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**LEWISHAM REFUGEE AND MIGRANT NETWORK
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

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The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Message from the Chair

This year, we celebrate bringing people together as a community. We're especially proud of our first-ever Power of Community event as part of Refugee Week, which brought together over 100 partners, volunteers and community members, and proved that community is as strong as ever. Together, we've created a welcome that helps people set down roots and truly connect with one another.

Organisations like ours provide more than just services, we provide consistency, clarity, and hope. Every week, we see the difference our advisors make at the Migrant Hub, and we witness frowns turn into smiles as people leave the LRMN office. There is still much to be done, and we are ready to continue working with our community to build sanctuary, right here at home. We are proud to provide essential support services and we remain committed to ensuring that every person seeking sanctuary is treated with dignity and respect.

The need for unity and compassion has never been greater. We look forward to more years of showing up for our most vulnerable and proving that sanctuary is not a privilege, it is a right.

Irina Amelkina, Interim Chair of Trustees

Message from the CEO

When our very home becomes increasingly isolating for our neighbours, it is especially important to be vocal about the world we want to live in. The divisive media narratives and political changes may push us to feel powerless, but we know that solidarity takes courage. At LRMN, we prioritise showing up for staff and volunteers as well as our community members, to build a welcoming and safe environment for all.

Internally, we have undergone some significant and positive developments. The launch of the Lewisham Migrant Hub in October 2024 has brought vital services directly to the community. Our eVisa drop-ins have helped hundreds of people understand and complete a process that many find overwhelming. And during Refugee Week, we celebrated voices, stories, and identities through poetry, performance, and community-led events.

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LRMN continues to prioritise both long-term system change and immediate support across our organisation. Our staff and volunteers have responded to shifting government policies with compassion and expertise, for example through our work on migrant charging. Our Community Forum has engaged all South London hospitals in discussions on ending maternity charging. We have strengthened our service delivery by expanding our legal and housing and welfare benefits teams. Our Women's Group project continues to thrive, and as one participant said "The group has been really good, it's helping me to trust again."

This year, our People Strategy focused on building a healthier, more sustainable workforce. From compressed hours to prioritising mental and physical wellbeing, we're creating a workplace where staff feel truly supported. Initiatives like our Community Champions training and inclusive hiring panels have also helped us embed participation and representation more deeply across LRMN. We know that when we feel supported, we are stronger and better able to reach out to our community together.

It has been a true privilege and joy to witness LRMN continue to grow and affect the lives of so many community members. But this work is not done in isolation, and depends on all of us continuing to work together.

Thank you for standing with us, and thank you to our incredible staff, volunteers, community campaigners, partners, funders without whom this work wouldn't be possible.

Alan Robertson, CEO

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1. Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network (LRMN) was formed in 1991/92 and was incorporated and became a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee in 1996. It was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association and is governed under its objects and powers. Updated Articles were adopted on 14th April 2016.

Recruitment and Appointment of Board of Trustees

The management of LRMN is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of its Articles of Association.

Under the requirement of the Articles of Association, each Trustee shall be appointed for a fixed term of office. Each fixed term may not exceed three years. Each director whose term of office comes to an end at the end of a fixed term in accordance with these articles is eligible for re-appointment as a director unless he or she has ceased to be eligible for such re-appointment by reason of another provision of these articles. Provided that no director shall be re-appointed for a term which would cause his or her aggregate term of office to exceed 9 years. New Trustees are selected following a formal selection process.

The board aims to ensure that it is diverse, includes service user experience and reflects the communities we serve.

Induction and Training of Board of Trustees

Newly elected Board of Trustees are formally welcomed and provided with a structured induction programme and LRMN information (Welcome Pack). Arrangements are made to meet with staff and current Trustees. On-going training is available to existing and new members.

Risk Management

LRMN regularly carries out detailed risk assessments and addresses every area that is likely to pose a threat to the organisation, Board of Trustees, staff, visitors and users. Risks are divided in two: Strategic Risks which the Board of Trustees regularly review in meetings and Operational Risks which the staff, led by the CEO, examine in managers and staff meetings. Any significant Operational risks are escalated to the Strategic risk register.

Organisational structure and the decision making process

The Board of Trustees meets every quarter and is responsible for the strategic direction of LRMN. Each Trustee is a member of at least one sub-committee namely Finance, Risk and Compliance (FRC), Organisational Development (OD), and Fundraising and Marketing (F&M). Each sub-committee develops a plan for the activities within their remit and these form part of the Board annual plan, progress against which is monitored regularly.

LRMN employs a CEO who works closely with the Board of Trustees and is responsible for the day to day management of the organisation. We empower refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants facing destitution and vulnerable situations by advocating for their rights,

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campaigning for change, supporting their wellbeing and offering emergency assistance. Supporting the CEO in their management of the organisation is the Head of Operations who manages three team managers and the housing and welfare benefits service. Team managers are responsible for immigration, women's wellbeing, community wellbeing and admin and operations. The CEO manages the Finance Manager, Campaigns and Communications Manager, HR Advisor and Fundraising Officer. LRMN also employs a variety of freelance staff, supporting our services.

We hold managers meetings every 8 weeks and managers and supervisors meetings every 8 weeks. A staff meeting is held every 6 weeks, managers conduct staff supervision meetings every month and staff performance reviews are held annually.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

Company and charity law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees (who are also directors of Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network for the purposes of company law) to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give an accurate view of the state of affairs of LRMN and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently
- observed the methods and principles of charities SORP
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- stated whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures
- disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepared the financial statements on an on-going concern basis (unless it is inappropriate to assume that LRMN will continue on that basis).

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that LRMN has appropriate financial control systems. They are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of LRMN and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of LRMN and hence for taking reasonable steps for the detection and prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees

Members of the Board of Trustees are directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report. In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which LRMN's Auditor is unaware, and
- as the directors of LRMN they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that

LRMN's Auditor is aware of that information. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on LRMN's website.

