

ANNUAL REPORT 2025 - 2026

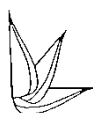


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●● Introduction ●●



Dostiyo is a voluntary organisation run by and for Asian women and men and is governed by a signed Constitution. Over the past 48 years Dostiyo has become established as a service provider predominantly for Asian women in Northamptonshire and is gradually expanding both in number of workers and services provided.

The organisation has provided services to local Asian women and communities offering support and advice on a wide range of issues. It actively works towards enabling full participation of Asian women and men in social activities and overcome cultural, religious, physical and social barriers. It addresses the needs of local Asian women and girls in a relaxed and friendly manner in a sensitive, confidential and safe environment.

Dostiyo offers comprehensive overview of the needs for service development for Asian Communities and promoting access to services, transcending racial, religious, linguistic and cultural issues since 1979. Dostiyo also serves as an infrastructure development agency for Asian communities by supporting to set up Self Help groups managed by Volunteers, Constitution, gain

charity status etc within Northampton and Wellingborough including Zindgani Asian Men's Group, Sakhi Milaap Ladies Group, Milaap Group Wellingborough, Saheli Group and Dostiyo Community Fridge.

Working to overcome barriers Asian men and women face in their daily lives, Dostiyo provides them with opportunities for self-development, build their confidence and capacity and most importantly, help them on the path of self-help.

MISSION STATEMENT:

“To promote effective citizenship of Asian women and men regardless of age, religion, ethnicity, cast or creed, by helping them overcome barriers to accessing much needed services”

●● Current Service Provision ●●

Currently Dostiyo provides Advocacy, support, guidance, information and counselling through its main activities, including:

- Advocacy, advice and support to Asian women and men and/or their families.
- Welfare Advice on issues such as benefits, pension, housing, appeals
- Supporting people into Employment, Education and Training
- Mental Health Support and promote independent living.
- Weekly Wellbeing café's.
- Community Fridge and Community café
- Employment Support
- Day Care and various classes for the elderly and disabled women and men.
- Volunteering Opportunities

The organisation's aim of ensuring a dedicated approach to a service request means that regularly members are encouraged and supported to access activities that meet their needs.

Dostiyo's ultimate objective is to conciliate and improve this position, through close and active multi-agency working that would eventually provide effective citizenship and equality.

●● Project Scope and Objectives ●●

Dostiyo aims to provide the highest quality services to Asian communities for the benefit of Asian women their families and extended families.

Its core principles are:

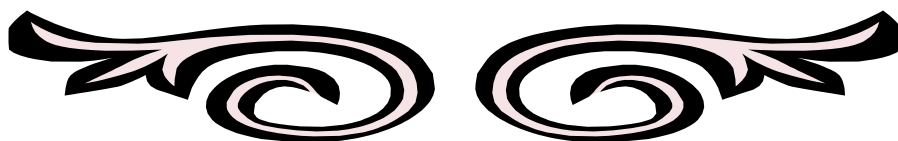
- Attacking barriers of isolation that Asian communities experience;
- Promoting access to services, transcending racial, religious, linguistic and cultural issues;
- Promoting self-help, advocacy and information in the community;
- Promoting the well being of women and their families;

It does this by:

- Providing services to women and men of all ages.
- Targeting its services to those who have the greatest needs.
- Promoting equality of opportunity within the organisation and through partnerships.
- Valuing staff and volunteers and opening new avenues of thinking and creating opportunities for Asian women to become financially independent.

Dostiyo provides services in varied areas:

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| □ Clinical Negligence | □ Family |
| □ Community Care | □ Housing |
| □ Education | □ Mental Health Support |
| □ Wellbeing Cafe | □ Befriending Service |
| □ Employment Support | □ Older People |
| □ Welfare Benefits | □ Volunteering |
| □ Workshops and Training | □ One to One Support |
| | □ Community Fridge |



DOSTIYO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair

Anjona Roy

Secretary

Saroj Padhiar

Treasurer

Farhat Lateef

Committee Members

Kusum Bakrania
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Advocacy Worker (Northampton)

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Sonal Patel

Wellingborough

Jaya Tailor

Community Fridge Workers

Saiyara Chowdhury

Vanisha Patel



•• CHAIR'S REPORT ••

Anjona Roy

Across the country 2024/25 delivered more concerns about the cost of living, more patchy delivery of public service (in particular social care), increases in inequalities in our communities and increased hostility toward all black communities. All of these factors created a challenging environment in which to function.

We have benefitted from signification core support and development which has enable us to move to a more formal and robust governance document for us to work within.

Our organisation has also responded by looking to develop further initiatives such as our community café which has brought in more people volunteering and taking advantage of our centre.

Our thanks as a committee as always go to the committed and dedicated staff not forgetting our essential and passionate volunteers without whom we simply would not achieve even a small proportion of what we have achieved.

•• TREASURER'S REPORT ••

Farhat Lateef

The treasurer is responsible for keeping proper records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organisation and to ensure that the accounts comply with the requirement outlined with the Accounting for Charities and policies for the Constitution.

The management have reviewed the internal controls during the year and found them to be in generally accordance with the charities commission guidelines and appropriate actions have been put in place in the few areas that required attention

Last year, we have secured our core services and endeavour to ensure that our services will continue to support women and the broader community. The organisation has been exploring various ways of generating income.

Members nominate trustees for Annual elections. Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. New trustees are offered an induction meeting within 6 weeks. In this way we hope all staff, volunteers and trustees will benefit from formal induction into the organisation.

Balance at the end of year 2025 is £ out of which £ is Restricted Funds and rest are Designated Funds. Dostiyo has adopted a Reserves Policy with a rationale to maintain sufficient level of reserves to enable normal operating activities to continue over a period of up to 6 months should a shortfall in income occur and to take account of potential risks and contingencies that may arise from time to time.

