

Finally, we would like to thank all ASF-UK volunteers for their time, energy and commitment to ASF-UK over the last year. The organisation remains a key player in the ongoing education and training of built environment professionals and we believe that this is due largely to the great team that we currently have and the wide range of projects and focus areas that allow many different people to participate and engage with the programme and organisation at multiple levels.

Donate to ASF-UK

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Financial Affairs

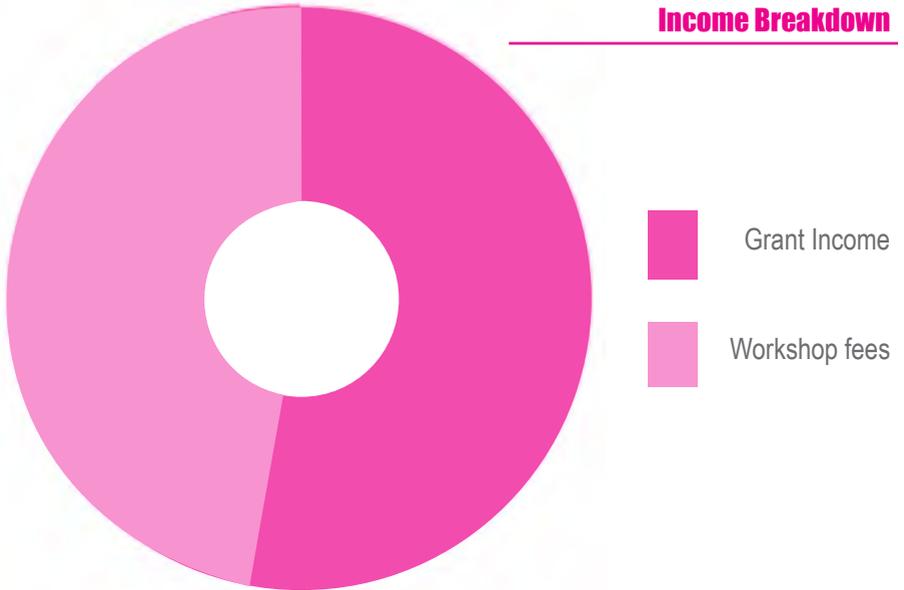


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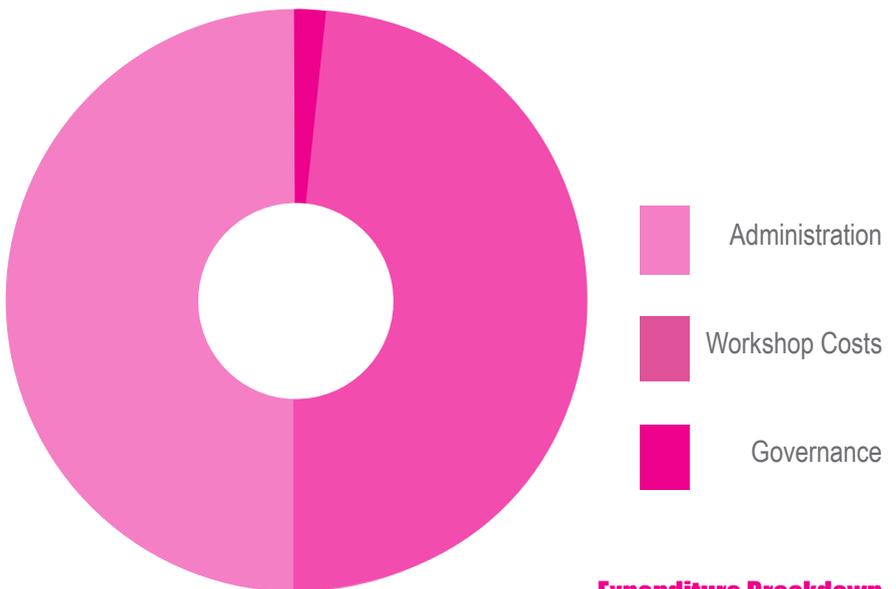
The accounts summarise information relating to the Statement of Financial Activities, providing a snapshot of ASF-UK finances over the year 2012-2013. Full accounts are available on the Charity Commission website, www.charity-commission.gov.uk/.

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2013 Total £	2012 Total £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds				
Donations	-	5,736	5,736	4,732
Investment income	-	21	21	34
Incoming resources from charitable activities:				
Grants received	8,250		8,250	5,500
Fee income	-	12,285	12,285	39,337
Other incoming resources		-	-	-
Total incoming resources	18,042	8,250	26,292	49,603
Charitable expenditure:				
Project Expenditure	-	13,788	13,788	39,767
Administrative expenditure	5,500	9,337	14,837	9,458
Governance Cost	-	895	895	888
Total resources expended	5,500	24,020	29,520	50,022
Net outgoing resources before transfers	2,750	(5,978)	(3,228)	(419)
Gross transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	2,750	(5,978)	(3,228)	(419)
Funds at the start of the year	5,500	15,219	20,719	21,138
Funds at the end of the year	8,250	9,241	17,491	20,719

Income Breakdown



Expenditure Breakdown





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