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2. Public Benefit

Our Vision

People from all backgrounds belong and thrive and are treated with respect and dignity in a just and welcoming society.

Our Mission

To enable refugees, asylum seekers and migrants (RASM) to know and exercise their rights, thrive, integrate and engage in activities to bring about change for a better future.

Our Values

Collaborative - We know we are stronger together. We will involve the people we serve, our team and our partners in designing and delivering our work.

Refugee and Migrant Justice – rights and justice primarily for refugees and migrants are at the heart of everything we do.

Integrity - We will be honest and do the right thing

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – We are committed to building a community that removes barriers, embraces people from all backgrounds and provides opportunities for them to rebuild their lives."

Our Goal

To reduce poverty, increase inclusion and engagement and improve mental health and well-being amongst the RASM community in London.

Our Strategic Goals

Strategic Goal 1 – Effective and Modern Governance, Leadership, Management, Financial and Organisational systems and Operations.

Strategic Goal 2 - Grow and improve our services

Strategic Goal 3 – Develop and sustain effective and relevant partnerships, collaboration and influence.

Strategic Goal 4 – Resilient, competent and compassionate workforce

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

LRMN's charitable purpose is enshrined in its objects, which include 'the advancement of education, the furtherance of health and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness', especially through advice, support and information given to our clients.

The Trustees ensure that this purpose is carried out for the public benefit by delivering services that are valued by our refugee, asylum seeking and migrant clients. These enable those with immigration, housing and welfare and other issues to access the right legal

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advice, those with health issues, both mental and physical to access the right health services for quality treatment, women who have survived gender-based abuse and men to receive counselling and therapeutic support, and those seeking employment or furthering their skills are supported. Our services are free, confidential and independent, thanks to the support received from statutory and charitable sources and individual donors.

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3. Our Achievements

Highlights 2024/2025

In 2024/2025 LRMN supported 2000 people across our broad range of services.

Immigration

Between April 2024 and April 2025, our immigration service has grown in size, capacity, and legal reach. A major development was securing a Legal Aid contract in January 2025. This has significantly expanded the scope of work we are able to undertake. We can now represent the people we work with in appeals, judicial reviews, and other higher court matters. Importantly, it opens the door to taking on public law challenges and, in future, strategic litigation.

Over the year, we opened 746 new cases and made 351 substantive applications, with the most common being fee waivers and applications for Leave to Remain. We received 263 positive decisions across a range of immigration cases. We also provided 197 pieces of detailed written advice, delivered 62 brief advice sessions, signposted 180 individuals, and referred 11 cases to external services. These figures reflect the dedication of our immigration team, who are often the first point of contact for people in need of urgent support.

Every day, we hear from the people we work with how precarious and insecure immigration status can be. To meet this, we have grown our team to 11 staff, including three supervisory roles. This structure ensures we maintain a high standard of regulated legal advice while also building space for development, oversight, and reflective practice.

In an increasingly competitive sector, we rely on our partners to continue our work. By securing additional funding for immigration work focused in Lewisham, we can support more local people, respond more quickly to internal referrals from our other services, and offer walk-in appointments.

The immigration system remains complex and hostile, especially for people with limited means or digital access. But this year's progress puts us in a stronger position to challenge injustice, deliver expert legal advice, and stand alongside those who are navigating an often overwhelming system.

Housing and Welfare

When housing is insecure or of poor quality, it is difficult for any individual to feel safe at home. This is why our Housing and Welfare Benefits team has continued to provide vital support to people facing crisis and uncertainty across Lewisham and Greenwich. Over the past year, we've strengthened this service in several key ways.

We've expanded our Outreach at the Lewisham Migrant Hub to twice a month, allowing more people to get immediate housing advice. In addition, our online referral system remains a crucial tool for supporting Lewisham and Greenwich residents. It enables local partners to

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make direct referrals to our team, allowing us to respond efficiently to urgent needs and coordinate with other services.

As demand and complexity increases, a key development this year has been the appointment of a new supervisor to the Housing and Welfare Benefits team. This role provides essential oversight and ensures that our advice remains accurate, consistent, and responsive to changes in law and policy.

We've also received further funding from Trust for London (TFL), which supports our work with people facing homelessness and housing instability. This has allowed us to continue offering practical, rights-based support to those most in need.

Case study: Finding Her Way Home

When Chioma* arrived at our hub in October 2024, she was at breaking point. A survivor of domestic violence, she had been homeless for over a month — sofa-surfing, relying on unsafe shelters, and living with chronic pain. As Chioma does not have status, she has no recourse to public funds (NRPF). Destitute and isolated, she also struggled with severe anxiety and depression.

Chioma had been a regular at LRMN activities, and we'd seen her mental health decline as her housing situation worsened. She had done everything she could. On the day she came to us for help, she said she felt like her future was in our hands.

We started by listening. That day, we provided hardship support, food bank vouchers, and a referral to our immigration advisor, who began preparing her case. Our housing team referred her to Lewisham's NRPF team, and housing was granted in December 2024.

By mid-December, Chioma was housed through Lewisham Council. The first placement was far outside London, but our housing advisor secured her a move back to the city. She also received domestic violence support, a destitution grant for essentials, and most importantly, compassionate, consistent support that helped her begin to recover.

Chioma's story is one of many. The hostile environment traps people in crisis, and our hub, partnerships, and specialist services are often their only lifeline.

*Name has been changed to protect the person's identity.

Patient Advocacy Guide

When accessing healthcare can result in tens of thousands of pounds of debt, many sanctuary seekers are hesitant to seek advice at all. This year, we launched our new Patient Advocacy Guide to help sanctuary seekers and migrants better understand and access their rights within the NHS. Developed in partnership with NHS South East London, the guide was created in response to the growing number of people facing barriers to healthcare, including confusion around charging, registration, and access to primary and secondary care.

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It is written in clear, accessible language and designed to be practical and reassuring for people who may be navigating the system for the first time. To ensure the guide is inclusive, we translated it into eight languages most commonly spoken within our communities: English, Arabic, French, Spanish, Kurdish Sorani, Farsi, Somali, and Vietnamese. The translated guides are freely available on our website and in print.

