

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Our reference: MGLA280225-1116

16 May 2025

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 27 February 2025. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

**You requested:**

- Is it possible to send me the detailed financial plans and information regarding the London Mela events that you have been involved in.

Later clarified as:

- The income and expenditure statements for all the London Mela events you have been involved in.

**Our response to your request is as follows:**

Please find attached the information that the GLA holds within the scope of your request. We have been unable to locate records for the 2014, 2016 and 2018 events.

Please note that some names of third-party employees and contractors and their daily rates of pay are exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information would identify specific individuals and as such constitutes personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

Some information within these documents is exempt from disclosure under section 43 (2) Commercial interests of the Act. Section 43(2) exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any legal person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

The information in question relates to detailed rates in the budget and expenditure reports because it would reveal commercially sensitive information to competitors. Disclosing individual unit prices and breakdown of costings is likely to disadvantage the negotiating position of

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Remarkable Productions in any future procurement exercise for such services. If these granular details are known, then competitors could undercut the negotiating position of Remarkable Productions who have committed significant time and resources to negotiate and curate over several years.

Section 43(2) constitutes a qualified exemption from our duty to disclose information under the Act and consideration must be given as to whether the public interest favouring disclosure of the information covered by this exemption outweighs the public interest considerations favouring maintaining the exemption and withholding the information.

The GLA recognises the public interest in transparency across public authorities, in building public trust and ensuring a suitable level of scrutiny around procurement and spending. However, it is not in the public interest to release information which would be likely to prejudice the position of service providers by providing their competitors with information which they could use to their advantage. There is a real and significant risk that the prejudice described above would occur. It would not be in the public interest to undermine the GLA's ability to negotiate such contracts to obtain best value for money. It is important that public authorities can have a safe space to engage with third parties without prejudicing their commercial interests. We find that on balance the public interest in favour of disclosure is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA280225-1116.

Yours sincerely

## **Information Governance Officer**

If you are unhappy with the way the GLA has handled your request, you may complain using the GLA's FOI complaints and internal review procedure, available at:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

## London Mela presents Melatopia projected budget

**Date: 20/10/20**

## Income

GLA award

## GLA grant funding

£15,500.00

## Mela Partnership

£16,000.00

[REDACTED]

**Total**

**£92,000.00**

## Expenditure

## Staffing

## Artistic Fees



## Marketing

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Production**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**TOTAL**

**£91,691.49   £15,500.00**

Contingency

£308.51

**TOTAL**

**£92,000.00**

Under/Over Budget

£0.00

**London Mela Presents Melatopia Programme**

Headline Artists/Mix Tent Artists	Cost
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Sub-total	£7,440
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## Music Collaborations

Sub-total	£4,000
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### Future Music Artists

Sub-total	£1,750.00
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### Magic Mela

Sub-total	£3,000.00
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### Great British Bollywood Dance Off

Sub-total	£2,550.00
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## Talks Programme

Sub-total	£1,000.00
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GLA agreed to fund:	Offer	Actual GLA spend by	Full Cost to Mela
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>£15,500.00</b>	<b>£15,500.00</b>	<b>£28,440.00</b>
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London Mela 2019 2 Day

## 2 Day

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	Equip Hires & Trading Misc (Power & Furniture) VAT	[REDACTED]		
		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
	Sponsorship (inc.donations) VAT	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
		[REDACTED]		
		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
	Total Income			£248,492.00
	Surplus/Loss			£765.74

## London Mela 2017 – Funding Agreement budget

## London Mela – Gunnersbury Park

<b>INCOME</b>	
GLA Grant	£65,000.00
ACE Grant	£40,000.00
Ealing Council and ACE Strategic Touring programme Grant	£45,019.00
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£358, 529.00</b>

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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£358,529.70</b>

