

The logo for Ealing Somali Welfare and Cultural Association (E.S.W.C.A.) is displayed in a stylized, outlined font. It is positioned within a white, cloud-like shape at the top of the page. The background of the entire page is a collage of urban scenes, including a brick building in the foreground and a dense city skyline with various skyscrapers in the background. A large orange diagonal stripe runs across the right side of the image.

E.S.W.C.A.

**Ealing Somali Welfare and  
Cultural Association**

**ANNUAL REPORT:  
2023-2024**



## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: 2023 - 2024**

As Chairman of the Ealing Somali Welfare and Cultural Association (ESWCA), I am pleased to present our annual report for the year 2023-2024. This has been a year of significant activity and reflection for our organization as we continue to address the pressing needs of the Somali community and other marginalized groups in Ealing.

This year, our efforts have been focused on collaborative work through the consortium model. By joining forces with other organizations, we have been able to deliver a broader range of services and amplify the impact of our work. Through these partnerships, we have supported over 600 beneficiaries with vital services, advice, and cultural initiatives that have empowered individuals and strengthened our community.

However, the cost-of-living crisis has had a devastating impact on the communities we serve. Many of our beneficiaries face increased financial strain, food insecurity, and energy poverty. As a small charity rooted in the heart of the community, we witness daily the growing challenges faced by disadvantaged and marginalized individuals. Our team has worked tirelessly to provide practical support, from financial advice to access to essential resources, but the scale of need continues to grow.

The coming year will undoubtedly bring new challenges. While we pride ourselves on our ability to identify and meet the evolving needs of our community, securing sustainable funding remains a significant hurdle. The demand for our services is increasing, and we are committed to rising to the occasion. To do so, we must continue to strengthen our partnerships, seek new funding opportunities, and find innovative ways to deliver impactful programs.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our partners, especially Ealing Council, for their ongoing support and collaboration. I also wish to acknowledge the outstanding work of our staff and volunteers, whose dedication and passion have been instrumental in achieving our goals. Their commitment to supporting over 600 beneficiaries this year has been nothing short of remarkable.

Finally, I would like to thank our community for trusting us to serve and represent their interests. Together, we can continue to build resilience, foster cultural understanding, and create opportunities for all.

### **Closing Statement**

As we reflect on the achievements of this year and prepare for the challenges ahead, I am filled with hope and determination. The Ealing Somali Welfare and Cultural Association will remain steadfast in its mission to support and uplift our community. With your support, we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Thank you.

Asha HASSAN Chair

Ealing Somali Welfare and Cultural Association

# OUR IMPACT

**600+**

**Beneficiaries  
Successfully  
Supported**

**88**

**Beneficiaries Avoided  
Homelessness**

**£76K**

**Generated for  
Beneficiaries**

**400+**

**Physically Inactive  
Residents Improved  
Their Mental and  
Physical Health**



# Our Objectives

- ADVANCE EDUCATION PARTICULARLY OF PERSONS OF SOMALI ORIGIN IN EALING, BY THE PROVISION OF LANGUAGE AND LITERACY CLASSES, AND BY THE PROMOTION OF THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF SOMALI PEOPLE WITHIN THE HOST COMMUNITY, AND IN SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE WAYS AS THE COMMITTEE MAY DETERMINE FROM TIME TO TIME.
- RELIEVE POVERTY, PARTICULARLY AMONGST PERSONS OF SOMALI ORIGIN IN EALING BY THE PROVISION OF ADVICE, INFORMATION AND SUPPORT IN THE AREAS OF WELFARE BENEFITS, HEALTH, HOUSING AND TRAINING.

## OUR Vision

ESWCA's vision is to contribute to a global alleviation of suffering and destitution experienced by those facing different challenges in life.

## OUR Mission

ESWCA's mission is to find workable and achievable solutions that meet the immediate needs of our beneficiaries





# PROJECT ACTIVITIES

## Community Connection Project

The aim of the service is to bring together the local community and provide support to the most vulnerable. Our project targets all sections of the community with a further aim of creating a platform for their voices to be heard and to be resilient in coping with life's challenges. The project has engaged with over 100 beneficiaries this year. The services provided are as follows;

- **Keep-fit and Healthy Eating sessions:** We organise keep fit sessions for women and girls with mixed abilities. We also run sessions on healthy lifestyle and nutrition.
- **General Information, Advice and Guidance:** Support provided to deal with welfare rights issues such as claiming for Universal Credit, Funeral and Grieving Payment support; confronting domestic violence; addressing debt and arrears (such as rent and council tax) issues; any other support required by users





# PROJECT ACTIVITIES

## Community Consultations

We continuously to talk to and listen to our beneficiaries and residents to understand their ever changing needs and to come up with workable solutions.

This year we have conducted the following consultations;

- Cost of Living Crisis
- Domestic Violence
- Carers and Their Needs





# Case Studies + User Insights

## Community Consultations

Mr A is 82yrs old and is from Nepal and a former Gurkha seeing over 30yrs of military action for the British Army rising to the position of major.