Thanks to Lorraine Scullion for preparing the accounts efficiently and to Leo Book Keeping Services Ltd carrying out our independent examination.

Signed

..Farhat Lateef.....

Date: ..10/11/2025.....

•• CENTRE MANAGER ••

Deepa Bakrania

I am pleased to present the Annual Report for the year 2024–25. This year has been one of steady progress, renewed engagement, and forward momentum for Dostiyo as we continue our long-standing commitment to empowering Asian women and girls in our community. Through our programmes in health, education, wellbeing, and cultural integration, we have fostered resilience, confidence, and meaningful connections among the women and families we serve.

While challenges remained, particularly the ongoing cost-of-living pressures and growing demand for support, we approached this year with greater strength and clarity. Funding constraints continued to test our capacity, yet through dedicated planning, successful grant applications, and strengthened relationships with partners, we were able to deliver a wide range of essential services. We expanded our wellbeing programmes, increased support for women facing financial hardship, and delivered targeted initiatives around physical and mental health to ensure no one felt isolated or unsupported.

Our work across Northampton and Wellingborough has continued to grow. We saw a significant rise in participation, with more women and girls attending activities, sharing experiences, and finding comfort and empowerment through community connection. The development of local self-help groups run and supported by volunteers remains a central part of our mission, and Dostiyo continues to act as an anchor organisation providing guidance, training, and infrastructure support to these grassroots efforts.

A major milestone this year has been our progress toward becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This transition represents an important step in strengthening our governance, sustainability, and long-term impact.

Despite the challenges, our commitment remains unwavering. We move forward with pride in our achievements and deep gratitude to everyone who has supported us throughout the year. Below is the full report for 2024–25.

❖ **MILAP GROUP (Wellingborough)**

The Milap Group has continued to grow in strength and community spirit throughout 2024–25. Now in its 13th year, the group remains managed and supported by dedicated volunteers, service users, and Dostiyo staff.

Milap is now a mixed-gender, inclusive group, open to all communities, bringing people together to promote cultural integration, wellbeing, and social connection.

The group meets every Wednesday and Friday, 10:30–12:30 at the Victoria Centre and currently has around 40 active members, with attendance steadily increasing as more people hear about our services.

RANGE OF SERVICES :

- Encourage and enhance independent living
- Living with safety measures in place
- Promoting independent living
- Encouraging members to befriend other members outside the group
- Guidance and advice for welfare benefits and sign posting
- Supporting them to participate in the wider community
- Supporting members to learn new skills (i.t. or mobile phones)
- Therapeutic and recreational activities (arts & crafts, cooking, bingo, word search, board games)
- Chair-based physical exercise and wellbeing sessions
- Day trips, outings, and short breaks to support carers
- 1-to-1 chats and emotional support when needed

Activities and Achievements This Year

- Continued to welcome members from all backgrounds, supporting wider community integration
- Wellbeing-focused physical sessions using chairs to support those with mobility challenges
- Joint trip to the seaside with Northampton group
- Annual Navratri fundraising event for the Victoria Centre
- Celebrations of Eid, Diwali, Christmas, and regular birthday celebrations
- Held memorials and death anniversaries for members, offering comfort and cultural recognition
- Strengthened links with partner organisations including Food Sharers, Eco Group, Victoria Centre and Glamis Hall, ensuring access to clothing, food, and essential items
- Ongoing support through welfare calls, food hampers, signposting, and warm-pack donations to help members facing the cost-of-living crisis

The steering group is always looking ways to secure funding for the rent, also to develop further services to responds to the needs of our members.

WELLINGBOROUGH ‘ MILAP’ USERS EQUAL OPPS MONITORING 2024 – 2025

Ethnicity	18 - 59	60+	Disability	Numbers
Bangladeshi	2		Mental Health	5
Indian	3	16	Heart problem	3
Pakistani	2	1	Hearing and Sight	3
Afro Caribbean	2	4	Mobility	7
Nigerian		2	Age related problems	26

White English	3	5		
TOTAL	12	28		

THERE IS STILL A GREAT NEED TO CONTINUE

Members are struggling to eat a healthy diet and keep warm (winter) due to increase in cost of living. We feel there is a need to develop further support such as:

- 1) Welfare Calls (members not well living on their own)
- 2) Donation of Food Hampers and essentials
- 3) Target support on Cost of Living Criss

FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

Families have expressed heartfelt appreciation for the way Dostiyo celebrates birthdays and marks significant moments with love and respect. New members have shared how welcome they felt, with many reporting improved confidence, reduced loneliness, and better overall wellbeing.

One participant shared:

"The support has kept me connected and positive. Without the group I would feel lonely and isolated. Being here has improved my wellbeing in every way."

❖ 'SAHELI' GROUP (NORTHAMPTON)

Since the formation of Saheli group it continues to provide a very strong, sound and consistent platform to befriend and support to over 50 Asian older and disabled women. These women have more than one medical conditions, some of them have recovered or are recovering from serious illnesses. During the two-day group sessions Saheli provides a platform to forge new friendships befriend those who fall in dire circumstances. There has been remarkable improvement in their mental and physical health because of the social interaction and emotional warmth. They feel less lonely and depressed, much happier, motivated and valued. All members are encouraged and empowered to take an active part in group discussions which has given them the opportunities to build their self-confidence, self-esteem and rekindled their dormant skills in planning, organising and implementing their decisions.

Volunteers managing the project are encouraged to be involved in leading and developing the project. They feel more in control and sense of ownership of the activities, through their contribution to the project design, delivery and development. The Saheli project demonstrates just how important their existence is. The absolute importance cultural protection alongside integration opportunities in wider groups. It further demonstrated how exercise is understood to help both physical and mental stability, but without a safe space (that enables those to remain fully clothed including head scarves) then this would not be an opportunity. The women recognised how detrimental this would be to not only themselves, but their wider family networks.