Since its launch, we have distributed the guide across Lewisham and beyond. It's now available in every GP practice and hospital in Lewisham, as well as most GP surgeries in Greenwich, and we are working with South West ICB to expand distribution to neighbouring boroughs. Our Community Forum members as well as the Lewisham Migration Forum participants also shared it with schools, libraries, community organisations, and healthcare professionals to help improve access for all.

Access to Healthcare

Our Health Access Project continues to play a critical role in helping migrants and sanctuary seekers understand and assert their right to healthcare. Over the past year, we have continued supporting individuals directly with navigating healthcare bills, registering for their GP and HS2 certificates for free medications, and more. On top of that, our dedicated team also strengthened our partnerships and expanded the reach of our work, for instance in campaigning for Safe Surgeries in Greenwich GPs.

A new partnership with the University College London (UCL) Medical Society has opened up volunteering and training opportunities for medical students who are passionate about migrant health. Through this collaboration, we are helping to build the next generation of health professionals who are better equipped to recognise and respond to the barriers faced by marginalised patients.

This year also saw an expansion of the service to include training and workshops for other not-for-profit organisations. These sessions focus on migrant healthcare rights and aim to strengthen the wider sector's ability to support migrants in accessing the care they need.

We are exploring new outreach opportunities, including drop-in sessions at the 999 Club for people experiencing homelessness, and a regular presence at the Lewisham Migrant Hub. These efforts help us meet people where they are and ensure no one is denied healthcare due to fear, confusion, or misinformation.

Case study: Ruth Finds Relief with LRMN

Ruth was six months pregnant when she received the first letter informing her that she owed £10,000 for her maternity care. Her heart sank. The hospital's letter stated that she had to make the payment within six months or risk any future visa or immigration applications being rejected.

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Ruth felt helpless and shocked that they expected her to pay such a huge amount when she was heavily pregnant and had no right to work! Moreover, knowing that she could be charged for healthcare made Ruth hesitant to visit the hospital, even when she felt she needed to. As a result, she spent the entire third trimester of her pregnancy feeling sad and stressed about her and her child's future.

It wasn't until our Access to Healthcare Advisor stepped in that Ruth finally found relief. Cases like Ruth's require a lot of back and forth with hospitals and a broad range of knowledge about the healthcare system - which LRMN offers! Our team was always available and supportive whenever the hospital's letters or emails made Ruth feel overwhelmed. The advisor reassured Ruth by explaining her rights and potential solutions available, helping her feel like she had control over her situation.

Here at LRMN, we want to ensure that people in vulnerable situations don't have to battle the added pressure of healthcare debt - especially pregnant mothers like Ruth. That's why we don't just offer casework, but also engage in campaigning to affect systems change. Our access to healthcare campaign strives for an inclusive and just healthcare system where everyone can receive the healthcare they need, regardless of status.

*Name has been changed to protect the person's identity.

Women's Project

The Women's Project is a key part of LRMN's support for migrant and refugee women, funded by the Henry Smith Charity since September 2024. It offers two main services: counselling and a weekly Women's Group, along with community activities that promote wellbeing, cultural celebration, and empowerment.

Our counselling service provides trauma-informed support to women affected by various forms of trauma, primarily gender-based violence. From May 2023 to May 2024, we worked with 48 women, offering safe, confidential spaces to heal.

The Women's Group meets weekly, creating a welcoming space for women to share, learn new skills, reduce isolation, and connect socially. On average, over 20 women attend each week, building valuable support networks.

Thanks to Lewisham Council funding, we hosted a variety of Black History Month activities, such as sewing sessions using traditional Nigerian Àdìrẹ fabric, film screenings, and a communal lunch. A definite highlight was the fashion show which helped our women build confidence in a fun and creative way! Over three days, 44 women participated, celebrating African culture and strengthening community ties.

A mind-body approach is crucial to healing. Supported by Sports England funding, we were able to offer sport and movement classes such as Zumba, yoga, dance therapy, and self-

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defense. 67 women have taken part in over 20 sessions, and we were thrilled to hear participants praise the sessions for stress relief, improved wellbeing, and social connection.

"The dances made me forget my challenges in the moment." & "The mindfulness and wellbeing tips helped me significantly manage stressful situations."

We've seen our participants thrive when given space to express their creativity. Our choir and poetry group performed at the Power of Community event during Refugee Week 2025, sharing powerful migration stories and the joy of coming together in welcome. We also hosted two summer events for 65 adults and children, filled with dancing, games, football, hula hooping and arts and crafts. In these informal, relaxed spaces, women can let down their guard, creating moments of joy, connection and family bonding.

The Women's Project continues to evolve, with plans to expand outreach, increase activity variety, and strengthen mental health support for women in our community. We can't wait to continue working with our community members on addressing the long-term effects of trauma in a joyful way!

eVisas and Hubs

Navigating the digital immigration status system continues to be a significant challenge for many in our community. The introduction of eVisa's led to much confusion, misinformation and anxiety. To address this, LRMN has maintained regular eVisa drop-in sessions at our Deptford office twice a week, alongside weekly sessions at the New Cross Migrant Hub. Supported by a dedicated team comprising one Immigration Casework Assistant and three volunteers, these sessions have provided hands-on assistance with eVisa applications and queries. So far, we have successfully submitted 295 eVisa applications and responded to over 380 enquiries related to eVisa matters. These individuals are now able to continue building their new life with the knowledge that they are able to prove their status safely.

Beyond eVisa support, our network of community hubs serves as a vital lifeline, offering comprehensive assistance on immigration, housing, welfare benefits, and essential destitution support. Since its launch in October 2024, the Lewisham Migrant Hub at All Saints Hatcham Community Centre has welcomed 161 individuals seeking free advice on issues ranging from legal concerns to healthcare access and domestic violence support. This hub builds on the strong foundation of our Greenwich Migrant Hub and extends its holistic approach to service delivery.