#### London Mela Presents Wembley & Croydon

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
Ealing Council	£11,000.00
Brent Council	£5,000.00
Croydon Council	£22,000.00
Mayor of London	£10,000.00
sub total	£86,000.00
ACE STF	£140,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£226,000.00</b>
<b>In kind income</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£67,500.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<b>Professional fees and administration</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
sub total	£16,250.00
<b>Marketing , Audience Development and Evaluation</b>	
<b>Audience Development</b>	
<b>Audience Monitoring</b>	
<b>Evaluation</b>	

<b>Programme Marketing</b>	
<b>sub total</b>	<b>£19,250.00</b>
<b>Professional and Sector Development</b>	
<b>sub total</b>	<b>£6,750.00</b>
<b>Artistic Costs</b>	
London Mela	£45,019.00
<b>sub total</b>	<b>£170,962.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£213,212.00</b>
<b>Contingency @ 6 %</b>	<b>£12,792.72</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£226,004.72</b>



**Report on the London Mela 2015**

**Prepared on behalf of Ealing Council Festivals & Events**

**For the Greater London Authority**

**Remarkable Productions**

54 Chalton Street

London

NW1 1HS

**Report author:** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

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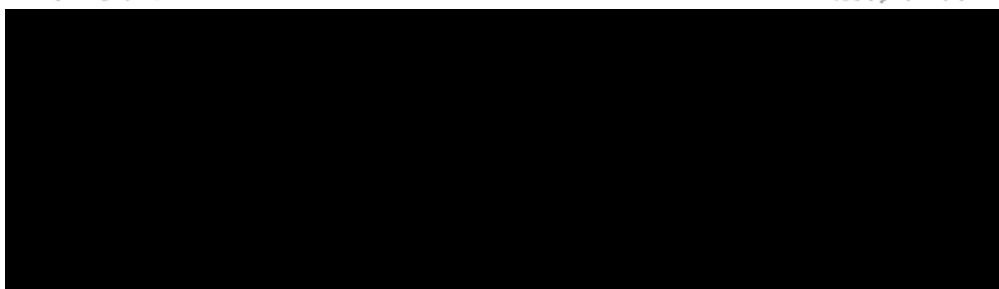
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## Appendix 1

### London Mela Budget 2015

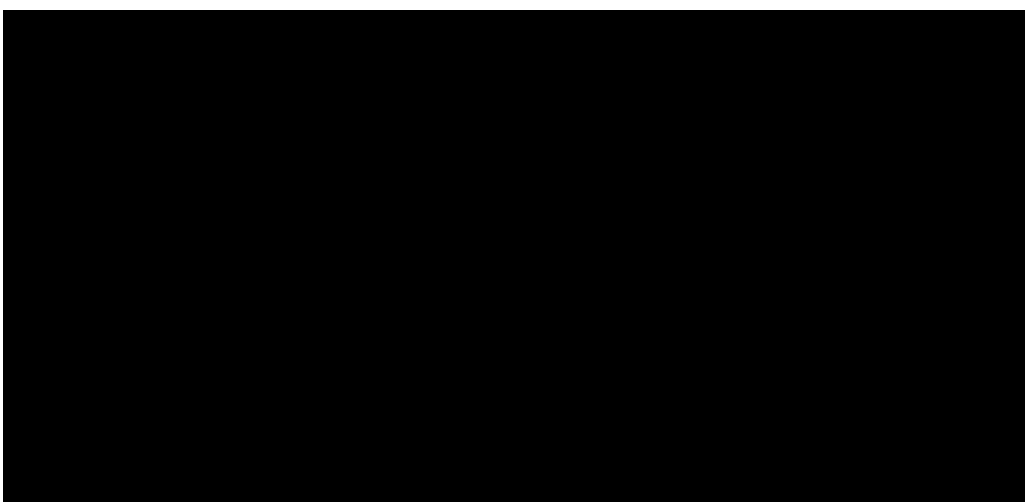
#### Income

GLA	£35,000.00
Hounslow Council	£10,000.00
Ealing Council	£73,698.00
ACE Grant	£59,287.00