Building on the infrastructural development with the Saheli women's group will ensure schemes such as community fridge, community cafe, service design and the addressing of everchanging disproportionality of challenges facing new and existing communities in Northampton are sustained and addressed.

❖ COMMUNITY CAFE:

Dostiyo supported Saheli group to help shape their vision of developing a community café as a further development of community fridge. With the help of pilot funding from Northamptonshire community foundation and capital funding from Nationwide building society, we inaugurated a community cafe on **17/10/24**, opened by the Mayor of Northampton. Supported by passionate volunteers, it runs twice a week, offering *freshly cooked Indian snacks* and hot food that helps people bond over cultural flavours. The space encourages social integration, giving everyone a warm welcome and a taste of shared heritage. Alongside food access, the initiative creates meaningful opportunities, from skill-sharing in cooking to teamwork, confidence building, and community leadership. Volunteers help design the menu, making the café a true reflection of community needs, creativity, and collaboration.

The Saheli Group would like to thank the Reaching Communities-The National Lottery and Sarah Kent for the funding and support provided throughout the Saheli Women's Project duration.

❖ **COMMUNITY FRIDGE:**

The community fridge initiative aims to reduce food waste and support those in need by providing a shared space for donated food. Dostiyo Community Fridge is accessible to everyone and our fridges are stocked with surplus items from Co-op, Sainsbury's, Lidl and Aldi. People in the community are encouraged to take what they need, ensuring that no one goes hungry while minimising food waste. Dostiyo Community Fridge were also awarded Lidl's Toy Bank to distribute toys over Christmas.

Saheli group volunteers help maintain the fridge, ensuring cleanliness and safety. The project promotes a spirit of generosity and solidarity, fostering connections among neighbours while addressing food insecurity and environmental concerns. Community fridges play a vital role in building stronger, more resilient communities and is hoping to develop into a warm space, community café as future aspiration.

In year 2024-25, Total of 3600 kg of Food has been rescued and redistributed with nearly 50-60 people very week.

❖ **DAYCARE AND WELLBEING ACTIVITIES:**

At Dostiyo Day Care Services, our mission is to empower elderly members of our community to maintain their independence and live fulfilling lives. We recognize that there are few mainstream organizations offering similar services but not tailored specifically for the Asian community, and our goal is to fill that vital gap.

Many of our members face language barriers, which can make it challenging to access the support they need. Our services provide a welcoming environment where they can meet new people, make friends, and build a sense of community.

In addition to physical activities, we organise adult learning classes, wellbeing workshops and engaging activities such as day trips, holidays abroad, and various social events, helping our members stay active, connected, and joyful.

We are dedicated to supporting individuals in preserving, enhancing, and relearning essential life skills and social abilities. Our services are customized to meet the unique needs of each person, including those with physical disabilities, mental health conditions, or dementia, ensuring they receive compassionate and respectful support

Our Services Include:

- **Day Support & Activities:** A wide variety of engaging activities such as keep fit, Zumba, Bollywood dance classes, yoga and more, all tailored to the individual needs of our service users.
- **Specialised Care for the Vulnerable Elderly:** Focused support for seniors with complex needs, helping them maintain a high quality of life within their community.
- **Skill Development & Personal Growth:** Providing opportunities to acquire new skills, explore new lifestyles, and maximize personal potential.
- **Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:** A variety of workshops and programs designed to promote health and wellness among our members.

Referrals to the Dostiyo Day Centre are received from a range of healthcare professionals, including social prescribers. However, a significant portion of our referrals comes through word-of-mouth, underscoring the strong community trust and reputation we have established.

Educational Courses and Strategic Partnerships

In collaboration with the NNC and WNC Adult Learning teams, we offer a diverse range of educational courses throughout the year. These courses provide our members with the opportunity to develop new skills, form meaningful friendships, and alleviate feelings of isolation. Feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly regarding our mathematics courses, which have proven exceptionally popular.

Over the past year, we have recruited a substantial number of new members because of these successful programs.

Trips

Dostiyo has a tradition of arranging short and long trips for the members at a very competitive price.

Our seaside trip to Bournemouth was a huge success and our members have always supported these trips in large numbers. We organised for very first time self-funded Mediterranean cruise holiday in June 2024 was well attended by 20 people giving them a unique opportunity they would not otherwise have been able to experience

Volunteer Help and Activities

The Centre is grateful for the services of its Volunteers, whose commitment and time, freely given, greatly assists the work of our staff. Thanks also to other staff, supporters, and the community, who enable us to continue with our much-needed service.

This year more than 45 volunteers have been actively involved supporting the group activities, befriending, emotional support, or checking in on people, and your efforts have proved to be invaluable. The relevant support worker provided much needed supervision to enable the volunteers to gain much needed valuable experience in administrative duties and through their active participation supporting service users they acquired people and communication skills. This opened the gates to explore opportunities in paid employment. Last year the volunteers supported nearly 3700 volunteering hours at Dostiyo

6 volunteers attended Food and Safety Hygiene course and received accreditation. 3 volunteers attended Basic First Aid training.