Meanwhile, the Greenwich Migrant Hub has been a cornerstone of support for over 500 visitors. It has facilitated referrals for more than 22 people experiencing domestic violence, distributed over 1,300 food parcels to those facing destitution, and handled 460 immigration cases and over 200 housing cases through our specialist partners.

Our Asylum Hub continues to engage and support 121 individuals through tailored assistance and community activities, including visits to the Horniman Museum, Maritime

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Museum creative workshops and the Lewisham Migration Forum. The hub has also helped 30 individuals with practical needs such as SIM cards and school enrolment.

To combat destitution, our hubs have distributed over 300 SIM cards, 404 food e-vouchers, 50 smartphones, and 16 laptops. Emergency accommodation has been provided to 10 people, while emergency grants have assisted 30 individuals facing hardship.

Having weekly spaces in both boroughs that provide immediate, face-to-face support for people in crisis embodies everything LRMN stands for: collaboration, integrity and migrant justice at our very core. We will continue to centre a people-focused approach to making sure everyone is able to access free and transparent advice.

Feedback from our Community

Over the past year, we received 230 feedback forms from LRMN visitors, which is a significant increase compared to previous years. This rise reflects the growing trust and engagement with LRMN's services.

Nearly everyone who accessed our services, whether online or in person, felt genuinely welcomed and valued. 98% said they felt comfortable from the moment they reached out, and an incredible 99% praised the kindness and professionalism of our staff. Punctuality matters to the people we work with as well; 95% saw their Adviser or Counsellor on time, helping to reduce stress during difficult moments.

Language should never be a barrier to accessing support, so we are proud that 91% of those requesting interpreters received one, ensuring everyone can fully understand their options. Most people found their appointments comprehensive, 94% were asked if they had other concerns, while 96% discussed other services they could access at LRMN or with partners.

Out of 230 feedback responses, immigration advice was the most frequently accessed service, with 190 people turning to us for support in navigating complex legal systems. eVisa assistance also played a key role, helping 120 individuals manage the digital immigration process more confidently. Our Housing and Welfare Benefits service supported 60 people, offering tailored guidance to help them secure the essentials needed for a more stable life.

Quotes to include as bubbles:

- "My Immigration Advisor gave me and my son a future. She is truly an angel."
- "I was treated with exceptional fairness and kindness. The staff went above and beyond."
- "A female volunteer made me feel confident enough to remove my headscarf for the e-visa photo."

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Some feedback pointed to challenges, particularly related to waiting times. In response, our management team is reviewing processes to reduce delays, making sure interpreters are always available, and recognising outstanding staff contributions. This feedback is essential for helping LRMN maintain high-quality, responsive services that meet the needs of our community.

Community Wellbeing at Our Core

Community lies at the heart of everything we do at LRMN. A great example of this is the Community Embedded Worker pilot, which was initially due to end but following strong community support and heartfelt testimonies, has been extended into a full-time role.

Migrant communities often face significant challenges when accessing NHS mental health services. To address this, leaders across South London collaborated to embed mental health practitioners within trusted community organisations like LRMN. The Community Embedded Worker delivers one-to-one and group support sessions, assists with referrals to mental health services, develops culturally relevant resources, and trains staff to provide ongoing low-level support to ensure the positive impact is sustainable.

Since the pilot began, 27 new mental health assessments have been completed by the Community Embedded Worker. 12 were referred to Improving Access to Psychological Therapy (IAPT), six to Lewisham's Primary Care Mental Health Teams, one to Early Intervention Services, and two to Oxleas Mental Health Teams.

In addition to one-to-one work, a creative wellbeing group called Sole Sisters was run for female asylum seekers. Over six weeks, four participants explored their personal journeys through art and storytelling while building community and improving wellbeing. The group's work was showcased at the Deptford Literature Festival 2024, highlighting the powerful connection between creativity and healing.

Case Study: From Fear to Belonging

From fear to belonging

When Maria* first came to us, she barely left her home. She was living with the weight of past trauma, constant anxiety, low self-worth, and nightmares that made sleep impossible. Being around others felt overwhelming. The only time she went outside was for appointments, and even that was filled with fear.

She had already tried to get help. Maria referred herself to the NHS Talking Therapies but never heard back. Eventually, her referral was rejected, and she was left feeling invisible.

Our Community Embedded Practitioner started meeting with Maria regularly. Slowly, a safe space formed where she felt listened to and never judged. Together, we explored coping tools, completed a self-compassion workbook, and found ways for her to feel more connected to the world around her.

We followed up on her NHS Talking Therapies referral and advocated for her to be seen again. This time, she was accepted for trauma-informed therapy. Maria also began attending

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community groups, including meditation workshops and creative sessions at the Horniman Museum.

She told us, "The sessions with LRMN made me feel safe, heard, and worthy to be here."

Maria is now walking through her neighbourhood with more confidence, showing how many are left behind by overstretched systems and how healing becomes possible with the right support. Due to schemes such as our collaboration with SLAM on Community Embedded Practitioners, our community members are able to access the healthcare they need, one person at a time.

*The name has been changed to protect the person's identity.

Campaigns Wins and Updates

At LRMN, we centre lived experience from the bottom up in all of our campaigning. This year has seen LRMN deepen its commitment to change - both through collaborative campaigning with our partners and thoughtful internal structures. Beyond service delivery, it is crucial we address the injustices of the hostile environment with structural advocacy and creative initiatives leading the way.

Access to healthcare remains a cornerstone of our campaigning. We expanded our GP Secret Shopper action to Lewisham and Greenwich, dropping in on all GP practices to ensure individuals are able to register without proof of ID or address. Additionally, we introduced our new Patient Advocacy Guide - developed with NHS South East London - to help sanctuary seekers understand their healthcare rights, clarify which NHS services are free regardless of immigration status, and explain when charges may apply. Available in multiple languages and now accessible across every GP practice and hospital in Lewisham, the guide equips community members and organisations with the knowledge they need to navigate the system confidently and assert their rights.