**Total income** ▼ £430,607.00

#### Expenditure



**Total Expenditure** ▼ £430,607.00

## London Mela Budget Summary 2013

## Income

Source	Amount (£)
GLA	£ 50,000
Hounslow Council	£ 10,000
Ealing Council	£ 30,000
ACE Grant	£ 40,000
[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	[Redacted]
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[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	[Redacted]
[Redacted]	[Redacted]
<b>Total income</b>	<b>£ 389,273</b>

## Expenditure

	£	%
Total expenditure	£ 389,273	100%
Capital expenditure	£ 16,000	4%
Investment in new plant and equipment	£ 16,000	4%
Current expenditure	£ 373,273	96%
Staff costs	£ 180,000	46%
Wages and salaries	£ 140,000	36%
Social security contributions	£ 15,000	4%
Pensions	£ 25,000	6%
Depreciation	£ 40,000	10%
Repairs and maintenance	£ 20,000	5%
Travel	£ 10,000	3%
Utilities	£ 10,000	3%
Insurance	£ 10,000	3%
Advertising and promotion	£ 10,000	3%
Research and development	£ 10,000	3%
Other	£ 10,000	3%





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## Appendix 1

### London Mela Budget

#### London Mela Budget Summary 2012

##### Income

GLA	£ 60,000
GLA Eid Funding	£ 20,000
GLA Showtime Lords of Lightening production costs	£ 2,298
GLA Eid additional costs for Eid Marquee	£ 3,380
Hounslow Council	£ 20,000.00
Ealing Council	£ 43,390.00
ACE Grant	£ 30,000.00

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

£ 429,667

##### Expenditure

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

##### Reinstatement

Total expenditure	£ 429,667
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# 1068 08 - London Mela 2011

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3520	Travel & subsistance: Hotels, Catering, Travel		
	<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
3720	Miscellaneous inc Traffic Mgt & Car Parks		
3370	Photocopying		
3820	Stationery & Consumables		
3850	Printing		
3530	Hospitality: Artists Fees		
	<b>ARTIST FEES</b>		
	Main Stage and Mix Tent		
	BBC Introducing		
	Eid Stage		
	Global Local		
	Kids Area		
	Community		
	Philharmonia		
	Mela Carnival		
	Outdoor Arts		
	<b>Sub Total</b>		£ 421,523.62
	<b>Contingency</b>		£0
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>		£ 421,523.62
	<b>INCOME</b>		
8000	Grants & Donations NON VAT	GLA Grant	£ 60,000.00
		ACE Grant	£ 30,000.00
		Ealing Council	£ 20,000.00
		Hounslow Council	£ 20,000.00
		GLA Eid funding	£ 20,000.00
8200	Ticket Sales Income (inc. handling fee) VAT		
8211	Traffic Orders NON BUSINESS		
8211	Trading Rent/Park Hires (inc. F&C) EXEMPT		
8200	Equip Hires & Trading Misc (Power & Furniture) VAT		
8330	Sponsorship (inc.donations) VAT		

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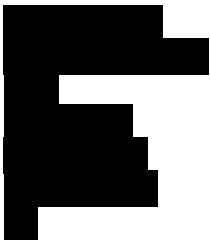


Sub Total	£ 2,830	1100
Total	£ 33,030	£ 30,050
Contingency @ 5%	£ 1,652	
Total	£ 34,682	
<b>Total including support in kind</b>		

Name	Role	Fee
Kiel Devalera	Videographer	£ 13,139.00

## RP Extras

[REDACTED]



Total



2950

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TOTAL

**£6,629.00**

TOTAL

**£6,992.00**

TOTAL

**£3,917.00**

**OVERALL TOTAL**

**£56,581.00**

Total

**£67,661.00**

# 1068 08 - London Mela 2010

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1068 08 - London Mela 2009

CODE	CODE DESCRIPTION	ITEM BREAKDOWN	ESTIMATE / QUOTE	NOTES
	<b>STAFFING COSTS</b>			
2960	Freelancers/Consultants			
	<b>PRODUCTION COSTS</b>			
1120	Electricity/Power	Power	£	
		Fuel		
1140	Water/Plumbing			
1470	Trakway			
	Grounds Maintenance			
2010	Site Vehicles/Vehicle Hire inc Plant, Machinery & Tools			
2710	Licences			
2760	Security/ FOH			
2800	Refuse Disposal/Cleaning			
2880	Health & Safety			
3230	Telehones/Mobiles/Fax/Radios/Comms			
3310	Materials: Signage Scrimms & Banners			
3335	Equipment Rental inc stages &			