Celebratory Events

We observe all important cultural events at Dostiyo which have always ensured good attendances and interest. We provide regular weekly physical activity and variety of other activities and workshops. Some of the health-related activities we have provided over the past year include:

NORTHAMPTON'S SAHEL' GROUP USERS EQUAL OPPS MONITORING 2024 – 2025

Ethnicity	18 - 59	60+	Disability	Numbers
Bangladeshi	14	4	Mental Health	9
Indian	9	72	Heart problem	17
Pakistani	12	8	Hearing and Sight	2
Other		3	Mobility	28
			Age related problems	63
TOTAL	35	90		

NORTHAMPTON: Day Care Activities 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

DATE	ACTIVITIES
May 2nd, 9th 16th 23rd	Computers for beginners by Judy and Hazzel Adult Learning

June 13 th , 20 th , 27 th July 4 th and 11 th	Cookery classes by Rashmita and Hazel, Adult learning
Sept 14 th , 21 st , 28 th , Oct 3 rd , 10 th & 17 th	Dress making by Nicola /Hazel Adult Learning
Nov 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th & 5 th December	Arts and Crafts by Hazel Adult Learning
Jan 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th & Feb 6 th 13 th	Cookery classes by Rashmita and Hazel, Adult learning
Feb 20 th , 27 th	Dress making by Nicola /Hazel Adult Learning
March 6 th , 13 th , 20 th 27 th	Jewellery making by Nicola/ Hazel Adult Learning
April 17 th	Jewellery making by Nicola/ Hazel Adult Learning
<u>April 2024- March 2025</u>	
10.00am - 12.00pm	ESOL every Monday
11am -12.00pm	Keep Fit Class every Wednesday
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Wellbeing Café Every Wednesday
11am – 1.00 pm	Community Fridge Every Wednesday
11am – 12.00 pm	Yoga /Bollywood dance classes every Thursday
12pm – 2.00 pm	Various workshops and classes
11am – 1.00 pm	Community Fridge Every Thursday
<u>Training</u>	
23 rd 2024- 31 st March 2025	Employability course
<u>Celebrations</u>	
13/02/2025	Valentines' day
13/13/2024	Mother's Day
18/04/2024	Eid Party
22/08/2024	Raksha bandhan celebrations
29/08/2024	Janmashtami celebration
10/10/2024	Navratri Celebrations
10/11/2024	Diwali Party
<u>Trips</u>	
27/07/2024 – 02/07/2024	Self funded 7 day Mediterranean Cruise
23/08/2024	Bournemouth Sea Side Day Trip

❖ Employability Project

We received funding from West Northants Council and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to support individuals on their journey towards employment and greater independence. Our project focused on assisting unemployed and economically inactive individuals to build confidence and develop skills that improve their employability. Through personalised support, we have helped participants access educational opportunities, relevant training courses, and work experience placements tailored to their needs.

Many individuals have benefitted from guidance in job searching and applications, resulting in successful paid employment in diverse sectors including Banking, Cleaning, and Retail. Additionally, several participants have gained valuable experience through volunteering placements across a variety of settings.

Recognising that some participants required more holistic support, we also provided Advocacy services, assistance with claiming Benefits, Mentoring, and wellbeing support to address personal and systemic barriers to employment.

In partnership with Adult Learning, we delivered an Employability course covering essential topics such as CV writing, covering letters, job searches, job applications, and interview skills, equipping participants with practical tools to enhance their job readiness.

SERVICES PROVIDED: OUTCOMES	TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
Number of people supported to build CV and help with form filling	23
Number of people supported to engage in active job searching	35
Effective working between keyworkers and additional services	31
Number of economically inactive people engaging with keyworker support services	18
Number of socially excluded people accessing support	18
Number of active or sustained participants in community groups because of support	35
Number of people accessing mental and physical health support leading to employment	1
Number of people supported to participate in education	15
Number of people with basic skills (English, maths, digital and ESOL)	35
Number of people receiving support to gain employment	35
Number of volunteering opportunities supported	3
Number of people attending training sessions	15
Number of economically inactive individuals in receipt of benefits they are entitled to following support	18

❖ **ESOL CLASSES**

We have continued to offer weekly English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes at both basic and intermediate levels. These classes are conducted in partnership with Adult Learning, which provides a qualified tutor, alongside our dedicated volunteer tutor.

Our learners are highly motivated to improve their language skills, and the classes provide not only educational benefits but also an opportunity to build friendships and integrate into the local community. This supportive environment fosters both personal and social development, empowering participants to engage more confidently in their everyday lives.

❖ **Black Women's Domestic Abuse Group (BWDAG)**

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting women in need, Dostiyo is an active member of the Black Women's Domestic Abuse Group (BWDAG), a coalition of organisations dedicated to supporting Black women who have experienced domestic abuse. Our committee meets every two months to coordinate efforts, organise events, and stay updated on both national and local developments. The group's mission is to improve access to services and remove the barriers that Black women face when seeking support for domestic abuse.

On 8th March, we celebrated International Women's Day with a successful brunch event at the Franklin Gardens. The event featured guest speakers, an artist, and ample networking opportunities. We are planning further events this year to continue our efforts. BWDAG remains "United to make all women's voices heard," with Dostiyo working alongside partners such as Creating Equalz, Eve, NDAS, NREC, Northants Police, and Power of the Mind.

❖ Food Hampers

We received funding from Northamptonshire Community Foundation, and we were able to provide culturally appropriate food hampers to our service users who were in receipt of means tested benefits. The hampers included essential items such as spices, pulses, cooking oil, rice, and lentils; foods that reflect the dietary preferences and cultural needs of the communities we support. This initiative helped to ease some of the financial pressures faced by low income households, ensuring that families had access to nutritious and familiar food during challenging times.

We distributed 52 hampers ensuring that families receive the right nourishment, delivered with respect for their unique traditions and needs.

❖ Mayor's Fund for the Housebound

This year marked our fifth participation in the Mayor's Fund for the Housebound initiative, through which a £30 gift and a Christmas card from the Mayor were personally delivered to 20 of our most vulnerable service users. The recipients, all residents of Northampton, met strict criteria, including being isolated, housebound, and living in their own homes. We are proud to be part of this initiative, and the heartfelt appreciation from those who received the gifts speaks to the positive impact it has on the community.