Our first ever 2-month Community Champions training saw its first two iterations for core Community Forum members to become further empowered as campaigners. We also took steps to embed community power more directly into our organisation. Every job interview at LRMN now includes a Community Champion with lived experience, whether we are hiring for our operations team or public-facing staff. This is part of our commitment to keep LRMN inclusive, transparent, and community-led - as well as enabling community members to get valuable interview experience for their own adventures!

This year marked an exciting milestone for our Schools of Sanctuary network as it expanded to four South East London boroughs. We are proud to have supported three schools to achieve full Schools of Sanctuary accreditation, with a further five currently in the process, and a total of nearly 40 schools as part of our network! Together, we prove that the growing commitment of primary and secondary educators to fostering understanding and welcome in their communities.

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To connect our staff with our campaigning goals, we came together to brainstorm our advocacy strategy during our first ever Campaigns Lab workshop with staff. Stepping away from our day-to-day work, the team took time to reflect on the deeper purpose of our campaigning: why we do it, what impact we are having, and how we can build momentum. With structure change embedded in every layer of our organisation, we drew up fresh ideas for future campaigns and recharged in the knowledge that we are making a real difference, one day at a time.

And in a creative turn, we launched our first-ever merchandise store online! Designed by staff members, every T-shirt, hoodie, and tote bag is made with organic materials, printed in the UK, and powered by renewable energy. . So if you're in need of a wardrobe change and would like to support our advocacy as well as campaigning efforts, head on over to our website!

4) Behind our Services Organisational Health

As our organisation grows, we continue to ensure that we have the capacity and resources to deal with the challenges a charity of our size faces. We have recruited an HR Advisor to improve our HR processes, developed our communications crisis plan and continued to review and update our policies.

We have embedded our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) working group who continue to push EDI forward within LRMN.

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5) Financial Overview

The Trustees have a responsibility for ensuring the financial health of LRMN. A quarterly meeting of the Finance, Risks and Compliance committee provides an opportunity for detailed examination of the annual budget, regular reviews of the financial position of the charity and to examine the financial implications of any changes that may occur during the year. The committee's findings and any recommendations are reported to the full Board of Trustees meeting for decision. Despite the continuing economic challenges and the hostile environment in which we work, we are pleased to say that our income streams in 2024/2025 were maintained at a similar level to 2023/24. Total income was £1,286,004 in the year ending 31st March 2025 compared to £1,116,667 in the year ending 31st March 2024, and total expenditure was £1,225,765 in the year ended 31st March 2025 compared to £1,078,805 in the year ended 31st March 2024. Overall LRMN activities in the financial year 24/25 resulted in a increase of £36,292 in total funds held compared with an increase of £37,862 in 2023/24 and these funds are held as reserves.

At the end of the year the general reserve increased to £703,998 and represents 6.9 months of expenditure in line with the reserves policy of holding three to nine months to manage the day-to-day activities of the charity. The restricted reserves increased from £288,031 at the start of the year to £414,570 at the end of the year and they will be carried over to 2025/2026 and spent on the various purposes for which they were donated.

Principal Funding Sources

The principal funding sources during 2024/25 were:

AB Charitable Trust, City Bridge Trust (City of London), Deptford Challenge Trust, Greater London Authority, Heinz Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation, Henry Smith Foundation, Home Office, Lewisham Homes, Lewisham Local, London Borough of Bexley, London Borough of Greenwich, London Borough of Lewisham, London Borough of Hackney, London Legal Support Trust, London Refugee Churches Fund, Mercers Trust, Oak Foundation, Peabody, Rushey Green Time Bank, South East London Integrated Care System, South East London Strategic Alliance, Sports England, Swiss Philanthropy, University of Greenwich, Wesleyan Equality Fund

We are very grateful for all the funding received which has enabled us to continue to support our clients and deliver our services.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the free reserves) held by LRMN should be between three and nine months of annual expenditure. At this level, the Trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities in the event of significant drop in funding, providing flexibility in achieving our objectives or covering our liabilities if LRMN is to be closed down.

The current level of £691,461 free reserves is in the range of the above policy.

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The Trustees recognise that this year, the designated reserves levels provide for redundancy costs to meet contractual obligations, and premises costs in the event of a wind down and a further reserve for equipment updating.

The £703,998 of general unrestricted funds provides a sensible buffer against any short term funding for a strategically important service while we continue to look for replacement funding.

The Trustees review this policy in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidelines on a regular basis, at least once a year.

Investments

In 2023/24 the Trustees agreed a new Investment Policy that included transfer of some of the funds currently held in Building Societies, and in the bank, to Investment Managers. In March/April 2024 £600,000 was transferred to JM Finn Investment Managers with the amount determined by an analysis of the requirements of the LRMN strategic plan, cashflow forecasts and the need for short term working reserves against long term growth. Initially, FRC agreed to act prudently as this was a completely new policy and so the total amount was held in low risk investments. However, in November 2024 it was agreed that half of the amount be moved to medium risk investments.

In the 2024/25 financial year LRMN has earned £17,360 in dividends and interest and paid £3,354 in management fees. The value of the portfolio has reduced slightly to £584,314 having risen steadily until a sharp fall in February 2025, but which has now been recovered.

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6. Acknowledgments

LRMN is extremely grateful to our funders, volunteers, staff, trustees and clients for supporting us as we provide vital services. It is the generosity, hard work, and commitment of our community that allows us to respond to the needs of refugees, migrants and sanctuary seekers across London.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Irina Amelkina

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Date: 30/11/2025

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors of Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF LEWISHAM REFUGEE AND MIGRANT NETWORK

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, the Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, data protection, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and

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- testing controls with walk through procedures and substantive transaction testing;

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;

- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;

- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining any accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;

- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions; and

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;

- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;

- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;

- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and relevant regulators such as the Charity Commission

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance.

Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Frances Wilde (Dec 1, 2025 09:30:15 GMT)

F J Wilde
Senior Statutory Auditor
For and on behalf of Warner Wilde Limited

01/12/2025

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Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Warner Wilde Limited
4 Marigold Drive
Bisley
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Warner Wilde Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes					
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	221,570	-	1,042,751	1,264,321	1,101,205
Charitable activities	4	340	-	-	340	-
Other trading activities	5	3,983	-	-	3,983	1,681
Investments	6	17,360	-	-	17,360	10,599
Other income	7	-	-	-	-	3,182
Total income		243,253	-	1,042,751	1,286,004	1,116,667
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	8	3,354	-	-	3,354	-
<u>Charitable activities</u>						
Immigration	9	195,978	-	408,359	604,337	419,598
Campaigns and Advocacy	9	63,838	-	134,940	198,778	212,335
Refugee Resettlement	9	154	-	319	473	112,521
Housing and Welfare	9	14,937	-	31,062	45,999	69,396
Women Together	9	31,612	-	62,738	94,350	86,270
Other	9	59,161	-	219,313	278,474	178,349
Total charitable expenditure		365,680	-	856,731	1,222,411	1,078,469
Other expenditure	14	-	-	-	-	336
Total expenditure		369,034	-	856,731	1,225,765	1,078,805
Net gains/(losses) on investments	15	(23,947)	-	-	(23,947)	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(149,728)	-	186,020	36,292	37,862
Transfers between funds		59,481	-	(59,481)	-	-
Net movement in funds	11	(90,247)	-	126,539	36,292	37,862
Reconciliation of funds:						
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		619,245	175,000	288,031	1,082,276	1,044,414
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		528,998	175,000	414,570	1,118,568	1,082,276

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Prior financial year		Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
	Notes				
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	3	206,366	-	894,839	1,101,205
Other trading activities	5	1,681	-	-	1,681
Investments	6	10,599	-	-	10,599
Other income	7	3,182	-	-	3,182
Total income		221,828	-	894,839	1,116,667
Expenditure on:					
Immigration	9	88,408	-	331,190	419,598
Campaigns and Advocacy	9	34,923	-	177,412	212,335
Refugee Resettlement	9	23,903	-	88,618	112,521
Housing and Welfare	9	13,739	-	55,657	69,396
Women Together	9	15,171	-	71,099	86,270
Other	9	26,621	-	151,728	178,349
Other expenditure	14	336	-	-	336
Total expenditure		203,101	-	875,704	1,078,805
Net income and movement in funds		18,727	-	19,135	37,862
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		600,518	175,000	268,896	1,044,414
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		619,245	175,000	288,031	1,082,276

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	17		12,537		15,671
Investments	18		584,314		199,922
			<u>596,851</u>		<u>215,593</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	19	308,180		26,768	
Cash at bank and in hand		382,241		1,020,988	
		<u>690,421</u>		<u>1,047,756</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(168,704)		(181,073)	
Net current assets			<u>521,717</u>		<u>866,683</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,118,568</u>		<u>1,082,276</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	23	414,570		288,031	
Unrestricted funds - general	25	528,998		619,245	
Unrestricted funds - designated	24	175,000		175,000	
			<u>1,118,568</u>		<u>1,082,276</u>

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 30/11/2025

Irina Amelkina
[Irina Amelkina \(Nov 30, 2025 16:51:24 GMT\)](#)

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Trustee

Company registration number 3252691 (England and Wales)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	29		(247,768)		73,955
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(3,821)	
Purchase of investments		(883,570)		-	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		475,231		(199,922)	
Investment income received		17,360		10,599	
Net cash used in investing activities			(390,979)		(193,144)
Net cash generated from financing activities			-		-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(638,747)		(119,189)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,020,988		1,140,175
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			382,241		1,020,988

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Lewisham Refugee and Migrant Network is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 341 Evelyn Street, London, SE8 5QX.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Research and development expenditure

Research expenditure is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred. Identifiable development expenditure is capitalised to the extent that the technical, commercial and financial feasibility can be demonstrated.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20% Reducing Balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.8 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1.9 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.12 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	13,342	-	13,342	15,186	-	15,186
Grants	208,228	1,042,751	1,250,979	191,180	894,839	1,086,019
	<u>221,570</u>	<u>1,042,751</u>	<u>1,264,321</u>	<u>206,366</u>	<u>894,839</u>	<u>1,101,205</u>
Grants						
AB Charitable Trust	15,362	-	15,362	10,638	-	10,638
London Legal Support Trust	11,200	112,500	123,700	-	-	-
City Bridge Trust	-	-	-	-	130,955	130,955
The Refugee Council	-	-	-	-	66,262	66,262
Oak Foundation	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	21,000	121,000
Advice Lewisham / London Borough of Lewisham	50,500	81,208	131,708	50,000	-	50,000
The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington	-	-	-	11,573	-	11,573
The Henry Smith Foundation	-	51,400	51,400	-	-	-
Trust for London - Housing & Welfare	-	62,500	62,500	-	45,000	45,000
Other	31,166	735,143	766,309	18,969	631,622	650,591
	<u>208,228</u>	<u>1,042,751</u>	<u>1,250,979</u>	<u>191,180</u>	<u>894,839</u>	<u>1,086,019</u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other income		
Other income	340	-