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Artist

Fee

on costs

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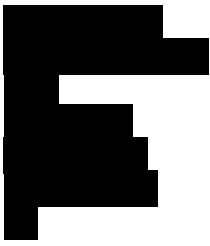
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Total

12390.49

420

12810.49



Total



2950

### BBC COSTS TO RE-CHARGE

**Version: 14.8.09 Final Version please delete previous versions**

**General event infrastructure costs (pre-agreed)**

The figure consists of three horizontal bar charts, one for 'TOTAL', 'Males', and 'Females'. Each chart shows the distribution of the number of children (0 to 10) for each gender. The y-axis for all charts is 'Number of children' with values 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. The x-axis represents the count of individuals.

Number of children	TOTAL	Males	Females
0	10	10	10
1	15	15	15
2	20	20	20
3	25	25	25
4	30	30	30
5	35	35	35
6	40	40	40
7	45	45	45
8	50	50	50
9	55	55	55
10	60	60	60

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### Ambulance costs

TOTAL	£115.00
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### Main Stage costs including programming

<p>A bar chart titled 'Number of people who have been vaccinated against COVID-19' comparing two groups across five age categories. The y-axis represents the number of people, ranging from 0 to 100 in increments of 20. The x-axis lists the age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, and 55+. The first series (lighter bars) shows approximately 75, 60, 50, 40, and 30 people respectively. The second series (darker bars) shows approximately 85, 70, 60, 50, and 40 people respectively.</p>	<p>A single dark bar representing the total number of people vaccinated, with a value of £25,354.95 indicated below it.</p>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£25,354.95</b>

### Security Costs

**Cash Costs**

Category	Cost (£)
TOTAL	£2,794.00

The horizontal bar chart displays the total cash costs across various categories. The longest bars represent 'Other' and 'Selling expenses', both at £1,680.00. Other significant categories include 'Transportation' (£1,000.00), 'Marketing' (£700.00), 'Production' (£500.00), 'Research & Development' (£400.00), 'Administrative' (£300.00), 'Distribution' (£200.00), 'Sales' (£100.00), and 'General' (£50.00).

**OVERALL TOTAL**

**£37,015.95**

## Mela 2008 Budget Summary

### EXPENDITURE

ARTISTS	£	35,500.00
PRODUCTION	£	120,000.00
MARKETING / PRINTING	£	11,500.00
PERSONNEL	£	92,000.00
CREW CATERING / ACCOMMODATION	£	17,000.00
TRAFFIC MGT & CAR PARKS & SEC	£	49,000.00
Total Expenditure	£	325,000.00

### INCOME

VARIOUS GRANTS - ACE ETC.	£	28,000.00
GLA GRANT	£	115,000.00
LONDON BOROUGH OF EALING	£	25,000.00
Total Income	£	325,000.00

\*In addition to direct sponsorship the BBC also offered valuable In Kind

Support which is not included above but outlined below:

DJs and Presenters	£	10,000.00
Video Screens /	£	15,000.00
BBC Officer time	£	15,000.00

1327 70	Mela 2007 Projection	PEOPLE WORKING ON THIS BUDGET: JR/AB/GC	
CODE	CODE DESCRIPTION	ITEM BREAKDOWN	Squeezed Projected
	EXPENDITURE		
	ARTISTS		
3530			
	PRODUCTION		
1120			
1140	Water/Plumbing		
1470	Grounds Maintenance & Park Hire		
1470	Fencing		
	Pit Barrier		
	Scaffolding		
2010	Site Vehicles/Vehicle Hire		
3362	Plant, Machinery & Tools		
3335	Stages		
3335	Lights + Video		
3335	PA		
3335	Stage Extras		