❖ Vodafone Everyone Connected Initiative

As part of our efforts to promote digital inclusion, we partnered with Vodafone's *Everyone Connected* initiative, which provided free SIM cards to our clients and volunteers. This support has been instrumental in enabling service users to access essential online services, manage benefit claims, search for employment, and stay in touch with family and support networks. These factors contribute significantly to overall wellbeing and social connections.

The initiative has also had a notable impact on children within our service users' households by supporting their ability to complete schoolwork, develop digital skills, and participate more fully in education. This partnership has helped address digital exclusion and delivered meaningful, practical benefits across different age groups within the community.

❖ ADVOCACY and ADVICE:

This year has been another particularly demanding period for our advice services, largely due to the continued rollout of Universal Credit and the transition from legacy Benefits. Many of our service users face significant barriers, including limited digital skills and language difficulties, making it harder for them to navigate these complex changes independently. As a result, tailored, one-to-one support has been critical in helping individuals understand and navigate the new system.

We have also seen a marked increase in individuals seeking support with disability related Benefits, including Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and Attendance Allowance. These Benefits are vital for those living with long term physical/mental health conditions, and our assistance has been instrumental in helping clients access the financial support they need and are entitled to.

In addition, the sustained rise in the cost of living, including increases in food prices, energy bills, and general household expenses has left many households facing acute financial hardship. In response, we have prioritised income maximisation strategies, ensuring clients are fully informed about their entitlements and supported in accessing all available sources of financial assistance.

As the population continues to age, there is a growing demand for support services to address increasing care needs. Our organisation has played a key role in facilitating access to Adult Social Care services for older adults, ensuring they receive appropriate assistance. Additionally, we have enabled individuals to obtain essential aids and adaptations that promote independent living and enhance safety within their own homes. These interventions contribute significantly to improving quality of life and reducing the need for institutional care. In addition to supporting individuals requiring care, carers themselves have been provided with targeted support aimed at enhancing their health and wellbeing. Recognising the critical role of carers, these measures aim to alleviate caregiver strain and foster sustainable caregiving, ensuring carers are better equipped to continue their vital role within the community.

Our Advice services continue to play a crucial role in helping people improve their financial resilience, physical and mental wellbeing during increasingly challenging times.

❖ Independent Age Grant

Dostiyo secured funding for 3 year contract to provide welfare and debt advice service that helps maximise household income, promote good practice, and support clients in accessing essential services for older people over 60 years.

The support offers:

- Improving access to benefits and welfare rights services
- Providing one-to-one casework support
- Offering housing support and advocacy
- Linking clients with group work and local community connections
- Signposting and referring vulnerable groups to appropriate services

STATISTICS FOR 2025 – 2026 NORTHAMPTON and WELLINGBOROUGH

National Origin	Number	Female	Male	Linguistic Background
Bangladeshi	151	125	26	Bengali
Indian	119	99	20	Gujarati, Hindi, and Punjabi
Pakistani	25	22	3	Urdu
Other	20	9	11	Dari, English, Pashto, Somali, Turkish
Total	315	255	60	

BREAKDOWN OF SERVICE DELIVERY NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 2024 – 2025

SERVICES PROVIDED	NUMBERS
Community Care	12
Cost of Living	146
Debt	36
Disability	27
Domestic Abuse	14
ESOL	27
Employability	47
Housing	54
Mayor's Fund for the Housebound	20
Mental Health	72
Safeguarding	2
Occupational Therapy referrals	7

Bereavement Support	5
Welfare Benefits Casework	192
Other	53

CASE STUDIES:

1. Accessing Social Care

We have been supporting a widow who lives alone and recently experienced a fall at home, resulting in a hand injury that left her temporarily housebound. This significantly impacted on her ability to manage daily tasks and personal care, leading to a decline in her emotional wellbeing, as she had previously been quite independent. In response, we helped her access a short term care package through Adult Social Care and have continued to provide both practical and emotional support. To ease the burden, we also delivered a food hamper and provided freshly cooked meals from our Community Café.

We are pleased to share that she is now gradually recovering and feeling more positive. Her outlook has improved, and she is regaining some of her independence with ongoing support.

2. Employability

We are providing ongoing support to a family who came to the UK on the Afghan resettlement scheme. When we first met the mother, a single parent, she was experiencing low self esteem and feelings of isolation. With gentle encouragement and consistent support, she enrolled in our Employability Project. Since joining the programme, her confidence has grown significantly. She has built a network of new friends and taken proactive steps toward her personal and professional development. Most recently, both she and her grown up daughter have successfully taken up the Level 2 Exercise Qualification, delivered in partnership with Northamptonshire Sport. This certification qualifies them to become exercise instructors, a major milestone in their journey toward independence and community involvement. Their achievement highlights the positive impact of targeted support and access to local opportunities, and we're excited to see what they accomplish next.

3. Welfare Benefits

We have been supporting a client with significant mental health needs. Following her Personal Independence Payment (PIP) review, her claim was initially refused. This decision had a detrimental impact on both her mental health and financial stability. In response, we worked closely with the client to gather comprehensive medical evidence to support her case. We submitted a request for Mandatory Reconsideration, ensuring that all relevant information was clearly presented.

As a result, the decision was overturned, and her PIP entitlement was reinstated without the need to progress to a formal appeal. She is now receiving the support she is entitled to, which has helped to alleviate some of the financial and emotional strain she was experiencing.