5 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	3,983	1,681

6 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	17,360	10,599

7 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Other income	-	3,182

8 Expenditure on raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Investment management	3,354	-

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9 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Immigration	Campaigns and Advocacy	Refugee and Resettlement	Housing and Welfare	Women Together	Other	Total
	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £
Direct costs							
Staff costs	348,459	98,205	319	25,132	40,299	108,820	621,234
Staff expenses and training	11,534	5,324	-	1,099	1,757	6,999	26,713
Project costs	24,369	19,258	-	1,243	16,983	55,382	117,235
Premises	9,575	5,665	-	1,566	1,770	7,490	26,066
Office costs	14,422	6,488	-	2,022	2,929	10,247	36,108
	<u>408,359</u>	<u>134,940</u>	<u>319</u>	<u>31,062</u>	<u>63,738</u>	<u>188,938</u>	<u>827,356</u>
Share of support and governance costs (see note 10)							
Support	190,094	61,921	149	14,488	29,693	86,847	383,192
Governance	5,884	1,917	5	449	919	2,689	11,863
	<u>604,337</u>	<u>198,778</u>	<u>473</u>	<u>45,999</u>	<u>94,350</u>	<u>278,474</u>	<u>1,222,411</u>
Analysis by fund							
Unrestricted funds - general	195,978	63,838	154	14,937	31,612	59,161	365,680
Restricted funds	408,359	134,940	319	31,062	62,738	219,313	856,731
	<u>604,337</u>	<u>198,778</u>	<u>473</u>	<u>45,999</u>	<u>94,350</u>	<u>278,474</u>	<u>1,222,411</u>

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9 Expenditure on charitable activities

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"Other" includes Destitution & Community; Migrant Hub; LLST Cost of Living advice. Please refer to Restricted Funds note 23 and the Donations and Legacies note 3 for more detailed information regarding income and expenditure relating to these activities.

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9 Expenditure on charitable activities

(Continued)

Previous year:	Immigration	Campaigns and Advocacy	Refugee Resettlement	Housing and Welfare	Women Together	Other	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs							
Staff costs	256,066	101,398	53,970	40,648	42,041	55,013	549,136
Depreciation and impairment	1,457	481	330	189	209	367	3,033
Staff expenses and training	6,742	3,396	8,113	877	2,833	4,713	26,674
Project costs	6,024	3,442	1,949	1,700	9,727	62,843	85,685
Premises	12,525	8,532	3,024	2,877	2,272	6,511	35,741
Office costs	9,736	8,639	2,730	1,170	1,951	6,636	30,862
	292,550	125,888	70,116	47,461	59,033	136,083	731,131
Share of support and governance costs (see note 10)							
Support	120,725	83,943	40,691	20,949	26,149	40,357	332,814
Governance	6,323	2,504	1,714	986	1,088	1,909	14,524
	419,598	212,335	112,521	69,396	86,270	178,349	1,078,469
Analysis by fund							
Unrestricted funds - general	88,408	34,923	23,903	13,739	15,171	26,621	202,765
Restricted funds	331,190	177,412	88,618	55,657	71,099	151,728	875,704
	419,598	212,335	112,521	69,396	86,270	178,349	1,078,469

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10 Support costs allocated to activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs	304,737	269,084
Depreciation	3,134	1,170
Finance & admin: Project costs	29,009	3,887
Finance & admin: Premises	11,051	3,003
Finance & admin: Office costs	11,617	3,325
Finance & admin: Other costs	23,644	52,117
Sundry expenses	-	228
Governance costs	11,863	14,524
	<u>395,055</u>	<u>347,338</u>

Analysed between:

Immigration	195,978	127,048
Campaigns and Advocacy	63,838	86,447
Refugee Resettlement	154	42,405
Housing and Welfare	14,937	21,935
Women Together	30,612	27,237
Other	89,536	42,266
	<u>395,055</u>	<u>347,338</u>

Governance costs comprise:

	2025 £	2024 £
Audit fees	9,096	7,150
Legal and professional	2,431	7,374
Trustee expenses	336	-
	<u>11,863</u>	<u>14,524</u>

11 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	9,096	7,150
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	3,134	4,205
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	336
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12 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

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13 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Management	2	2
Immigration	11	7
Advisory	7	8
Finance and Administration	5	3
Total	25	20

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	811,305	718,840
Social security costs	74,462	64,633
Other pension costs	40,204	34,747
	925,971	818,220

The total cost to the charity of Key Management Personnel (which is defined as the Senior Leadership Team), is £127,395 (2024: £123,981). This includes gross salaries, employer's national insurance and employer's pension contributions.

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
60,001 - 70,000	-	1
70,001 - 80,000	1	-

14 Other expenditure

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Net loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	336

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15 Gains and losses on investments

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £
Gains/(losses) arising on:		
Revaluation of investments	(23,947)	-

16 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

17 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 April 2024	35,681
At 31 March 2025	35,681
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2024	20,010
Depreciation charged in the year	3,134
At 31 March 2025	23,144
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2025	12,537
At 31 March 2024	15,671

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18 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	Cash in portfolio £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2024	-	199,922	199,922
Additions	883,570	(883,570)	-
Valuation changes	(23,947)	-	(23,947)
Transfers	-	400,000	400,000
Income net of fees	-	8,339	8,339
Disposals	(291,754)	291,754	-
At 31 March 2025	567,869	16,445	584,314
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	567,869	16,445	584,314
At 31 March 2024	-	199,922	199,922

19 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	296,407	14,143
Prepayments and accrued income	11,773	12,625
	308,180	26,768

20 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security		20,733	15,977
Deferred income	21	95,815	135,093
Trade creditors		15,061	5,388
Other creditors		5,659	2,860
Accruals		31,436	21,755
		168,704	181,073

21 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Other deferred income	95,815	135,093

Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:

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21 Deferred income

(Continued)

	2025 £	2024 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Current liabilities	95,815	135,093
Movements in the year:		
Deferred income at 1 April 2024	135,093	98,392
Released from previous periods	(85,093)	(98,392)
Resources deferred in the year	45,815	135,093
Deferred income at 31 March 2025	95,815	135,093

22 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025 £	2024 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	40,204	34,747

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

23 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Destitution & Community	3,038	15,033	(16,311)	-	1,760
Immigration	49,286	413,340	(408,359)	-	54,267
Campaigns & Advocacy	76,778	194,810	(134,940)	-	136,648
Housing & Welfare	15,018	51,536	(31,062)	-	35,492
Mental Health	59,481	-	-	(59,481)	-
Women Together	3,455	85,350	(62,738)	-	26,067
Migrant Hub	12,354	111,252	(67,247)	-	56,359
Refugee Resettlement	21,464	-	(319)	-	21,145
Advice Cost of Living	47,157	171,430	(135,755)	-	82,832
	288,031	1,042,751	(856,731)	(59,481)	414,570

