

GREATER LONDON FORUM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

England & Wales · Charity number 1074368

Details

Other names GREATER LONDON FORUM FOR THE ELDERLY, GLF

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1999-02-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ELDERLY PEOPLE IN GREATER LONDON.

Activities: GLF is the umbrella group for forums across London run by older people for older people providing the voice of older Londoners including minority ethnic elders. Activities include capacity building,, conferences, campaigns, training, Senior London magazine, engagement with and monitoring of local decision making processes and local, regional and national strategic policy and procedures.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREATER LONDON
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£37,960	£33,754	-	-
2024-03-31	£37,960	£33,754	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,010	£31,880	-	-
2022-03-31	£14,861	£33,022	-	-
2021-03-31	£29,730	£19,672	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alok Kumar Agrawal		2023-12-23
Asoke Kumar Dutta		2011-12-01
BEULAH MARY EAST		2020-01-10
COLIN LOMAS		2021-02-24
Chelliah Lohendran		2021-02-24
Cliff Reynolds		2022-03-11
Digvijaysinh Jadeja		2021-04-16
Fay Sandler		2020-01-10
Glenn Laurence Davies		2017-11-10
Gorman Nathaniel Collins		2020-01-10
John Malcolm Ball		2013-12-10
Peter Frederic Denton		2017-11-10
Suresh Gupta		2020-01-10
TONY TUCK		2016-11-10

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025**

Finance and administrative details

Status

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Governing document

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Greater London Forum for Older People

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Objectives and aims

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Through partnerships, develop resources that will support the work of the forums and enable them to move towards a position of self-sufficiency

To co-ordinate the work of the Borough Forums and to develop London wide perspectives on policy and practice

To further reflect the diversity of London's people and their differing needs and concerns

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustee and Executive Committee which is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organization

The Executive Committee and the Trustees are all members of their local forums, or London wide organisations who are elected at the Annual General Meeting following their nomination. The experience and expertise of the candidates is set out in papers supplied with voting forms and made available before voting takes place. Most Trustees and members of the Executive Committee are already familiar with the practical work of the charity and the forums. New Members are provided with an individual induction depending on their needs

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Organizational Structure and Networks

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The Greater London Forum for Older People is a major player in the pan London network of organizations between the forums i.e. a range of strategic organizations. For example: *Greater London Assembly*, *Age UK London*, *Kings College*, *Transport for London*

The BAME is a pan London group providing a specific voice on strategic policy and issues of concern to black, ethnic and minority communities. The membership is drawn from the pan-London organizations and forums.

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Risk Management

The Executive Committee reviews the risks faced by the organization particularly relating to the sustainability of the organization at each meeting. There is also constant monitoring of the finances and operation by the Chair, Hon Secretary and Treasurer.

. Key Risks and Future Focus

The main risks to the organisation remain securing and maintaining sustainable funding and increasing staffing capacity to meet the growing demands of forum development and BAME support.

The Trustees recognise that achieving long-term financial sustainability for the Greater London Forum (GLF) and its network of forums is essential. Efforts will focus on diversifying income, strengthening partnerships, and improving organisational resilience.

Delivery of Public Benefit

All GLF activities are guided by its Mission Statement and designed to deliver measurable public benefit. Older people shape the organisation's priorities and work, ensuring their voices influence policies and services that affect them.

This inclusive approach promotes the mental and physical wellbeing of older people, fosters personal development, and builds confidence through active participation and collaboration with partner organisations. As an independent grassroots body, GLF keeps older people at the centre of all decision-making.

Principal Activities and Achievements

Trust for London – Stronger Communities Programme

The Trust for London grant runs from April 2022 to June 2025, and the Awards for All fund from 2024 to March 2026. The Outreach and Engagement Manager deliver this work on a 21-hour weekly basis.

During the year, **23 groups and forums**, many from diverse ethnic communities, received tailored one-to-one support covering governance, risk management, sustainability planning, fundraising, and partnership development. Support also included engagement with local authorities, NHS structures, and Health & Wellbeing Boards.

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GLF has been invited by the Mayor of London to join the Equalities, Diversity and Inclusive committee – Advisory Group to advise Mayor's London Recovery Board on older peoples' issues. At the advisory group GLF emphasises problems affecting among other older Londoners, Black, Asian and Minority groups.

GLF is a member of London Age Friendly Forum to work with other organisations to make London a fit place to live in an age friendly London.

The Chairs and Treasurers Network

The Chairs' and Treasurers Network was established to support all forums across London by promoting peer learning, sharing good practice, and highlighting sources of advice and support. Each meeting is attended by an average of 20 forum representatives. Feedback has been consistently positive, with members valuing the opportunity to exchange experiences, discuss common challenges, and learn from each other's approaches. The Network continues to strengthen collaboration and enhance the overall effectiveness of local forums.