4. PIP Tribunal Appeal Success

We recently supported a 60 year old client with her Personal Independence Payment (PIP) tribunal appeal. Her initial claim was refused, and the decision remained unchanged following

the Mandatory Reconsideration. We assisted her in gathering additional medical evidence to support her case, which proved instrumental during the appeal process. As a result, the tribunal ruled in her favour, awarding her both the Daily Living and Mobility components of PIP. She has now received backdated payments totalling £8,563. The client is extremely grateful for the support she received and is relieved to finally be receiving the financial help she is entitled to.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE USERS EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES MONITORING 2024- 2025

Ethnicity	18 - 59	60+
Bangladeshi	284	151
Indian	480	321
Pakistani	80	89
Turkish	4	
West Indies	2	6
Afghan	9	-
Other	78	52
Total	937	619

GENDER STATISTICS 2024-2025

Female	Male
926	630

❖ WAY FORWARD:

- Develop culturally sensitive outreach strategies to connect with marginalised Asian communities through community events, workshops, and social media.
- **Expand the Community Café Model:** Strengthen the café as a cultural and social hub by increasing opening days, introducing themed food sessions, and developing volunteer-led cooking workshops to promote skills and confidence
- **Promote Cultural Exchange & Inclusion: Introduce intergenerational activities,** cultural storytelling sessions, and shared cooking events to deepen understanding and unity across diverse communities.
- **Strengthen Health & Wellbeing Initiatives:** Expand wellbeing programmes such as walking groups, mindfulness sessions, healthy cooking classes, and social clubs aimed at improving physical and mental health.

- **Grow Volunteer Development:** Provide structured training for volunteers in hospitality, food hygiene, leadership, and community engagement, enabling pathways into employment or further learning.
- **Enhance Service User Co-Production:** Develop regular feedback forums, suggestion groups, and user-led planning sessions to ensure services remain shaped by community needs and lived experience.
- **Build Sustainable Funding & Social Enterprise Pathways:** Explore income-generating opportunities through the café, catering services, and community events to secure long-term sustainability
- **Strengthen Organisational Capacity:** Invest in improved systems, training, and staffing structures to support a growing community, ensuring responsive, equitable, and high-quality service delivery.

I would like to extend our gratitude to:

- All the members and users of Dostiyo who make us what we are and continue to place their trust and faith in us;
- The Management Committee members who are volunteers for their valuable time, knowledge, experience and guidance;
- Volunteers and Steering Group members of Zindagani Mens Group, Sakhi Milap, Milap and Saheli Group
- All the staff for their commitment towards the aims and objectives of Dostiyo;
- Dedicated volunteers for their constant help and support.

In conclusion, this year has been one of growth, resilience, and positive impact for our centre. Through the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and community members, we have successfully implemented key programs, expanded services, and fostered stronger connections within our community. While challenges remain, we are committed to continuously improving and adapting to meet the evolving needs of those we serve.

Looking ahead, we are excited to build on our successes and explore new opportunities to make a lasting difference in the lives of individuals and families in our community.



Accounting Policies:

Legal form

Dostiyo is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Its registered address is 62-66 Dunster Street, Northampton, NN1 3JY.

Basis of Accounting

The charity is a public benefit entity and the financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice Charities SORP (FRS 102), issued in January 2019, and applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Charities Act 2011.

No material uncertainties exist in relation to going concern.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement, probability of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Donations received and organised trips are credited on the statement of financial activities in the year to which they relate. Donated services and facilities are included as income and expenditure where the amounts are reasonably quantifiable and measurable.

Grants received are recognised using the performance model.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure is allocated on the statement of financial activities between restricted and unrestricted funds. Expenditure that is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in these cost categories. Where costs are attributable to more than one activity they have been apportioned across the cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of these resources

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and the management of its assets.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are shown at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated to write off their cost or valuation less their estimated residual value over their expected useful lives as follows:

Freehold property	25 years straight-line basis
Computer equipment	25% reducing balance
Other equipment	25% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance

Fund Accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted General Funds – funds, which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Designated Funds – funds set aside by the Executive Committee out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

Restricted Funds – funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanations of the nature and purpose of each fund are included in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial Instruments

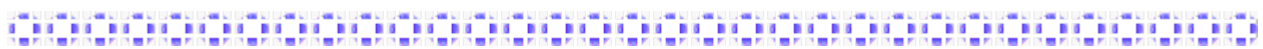
Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income under administrative expenses.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are presented as

such in the balance sheet. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the profit and loss account. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability.



DOSTIYO ASIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS ORGANISATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and Legacies		3,049	-	3,049	1,412	-	1,412
Charitable Activities	1	68,182	135,643	203,825	49,456	85,339	134,795
Investment Income		2,057	-	2,057	1,839	-	1,839
Total Income		73,288	135,643	208,931	52,707	85,339	138,046
Expenditure on:							
Raising Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	2	70,400	117,168	187,568	63,573	97,776	161,349
Other		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		70,400	117,168	187,568	63,573	97,776	161,349
Net Income/(expenditure)		2,888	18,475	21,363	(10,866)	(12,437)	(23,303)
Transfers between funds		3,529	(3,529)	-	9,616	(9,616)	-
Net movement in funds		6,417	14,946	21,363	(1,250)	(22,053)	(23,303)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		151,359	28,847	180,206	152,609	50,900	203,509
Funds transferred to DOSTIYO ASIAN COMMUNITY ORGANISATI CIO Number 1212801		(157,776)	(43,793)	(201,569)			
Total funds carried forward		-	-	-	151,359	28,847	180,206

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The statement of financial activities include all gains and losses recognised during the year

DOSTIYO ASIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS ORGANISATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	4		24,758		34,956
Current assets					
Debtors	5	7,779		15,732	
Cash at bank and in hand		197,990		130,423	
Funds Held by CVS		-		2,784	
		<u>205,769</u>		<u>148,939</u>	
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(28,958)		(3,689)	
		<u>(28,958)</u>		<u>(3,689)</u>	
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)			176,811		145,250
Assets transferred to DOSTIYO ASIAN COMMUNITY ORGANISATION CIO Number 1212801			(201,569)		
Net Assets/(Liabilities)			<u><u>0</u></u>		<u><u>180,206</u></u>
Charity Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	7				
General Reserve		63,175		46,600	
Designated funds - Other		<u>94,601</u>		<u>104,759</u>	
			157,776		151,359
Restricted funds	8		43,793		28,847
Funds transferred to DOSTIYO ASIAN COMMUNITY ORGANISATION CIO Number 1212801			(201,569)		
			<u><u>0</u></u>		<u><u>180,206</u></u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with SORP (FRS102) effective January 2019 and relevant UK Accounting standards.