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23 Restricted funds

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Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Destitution & Community	6,169	22,658	(25,789)	-	3,038
Immigration	80,381	300,094	(331,189)	-	49,286
Campaign & Advocacy	15,706	238,485	(177,413)	-	76,778
Housing & Welfare	25,675	45,000	(55,657)	-	15,018
Mental Health	59,481	-	-	-	59,481
Women Together	9,155	65,400	(71,100)	-	3,455
Migrant Hub	17,641	43,322	(48,609)	-	12,354
Refugee Resettlement	37,153	72,929	(88,618)	-	21,464
Advice Cost of Living	17,535	106,951	(77,329)	-	47,157
	<u>268,896</u>	<u>894,839</u>	<u>(875,704)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>288,031</u>

Destitution & Community

We provided emergency support to 493 people. This included providing over 400 food vouchers and 360 sim cards, smart phones and laptops. Principal funders included Lewisham Council, Lewisham Local and London Churches Refugee Fund.

Immigration

We provided 746 people with immigration advice. We worked closely with partners including Southwark Law Centre, St Mungo's, Thamesreach, 99 Club, AFRIL, Hackney Chinese Community Centre, Phoebe Centre, Citizens Advice Lewisham and Refuge. Principal funders included GLA, Hackney Council, London Borough of Lewisham, London Borough of Hackney and City Bridge Foundation.

Campaigns and Advocacy

We continued to focus on Lewisham and Greenwich Borough of Sanctuary groups, as well as continuing our work on Access to Healthcare, ending NRPF and challenging the hostile environment. Principal funders were Propel (City Bridge Foundation).

Housing & Welfare

We supported 121 people with housing advice and 70 people with benefits advice. Principal funders were GLA and Trust for London.

Cost of Living Advice

Our Service Navigator supported 90 people. This service was funded by the GLA.

Women Together

We provided counselling to 48 women and 105 women attended our women's groups. Principal funding came from the Henry Smith Foundation.

Migrant Hubs

At our Greenwich Migrant Hub we supported 533 people. At our Lewisham Migrant Hub we supported 112 people. Principal funders were Greenwich Council and Deptford Challenge Trust.

Asylum Hub

We supported 121 people at our asylum hub. Principal funding came from London Borough of Lewisham.

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23 Restricted funds

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Notes on 2024 Funds/Projects

Destitution & Community

We provided emergency support to 269 people. This included providing 412 food vouchers and 170 sim cards. Principal funders included Community Justice Fund, UKAWJ, London Refugee Churches, Lewisham Council and Southall Black Sisters.

Immigration

We provided 509 people with immigration advice. We worked closely with partners including Southwark Law Centre, St Mungos, Thamesreach, the 999 Club and Depaul UK. Principal funders included GLA IARS, Hackney Council, London Borough of Bexley, London Borough of Lewisham, Southwark Law Centre, Depaul UK, the Peabody Trust and Hackney Chinese Community Advice.

Campaigns & Advocacy

In 2023/24, we continued to focusing on Lewisham and Greenwich Borough of Sanctuary groups, as well as continuing our work on Access to Healthcare, ending NRPF and challenging the hostile environment. Our Access to Healthcare Advisor also supported people with getting the healthcare they need. Principal funders were the Ben & Jerry's Fund Foundations, LB Lewisham, the Henry Smith Charity and the City of London-City Bridge Foundation.

Housing & Welfare

In 2023/24, we supported 107 people with housing advice and 59 people with benefits advice. Principal funders were Trust for London.

Cost of Living Advice

Our Service Navigator supported 133 people. This service was funded by the GLA.

Women Together

We provided counselling to 122 women and 79 women attended our women's group. Principal funders are the Henry Smith Foundation.

Migrant Hub

At our Migrant Hub in Greenwich we provided information and advice to 451 people. The principal funders are Greenwich Council.

Refugee Resettlement

In partnership with Lewisham Council and Refugee Council, we delivered life-changing support to 49 resettled refugee families from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other countries. The principal funder is the Refugee Council and Lewisham Council.

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24 Unrestricted funds - designated

These are unrestricted funds which are material to the charity's activities.

	At 1 April 2024 £	At 31 March 2025 £
Staffing	100,000	100,000
Equipment updates	15,000	15,000
Premises	60,000	60,000
	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	At 31 March 2024 £
Staffing	100,000	100,000
Equipment updates	15,000	15,000
Premises	60,000	60,000
	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>

25 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	<u>619,245</u>	<u>243,253</u>	<u>(369,034)</u>	<u>59,481</u>	<u>(23,947)</u>	<u>528,998</u>
Previous year:	At 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	<u>600,518</u>	<u>221,828</u>	<u>(203,101)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>619,245</u>

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26 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds general 2025 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
At 31 March 2025:				
Tangible assets	12,537	-	-	12,537
Investments	584,314	-	-	584,314
Current assets/(liabilities)	(67,853)	175,000	414,570	521,717
	<u>528,998</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>414,570</u>	<u>1,118,568</u>
	Unrestricted funds general 2024 £	Unrestricted funds designated 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 March 2024:				
Tangible assets	15,671	-	-	15,671
Investments	199,922	-	-	199,922
Current assets/(liabilities)	403,652	175,000	288,031	866,683
	<u>619,245</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>288,031</u>	<u>1,082,276</u>

27 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - none).

28 Analysis of changes in net funds

The charity had no material debt during the year.

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29	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	2025	2024
		£	£
	Surplus for the year	36,292	37,862
	Adjustments for:		
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(17,360)	(10,599)
	(Gain)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	336
	Fair value gains and losses on investments	23,947	-
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	3,134	4,203
	Movements in working capital:		
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(281,412)	7,918
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors	26,909	(2,466)
	(Decrease)/increase in deferred income	(39,278)	36,701
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	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	(247,768)	73,955
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