Mr A was facing homelessness and due to lack of support from any institution, he reached a point where he confided in us that he was finding living life a chore. We supported him secure sheltered accommodation and involved him in our community activities. Our intervention has transformed his life so much so that Mr A is now one of active volunteers supporting other Nepalese elders that come to our services.

### User Insights:

‘I am so relieved that I found ESWCA and they are now part of my family’ Mrs G

‘If it wasn’t for ESWCA I would have been sleeping on the streets by now’ Mr V





# EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

**1013717**





**EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

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## **EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

### **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

Ealing Somali Welfare and Cultural Association was founded in 1990 by the late Ahmed Hassan, who has since been awarded by Ealing Council for his works. It has been a registered charity since 1992.

ESWCA was established with the aim to advance education and relieve poverty, and promote the needs of the refugee community, in particular the Somali community in and around Ealing.

Over more than two decades following these objects and principles, we have assisted many new arrivals in adjusting to their new home, as well as provided assistance with translation, integration, education in the English language and other subjects, advice and advocacy, and other forms of support.

REGISTERED CHARITY NO:

**1013717**

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Northfields Community Centre,  
71A Northcroft Road  
West Ealing, London  
W13 9SS

#### **BANKERS**

NATWEST BANK  
EALING

#### **ACCOUNTANTS**



Unit 9, 194 FORE STREET, LONDON, N18 2JB



## **EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31 MARCH 2024**

The directors of the charitable company are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report and are collectively referred as trustees.

The appointed trustees are as follows:

ASHA HASSAN – Chair Person  
ALI ABDI - Treasurer  
SAMIRA HIRAD - Secretary

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (ESWCA) is a registered charity with the charity commission and managed and led by its board of trustees.

The board and individual trustees take collective responsibility for its decisions.

The chair provides leadership to the board and takes responsibility for ensuring the board has agreed priorities, appropriate structures, processes and a productive culture and has trustees who are able to govern well and therefore add value to the charity.

The board of trustees makes sure that there are proper arrangements for the appointment, supervision, support, appraisal, remuneration of the charity's staff.

The charity has also in place a proper framework for the recruitment, support and supervision of the charity's volunteers.

All decisions relating to the governance and management of the charity are taken and approved by the trustees collectively.

EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (ESWCA) engages in partnership with many other organisations and charitable companies, but this does not have an impact on the operational policies adopted by the charity.

The relationships between the charity, related parties, and with other charities and organisations are solely in the pursuit of its aims and objectives as clearly indicated in the organisation's governing document.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

The charity manages its exposure to unexpected risks that the charity may face such as adverse changes in funding and other adverse events that may have a significant impact or the potential to inhibit areas of its charity operations in developing and putting in place effective and efficient mitigating measures.



**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**A SUMMARY OF THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY AIMS AS SET OUT IN ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENT:**

- **ADVICE AND ADVOCACY SESSIONS**  
Providing information, advice and guidance in a number of areas including: Housing, Welfare Rights, Pensions, Disability services, Form filling, Translation Services
- **HEALTH AWARENESS PROJECT**  
A number of initiatives to improve health and health awareness, including: Weekly women's groups, Health awareness talks and discussions, Keep fit sessions for the elderly and their carers, Khat awareness (partnered with Neighbourly Care)
- **ELDERS' PROJECTS**  
A range of projects benefiting the elderly in partnership with Neighbourly Care and GOSAD, including: Socialisation for the elderly and their carers (lunch clubs and social events), Keep fit sessions for the elderly and their carers, Home visits from volunteers.
- **ESOL CLASSES**  
Beginner's ESOL classes, open to all.
- **YOUNG WOMENS' PROJECT**  
Project for the benefit of young women, 18-25; Socialisation, Health Awareness, Advice.



**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view of the organisation's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of each financial year.

In doing so, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgments and reasonable and prudent judgments
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it's inappropriate to presume that the organisation will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial comply with applicable laws, regulations and the trust deeds.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities including money laundering.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

ASHA HASSAN

ALI ABDI

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**Chair**

**EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF ESWCA**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (ESWCA) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT:**

As the charity trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT:**

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records; or
- The accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Yousif Abdi – Certified Accountant

Date: 16/12/2024



# EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	TOTAL FUNDS £ 2024	TOTAL FUNDS £ 2023
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Voluntary Income/Grants	(1)	-	31,250	31,250	35,000
Legacies		-	-	-	-
Gifts in Kind		-	-	-	-
Investment Income		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities		-	-	-	-
Other Incoming Resources		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources:</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>31,250</b>	<b>31,250</b>	<b>35,000</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>					
Costs for generating funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities		-	(14,648)	(14,648)	(20,026)
Operating Costs		-	(10,486)	(10,486)	(15,996)
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED:</b>	(2)	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(25,134.0)</b>	<b>(25,134.0)</b>	<b>(36,022.0)</b>
Net Surplus/Deficit for the year		0	6,116	6,116	(1,022)
Opening funds Transfer of funds		0	15,940	15,940	16,962
Transfer of funds		0	0	0	0
<b>CLOSING FUNDS:</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>22,056</b>	<b>22,056</b>	<b>15,940</b>

# EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

BALANCE SHEET			
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024			
EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (ESWCA)			
	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>			
COMPUTER	(3)	770	770
LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		(676)	(483)
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>		<b>94</b>	<b>287</b>
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>			
BANK	(4)	22,312	16,003
PREPAYMENTS		-	-
DEBTORS		-	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>22,312</b>	<b>16,003</b>
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
CREDITORS	(6)	(350)	(350)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>22,056</b>	<b>15,940</b>
<b><u>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</u></b>			
RESTRICTED FUNDS	(7)	22,056	15,940
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22,056</b>	<b>15,940</b>

Approved by the board on 18/12/2024 and signed on behalf of the board by:

ASHA HASSAN- Chair

ALI ABDI - Treasurer

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**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

- 1a) The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investment, which are valued at the prevailing market prices. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the statement of Recommended Practice-Accounting and reporting by charities (SORP2005) issued in March 2005, applicable UK accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparations of the financial statements are set out below.

1b) **INCOMING RESOURCES:**

Voluntary income includes donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of general nature are recognised where there is entitlement, certainly of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Such income is only deferred when:

- The Donor specified that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods, or
- The Donor has imposed conditions, which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.
- Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned as the related goods and services are provided.
- Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income received under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions is recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided). Grant income includes in the category provided funding to support performance activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainly of receipts and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- Income is deferred when admission fees or performance related grants are received in advance of the performances or event to which they relate.

1c) **RESOURCES EXPENDED:**

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred. Contractual agreements and performance related grants are recognised as goods or services are supplied. Other grant payments are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that result in the payment being unavoidable.

- o Cost of generating funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.
- o Charitable activities including expenditure associated with the activities are included the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities.
- o Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1d) **RESTRICTED FUNDS:**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as lay down by the founder. Direct and support expenditure, which meets these criteria, is defined to the fund together with a fair allocation of other costs.

# EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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## 1e) UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:

Unrestricted funds are funds received with no restrictions placed in their expenditure and are available as general funds.

- 1f) Revenue grants are credited to incoming resources on the earlier of when they are received on when they are due.

## NOTE 1

### VOLUNTARY INCOME

DONORS	RESTRICTED INCOME	UNRESTRICTED INCOME	TOTAL 2024 (£)	TOTAL 2023 (£)
Community Connections Grant	11,250.00	-	11,250.00	-
Reaching Communities (GOSAD)	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
LB EALING		-		15,000.00
		-	-	
		-	-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,250.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,250.00</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>

## NOTE 2

EXPENSE	RESTRICTED FUNDS (£)	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS (£)	TOTAL - 2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Charitable Activities	14,648.00		14,648.00	20,026.00
Salaries	8,223.00		8,223.00	0.00
Office Costs	420.00		420.00	6,360.00
Insurance			0.00	157.00
Professional Services	1,450.00		1,450.00	350.00
Depreciation		193.00	193.00	193.00
Software costs			0.00	6.00
Adjustments		200.00	200.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,741.00</b>	<b>393.00</b>	<b>25,134.00</b>	<b>27,092.00</b>



**NOTE 3****Tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets costing in excess of £500 are capitalised and are shown at historical cost. Depreciation is provided, after taking into account of any grants receivable. Tangible fixed assets are depreciated at 20% reducing balance.

	£
At Cost 01/04/2023	770
Additions	-
Disposals	-
Revaluations	-
Transfers	-
As at 31 March 2024	<u>770</u>
<b>Depreciation:</b>	
Accumulated Depreciation as at 01/04/2023	(483)
Charge for the year	<u>(193)</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>(676)</u>
Net Book Value at 31 March 2024	<u><b>94</b></u>

**NOTE 4****CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

The charity has a cash balance of £22,312 in its bank account as at 31 March 2024

**NOTE 5****ACCRUALS/ CREDITORS**

Accounting Fees :	<u>£350</u>
	<u>£350</u>

**NOTE 6****FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD**

The charity has carried forward a total funds of £22,056 to the next financial year.

**Taxation**

The charitable company is exempt from taxation under sections 466 to 493 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010

## **EALING SOMALI WELFARE AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

### **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

#### **Cash flow statement**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from producing a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company

#### **TRUSTEES EXPENSES**

The trustees neither received nor waived any emoluments during the period  
Trustees claimed for travelling expenses during the year. These amounted to £  
£Nil).

#### **ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

#### **LEASE COMMITMENTS**

#### **GOVERNANCE COSTS**

The trustees have elected not to claim any expenses from the charity in the conduct of their duties for the financial year ended March 2023

#### **RELATED PARTIES**

There are no related party transactions to be disclosed.

**END**