Approved by the Executive Committee on 18th November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Anjana Roy

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Chairperson

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
1	Income from Charitable Activities				
	Grants:				
	Independent Age Fund	-	14,173	14,173	-
	WNC - Employment Support & Training	-	18,673	18,673	-
	Awards 4 All - Community Fridge	-	-	-	9,999
	NCF - Food Aid	-	2,000	2,000	-
	Commsortia - Working Progress (NEP)	-	-	-	-
	Neighbourly B&Q	-	-	-	-
	Hubbub Foundation - Community Fridge	-	5,000	5,000	1,000
	Lloyds Bank Foundation	27,500	-	27,500	25,000
	National Grid	-	-	-	7,592
	NCF - Community Café	-	4,668	4,668	-
	DOSTIYO Community Fridge	-	-	-	2,990
	NCF - Constance Travis Trust	-	-	-	2,950
	Community Justice Fund	-	-	-	-
	Nationwide Colleague Grant	-	-	-	5,975
	Comic Relief Womens Resource Centre	-	-	-	230
	Lottery Community Fund - Saheli Women's Group	-	91,129	91,129	47,807
	NCF - HSF4	-	-	-	4,286
	Hubbub Investment Fund	-	-	-	5,000
	Neighbourly Community Fridge	-	-	-	500
	Organised Trips	31,537	-	31,537	16,601
	Other	9,145	-	9,145	4,865
		68,182	135,643	203,825	134,795

2	Charitable Activities		Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
			£	£	£	£
	Staff costs	3	21,267	77,867	99,134	90,874
	Depreciation		10,169	29	10,198	10,224
	Other costs		38,365	22,767	61,132	44,610
			69,801	100,663	170,464	145,708
	Support Costs - Staffing	3	2,548	9,330	11,878	10,888
	Support Costs - Other		(1,949)	7,175	5,226	4,753
			70,400	117,168	187,568	161,349

Other costs include Independent Examination fee of £360

3	Staff Costs		2025	2024
			£	£
	Wages and salaries		106,215	97,925
	NIER		2,861	2,054
	ER Pension		1,936	1,783
	DBS Checks		-	-
			111,012	101,762

Average number employed by head count

Centre	6	5
Management and administration	1	1
	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

No trustees received any remuneration during the year. Trustee indemnity insurance paid in the year amounted to £nil. (2024: £nil).

Trustees received reimbursed expenses for travel and other costs amounting to £nil (2024:£nil)

4	Fixed Assets	Freehold Property £	Minibus £	Computer Equipment £	Other Equipment £	Total £
	Cost					
	Brought forward	280,939	-	13,480	4,973	299,392
	Additions	-	-	-	-	-
	Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
	Carried forward	<u>280,939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,480</u>	<u>4,973</u>	<u>299,392</u>
	Depreciation					
	Brought forward	246,180	-	13,303	4,953	264,436
	Charge for year	10,158	-	29	11	10,198
	Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
	Carried forward	<u>256,338</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,332</u>	<u>4,964</u>	<u>274,634</u>
	Net Book Value					
	Balance at 31.03.24	<u>24,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>24,758</u>
	Balance at 01.04.24	<u>34,759</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>177</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>34,956</u>

Included in freehold property is land with an estimated cost of £27,000 to which depreciation is not being applied in accordance with relevant accounting standards.

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 £	2024 £
5 Debtors				
Sundry Debtors	3,666	3,631	7,297	14,999
Prepayments	482	-	482	733
	<u>4,148</u>	<u>3,631</u>	<u>7,779</u>	<u>15,732</u>
6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year				
Sundry creditors	(6,207)	(494)	(6,701)	(2,064)
Accruals	(1,405)	-	(1,405)	(1,625)
Deferred Income	-	(20,852)	(20,852)	-
	<u>(7,612)</u>	<u>(21,346)</u>	<u>(28,958)</u>	<u>(3,689)</u>

	Opening Balance 01.04.24 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Closing Balance 31.03.25 £
7 Designated Funds					
Freehold Property	34,759	-	(10,158)	-	24,601
General reserve	46,600	73,288	(60,242)	3,529	63,175
Designated-Property Repair & Maintenanar	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Designated-Communications & IT Equipr	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Designated-Fixtures & Fittings	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
	151,359	73,288	(70,400)	3,529	157,776

The balance on the designated fund represents the net book value of the freehold property held by the charity. The intention is to generate a general reserve of six months running costs.
 Designated - Property R&M - Provision for repairs and maintenance to the building
 Designated - Communications & IT Equip - Provision for upgrading communications & IT equipment
 Designated - Fixtures & Fittings - Provision for replacement or upgrading fixtures & fittings

Comparative Designated Funds	Opening Balance 01.04.23 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Closing Balance 31.03.24 £
Designated Funds					
Freehold Property	44,917	-	(10,158)	-	34,759
General reserve	37,692	52,707	(53,415)	9,616	46,600
Designated-Property Repair & Maintenanar	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Designated-Communications & IT Equipr	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Designated-Fixtures & Fittings	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
	152,609	52,707	(63,573)	9,616	151,359