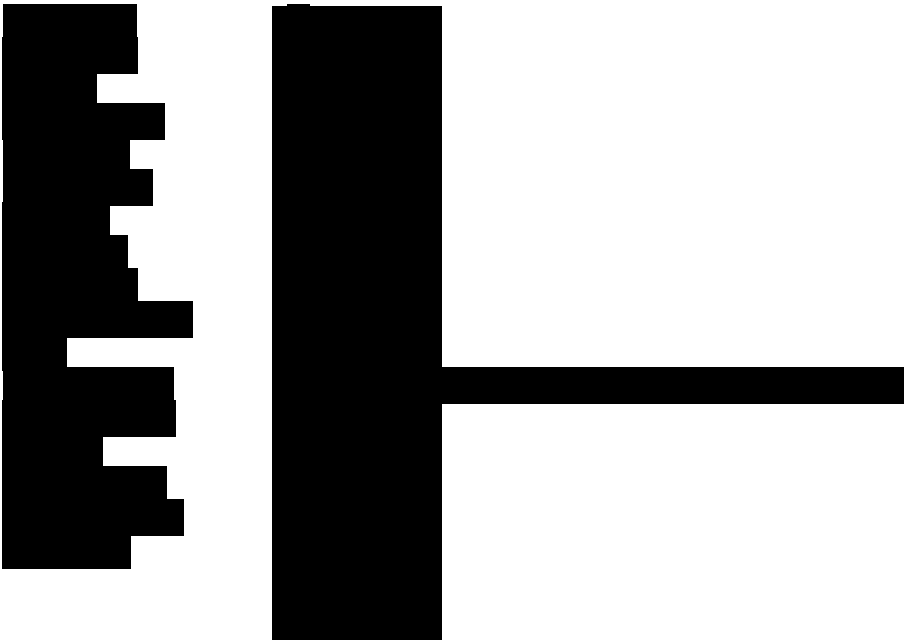


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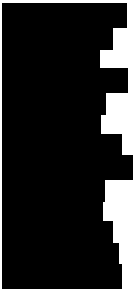
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			£	
	<b>Total Income</b>		£	<b>333,235.83</b>
			-£	16,812.46

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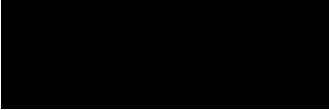
Site Crew Budget



Mon 6th    Tues 7th    Weds 8th    Thurs 9th    Fri 10th    Sat 11th    Sun 12th    Mon 13th    Tues 14th    Weds 15th    Thurs 16th



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£ 17,860

1327 70	Mela 2006 Projection	PEOPLE WORKING ON THIS BUDGET: JR/AB/GC	
CODE	CODE DESCRIPTION	ITEM BREAKDOWN	2006 Actual
	EXPENDITURE		
	ARTISTS		
3530	Artist Fees		
	PRODUCTION		
1120	Electricity/Power		
1140	Water/Plumbing		
1470	Grounds Maintenance & Park Hire		
335NOW1470	Fencing		
	Pit Barrier		
	Scaffolding		
2010	Site Vehicles/Vehicle Hire		
3362	Plant, Machinery & Tools		
actually 2010			
3335	Stages		
3335	Lights + Video		
3335	PA		
3335	Stage Extras		



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**ARTIST COSTS** (updated 12/9/06)

3530	PERFORMER/ACT	CONTACT NAME	£ FEE
	MAIN STAGE		

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£68,335.00

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£ 177,252.79



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**Overall Total: £12,731.42**









TOTAL

£13,300.00

	Sponsorship (inc.donations) VAT			
8756	Misc. Fees & Charges VAT			
8760	Misc. Fees & Charges (Inc.internal JT's) NON VAT			
		Greater London Authority	£ 117,500.00	
		Trading	£ 45,300.00	
8000	Grants & Donations NON VAT			
		Hounslow	£ 10,000.00	
		Arts Council England	£ 57,500.00	
			£	
	Income			
8200	Ticket Sales Income (inc. handling fee) VAT			