Senior London Magazine

The Senior London Magazine continues to develop successfully and is distributed to the Forums, London MPs, Greater London Assembly members, Leaders of 32 London Boroughs, pan-London organisations.

The magazine acts as a focus for recruitment to the Forums and The Greater London Forum for Older People providing information on issues relevant to older people, people's rights and campaigns.

The Senior London magazine has a readership of over 40,000 per year

Age Friendly Community

This project is led by the Executive Committee and Outreach Engagement Manager. The objective is to embark upon creating an environment that is inclusive and works for older people. The GLF works with the Greater London Assembly, the Centre for Better Aging, the London Age Friendly Forum and Age UK London.

The GLF Black, Asian and minority ethnic Sub Committee (BAME)

The BAME Sub Committee continue to develop under the direction of the Outreach and Engagement Manager. Supported by **Trust for London** and extended for a further three years, this work focuses on highlighting the needs of older BAME communities, promoting cultural understanding, and strengthening their collective voice across London.

The **BAME Sub Committee**, comprising **18 pan-London organisations**, aims to advance strategic actions that amplify the voices of older people from BAME backgrounds. It encourages open discussion on barriers affecting these communities and promotes greater inclusion in decision-making.

Recent work has focused on campaigns addressing **mental health and housing inequalities**, contributing to the **Mayor of London's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy (2022)** and **NHS England** initiatives to improve primary care and housing conditions. The Committee also supports awareness of financial assistance, such as **Pension Credit**, to help mitigate the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

Looking ahead, GLF plans to further strengthen the **BAME Sub Committee**. We will focus on developing a Transport group to identify key issues affecting older people's mobility, promote safe and accessible travel, and engage in consultations to influence transport policy improvements across London.

General Activities of the GLF

As an umbrella organisation, the GLF ensures that local forums are included in consultations on policies that directly affect older people's lives. The GLF continues to work closely with the **Greater London Assembly** and other key pan-London bodies to raise awareness of the issues impacting older Londoners.

To promote inclusive participation, all GLF events have been delivered via virtual platforms, with information shared both electronically and in printed form to ensure accessibility for all members.

The Greater London Forum for Older People has also supported and enabled local forums to organise their own consultation events, ensuring that older people's voices are heard within their communities.

Active representation across a wide range of London networks has strengthened GLF's visibility and influence, reinforcing its role as a central hub connecting forums, partner organisations, and both statutory and voluntary sectors to the grassroots voice of older people.

Review of work undertaken

The Greater London Forum for Older People's greatest asset is the fact that it is very much a grass root organisation, a bottom up organisation where to date the forums have determined the work of the organisation. As the number of pure grass root organisations is shrinking it is felt that it is very important to continue this specific ethos especially as it is felt that larger organisations do not always reflect the grass root view. Analysis has also shown that the Greater London Forum for Older People is a trusted organisations and its wide range of diverse activities was noted. The main weaknesses remains the lack of core funding, lack of staff resources such as Forum Officers, Administrator and Outreach Workers.

The Way Forward

The Greater London Forum for Older People will continue to link together the voices of older Londoners from all the London boroughs providing a co-ordinated London voice and ensure forums are at the centre of our work through providing support and expertise. There is a need to build on our strengths and to continue to apply for core funding.

Financial Assessment and Review

The financial statements are presented in the standard format required by The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2005 and the Charity Statements of Recommended Practice 2005

Regular assessments and reviews were undertaken throughout the year to monitor the accounts

Income Resources

The total income for the year was £32,390.00

Source of income include designated funding,

Resources Expended

The total expenditure for the year was £ £36,712.00

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The 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 surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Charities Act 1993. 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.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The Trustees of the Charity confirm that:

As far as they are aware, there is no relevant information (information needed by the charity's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 12th December 2025 and was signed on its behalf by:



Beulah M. East
Hon Secretary

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Profit and Loss		Year Ending March 2024	
Income		2024-2023	2023-2022
	Trust for London	£ 25,000.00	£ 25,000.00
	Grant	£ 12,500.00	£ 9,980.00
	CAF	£ 10.00	£ 10.00
	Interest		£ -
	Other	£ 450.00	£ -
Total Income		£ 37,960.00	£ 34,990.00
Control		£ -	
Expenses			
	Advertising		£ -
	Bank Charges	£ 84.00	£ 84.00
	Commission	£ 13.65	£ 9.80
	Employee benefits		£ -
	Furniture and equipment		£ -
	Insurance	£ 348.59	£ 331.97
	Maintenance and repairs		£ -
	Office supplies		£ -
	Rent		£ -
	Research and development		£ -
	Salaries and wages - AGE UK	£ 31,973.87	£ 31,049.12
	Software		£ -
	Travel		£ -
	Utilities		£ -
	Web hosting and domains		£ -
	Other - Expenses paid to Zara	£ 1,334.38	£ 932.57
Total Expenses		£ 33,754.49	£ 32,407.46
Control		£ -	
Net Income		£ 4,205.51	£ 2,582.54
Balance on hand		£ 21,064.98	£ 16,802.99

Accounts completed by Alok Agrawal, GLF Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year and with the preceding year, is set out below.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", published in 2005 and with applicable accounting standards.