8 Restricted Funds	Opening Balance 01.04.24 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Closing Balance 31.03.25 £
Advice UK	117	-	(29)	-	88
WNC - Employment Support & Training	-	18,673	(18,673)	-	-
National Grid - Community Matters	154	-	-	(154)	-
Neighbourly - Community Fridge	500	-	-	-	500
Hubbub Community Fridge	-	5,000	(4,604)	-	396
Lottery Community Fund - Saheli Women	9,450	91,129	(71,349)	(3,375)	25,855
Awards 4 All - Community Fridge	8,492	-	(6,513)	-	1,979
Independent Age Foundation	-	14,173	(4,642)	-	9,531
Western Power Distribution	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Nationwide Colleague Grant	5,419	-	(5,419)	-	-
NCF - Community Café	-	4,668	(630)	-	4,038
Hubbub Investment Fund	3,715	-	(3,309)	-	406
NCF - Food Aid	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
	28,847	135,643	(117,168)	(3,529)	43,793

Advice UK - To employ advocacy workers providing advice and support to the Asian community under the age of 60 years old, and to purchase equipment

WNC - Employment Support & Training - To support people with CV building and into paid employment
National Grid - Community Matters - To offer a community warm space and equipment for those in the local community struggling with heating their homes in the cold seasons
Neighbourly - Community Fridge - Towards community fridge costs
Hubbub Community Fridge - Support to run and manage Community Fridge
Lottery Community Fund - Saheli Women's Group - to enable more people from the BME population to access health and wellbeing services
Awards 4 All - Community Fridge - To provide a community fridge for users to take free food & provide cooking sessions to show how to cook on a budget.
Independent Age Foundation - Offer Advocacy and Advice services to older women
Western Power Distribution - Supporting individuals to access support with fuel payments to combat fuel poverty
Nationwide Colleague Grant - Towards the cost of hampers for day to day essentials and a wellbeing café providing a safe, warm place to meet.
NCF Community Café - Support to run and manage Community Café
Hubbub Investment Fund - Support towards cooking workshops and ariferyers
NCF Food Aid - Supply culturally appropriate food hampers

Fund transfers relate to overhead costs as per grant agreements

Comparative Restricted Funds	Opening Balance 01.04.23 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Closing Balance 31.03.24 £
Advice UK	176	-	(59)	-	117
NCF - Constance Travis Trust	-	2,950	(2,950)	-	-
National Grid - Community Matters	-	7,592	(5,038)	(2,400)	154
Neighbourly - Community Fridge	-	500	-	-	500
Hubbub Foundation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Lottery Community Fund - Saheli Women	34,476	47,807	(65,459)	(7,374)	9,450
Awards 4 All - Community Fridge	-	9,999	(1,507)	-	8,492
Neighbourly - B&Q	2,660	-	(2,816)	156	-
Western Power Distribution	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
Community Justice Fund	8,129	-	(8,131)	2	-
Nationwide Colleague Grant	-	5,975	(556)	-	5,419
Comic Relief - Womens Resource Centre	-	230	(230)	-	-
Northamptonshire Sport	1,497	-	(1,497)	-	-
NCF - Poverty Hurts	2,962	-	(2,962)	-	-
Hubbub Investment Fund	-	5,000	(1,285)	-	3,715
NCF - HSF4	-	4,286	(4,286)	-	-
	50,900	85,339	(97,776)	(9,616)	28,847

NCF - Constance Travis Trust - Towards the cost of providing a Welfare benefits advisor
Hubbub Foundation - To provide a community fridge for the local community
Neighbourly B&Q - Towards refurbishment costs
Community Justice Fund - To fund a part-time member of staff during the pandemic
Comic Relief - Womens Resource Centre - Support to continue providing crucial services for South Asian Women including Advocacy, Advice, Support, Guidance and information.
Northamptonshire Sport - To provide keep fit sessions for the community.
NCF - Poverty Hurts - Towards cost of living & poverty advice service
NCF - HSF4 - Wraparound support service to continue the delivery of HSF vouchers

9 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	24,670	88	24,758
Current Assets	-	140,718	65,051	205,769
Current Liabilities	-	(7,012)	(21,346)	(28,358)
	-	158,376	43,793	202,169

Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	34,839	117	34,956
Current Assets	-	120,209	28,730	148,939
Current Liabilities	-	(3,689)	-	(3,689)
	-	151,359	28,847	180,206

10 Ultimate Controlling Party

The charity is under the ultimate control of its Executive Committee, whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.

11 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year or prior year.

DOSTIYO ASIAN WOMEN AND GIRLS ORGANISATION
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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		2025		2024
Income	£	£	£	£
Grants Receivable		163,143		113,329
Donations and gifts		3,049		1,412
Investment income		2,057		1,839
Organised Trips		31,537		16,601
Other Income		9,145		4,865
		<u>208,931</u>		<u>138,046</u>
Expenditure				
Centre Running Costs				
Salaries	87,256		76,866	
Depreciation of freehold property	10,158		10,158	
Depreciation of motor vehicles	-		-	
Depreciation of equipment	11		7	
Motor and travel expenses	964		97	
Organised Trips	32,920		16,097	
Other project expenses	13,667		7,721	
Heating and lighting	3,997		5,636	
Hall hire	-		-	
Repairs and renewals - equipment	3,695		5,826	
Repairs and renewals - premises	815		2,897	
Cleaning	950		4,135	
Support Costs				
Salaries	11,878		10,888	
Printing, postage and stationery	686		659	
Telephone	2,962		2,570	
Insurance	1,578		1,524	
Governance Costs				
Salaries	11,878		10,888	
Depreciation of computer equipment	29		59	
Bank charges	201		137	
Professional fees incl. accountancy	3,923		5,184	
Management expenses incl.AGM	-		-	
		<u>(187,568)</u>		<u>(161,349)</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		<u><u>21,363</u></u>		<u><u>(23,303)</u></u>



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Dostiyo Asian Women & Girls Organisation

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1058077

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

18/11/25

Name:

Lucie Howard

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