1.2 Restricted funds

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs.

1.3 Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charity's purposes.

1.4 Incoming Resources

Total incoming resources as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities represents the value of fees, grants and donations receivable in the ordinary course of activities. It includes the total amount of any capital grants receivable in the year.

Voluntary income received by way of donations and gifts to the charity is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received. Intangible income, such as donations in kind, is not included unless it represents goods or services which would otherwise have been purchased.

1.5 Staff costs and overheads

Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of time spent on those activities.

1.6 Deferred grants

Grants of a revenue nature are credited to incoming resources in the period in which they are receivable. Grants received in advance for specific future periods are carried forward as deferred income.

GLF is funded by:



Trust for London

Tackling poverty and inequality



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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

The key risks to the organization are the achievement of sustainable funding, There is also a need to increase the number of staff to support the extensive work in forum development and BAME support. Future focus is to ensure sustainable funding for the GLF and Forums.

How GLF activities deliver public benefit

The focuses of our achievements in delivering public benefit are related to the GLF Mission Statement. The benefit is achieved by older people themselves dictating the work undertaken by the Greater London Forum for Older People who also provide the opportunities to participate in civic life and ensuring older people are at the forefront of shaping the future. Through this inclusion the mental and physical wellbeing of older people has been improved either directly or through working in partnership with other organizations and for many people there is a large element of personal development and increased confidence. As a grass roots, independent organization older people are at the heart of all work undertaken.

Principal Activities and Achievements

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The Trust for London fund runs from April 2022 to June 2025. Awards for All fund runs from 2024 to March 2026. The Outreach Engagement Manager is employed for 21 hours per week.

36 groups and Forums, many from a variety of ethnic communities, have had intensive one to one support which has included Governance and Risk Management, Sustainability Planning, Finance and Fundraising and developing links with other local organisations to work together and to develop partnerships, how to work with local statutory structures such as local authorities and the NHS, linking into the Health & Wellbeing Boards, and also provided access to the CQC.

Support has also been given in organising local public events in local Boroughs on subjects chosen by the members of the forums and which covered local healthcare, people's entitlements, scams and fraud awareness and speakers from local, regional and national government and organisations.

A comprehensive bank of resources has been compiled with pro-forma and various templates such as application forms for Board roles and which could be adapted to individual forums' needs.

One to one sessions across the region has enabled activities to be highlighted which fit in well with the individual communities and has helped in introducing ideas that have made a successful difference to some peoples' lives.

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The Chairs and Treasurers Network

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The GLF Black, Asian and minority ethnic Sub Committee (BAME)

This project is led by the Outreach Engagement Manager and was extended for a further three years by the Trust For London with the emphasis being on campaigning to highlight priority needs of the BAME communities, understanding of different cultures and to be a strategic voice in London. 18 pan-London organisations joined the BAME Sub Committee.

The objective is to embark upon relevant and strategic actions that act as a catalyst in helping to strengthen the voice of older BAME. This will require members to engage in frank discussions that raise awareness about any structural barriers, policies and procedures that negatively impact BAME communities

Campaign on Inequalities – on going

The Sub Committee developed the campaign on two issues: Mental Health Inequalities and Housing. To achieve impact actions were agreed to be encompassed in the London Mayor's EDI strategy 2022 and NHS England to highlight the need for changes in primary care services. The London Mayor's EDI Strategy to include the housing improvements.

The objectives of the Sub Committee are to gather essential information on key issues, such as access to financial resources, to empower BAME communities with a better understanding of available support. This includes assistance with accessing financial aid like Pension Credit and other measures to help address the challenges posed by the current cost-of-living crisis. The GLF will be working with local authorities to improve access in a number of London Boroughs

The Transport Sub Committee

This project's main aim is to work with the forums in identifying key transport issues affecting older people and find solutions to improve safety in traveling. To campaign for improved routes and participate in consultations.

General Activities of the GLF

As an umbrella organisation it is important to ensure the forums are included in consultations where policy will impact on their lives. The GLF works closely with the Greater London Assembly and key pan-London organisations to highlight issues affecting older people.

To ensure the opportunity for participation in all Greater London Forum for Older People's events all activities have been delivered through virtual platforms. Information is provided both electronically and by hard copy.

The Greater London Forum for Older People also facilitated and supported forums to have their own consultation events.

The representation across the range of London networks has increased the prominence of the Greater London Forum for Older People and its influence and has also emphasized its role as the hub for linking networks, organisations and both statutory and voluntary providers to the grass root voice.

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Review of work undertaken

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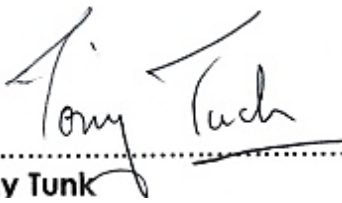
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This report was approved by the Trustees on 10th January 2025 and was signed on its behalf by:



Tony Tunk
Hon Secretary

Greater London Forum for Older People

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Profit and Loss		Year Ending March 2024	
		2024-2023	2023-2022
Income			
	Trust for London	£ 25,000.00	£ 25,000.00
	Grant	£ 12,500.00	£ 9,980.00
	CAF	£ 10.00	£ 10.00
	Interest		£ -
	Other	£ 450.00	£ -
Total Income		£ 37,960.00	£ 34,990.00
Control		£ -	
Expenses			
	Advertising		£ -
	Bank Charges	£ 84.00	£ 84.00
	Commission	£ 13.65	£ 9.80
	Employee benefits		£ -
	Furniture and equipment		£ -
	Insurance	£ 348.59	£ 331.97
	Maintenance and repairs		£ -
	Office supplies		£ -
	Rent		£ -
	Research and development		£ -
	Salaries and wages - AGE UK	£ 31,973.87	£ 31,049.12
	Software		£ -
	Travel		£ -
	Utilities		£ -
	Web hosting and domains		£ -
	Other - Expenses paid to Zara	£ 1,334.38	£ 932.57
Total Expenses		£ 33,754.49	£ 32,407.46
Control		£ -	
Net Income		£ 4,205.51	£ 2,582.54
Balance on hand		£ 21,064.98	£ 16,802.99

Accounts completed by Alok Agrawal, GLF Treasurer

GREATER LONDON FORUM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

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GREATER LONDON FORUM FOR OLDER PEOPLE (GLF)

The GLF is the overarching organisation for older people's Forums in the Greater London region. Its primary objective is to coordinate the voices of older Londoners and engage with decision-makers whose policies impact the lives of older residents, whether at the local, pan-London, or national level.

The GLF is committed to ensuring that all older Londoners have a say in their representation to decision-makers, regardless of gender, class, religious affiliation, disability status, or ethnicity, including Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic, and Refugee (BAMER) communities.

Furthermore, the GLF provides support services to Borough Forums by facilitating capacity-building, offering training, hosting conferences and seminars, leading campaigns, fundraising efforts, and sharing best practices



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Professor Jill Manthorpe

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

2022/2023

Chairs Report

Asoke Dutta



It gives me great pleasure to present this annual report of GLF. We have made significant progress with Borough Forums. Many of them have engaged with the older generation in their areas. Local Age UKs have been excellent partners in amplifying the voices of older people through local Forums.

The GLF is actively involved in engaging with local Forums and is also assisting in setting up Forums in areas where none exist. Zara Ghods has played a pivotal role in spearheading this crucial work.

This year has been noteworthy because the COVID-19 pandemic has not subsided. All of us had hoped that we had seen the last of the dreadful COVID-19, but it seems to have resurfaced. COVID-19 booster vaccines are available for those aged 60 and above, but we believe that vaccines should be made available to younger people as well.

Alan Walker, Professor of Social Policy & Social Gerontology at Sheffield University, delivered a speech titled 'Who Cares About Aging?' which was published in Senior London. He emphasized that the poor health of older people is not solely due to genetics but also results from poor diet, lack of exercise, deprivation, air pollution, inadequate housing, and unhealthy work environments.

The GLF is collaborating with other organizations dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for older people in London. We have also established a Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic subcommittee to address the issues faced by the BAME community. Issues that have come to the forefront include physical and mental health, as well as poor housing.

An area of our work has been focused on making London an Age-Friendly City. While the Mayor of London has championed this cause, it is the case that local boroughs are better suited to create Age-Friendly environments within their jurisdictions. The London Age-Friendly Forum is actively working on this initiative, in collaboration with Age UK London, the Greater London Authority, and other stakeholders. Forums have been collaborating with their respective borough councils to ensure the implementation of measures that enhance the quality of life for older people.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all members of the Borough Forums, the Mayor of London and GLA, Age UK London, Abigail Wood, and John McGeachy.

Members of the GLF Executive Committee have made valuable contributions by sharing insights from their own boroughs. I hope to see every borough establish its own Forum and continue to share their experiences with others. My sincere appreciation goes out to the Executive Committee.

Tony Tuck has dedicated considerable effort as Secretary, and I would like to express my gratitude to Tony. Diggi Jadeja served as a valuable treasurer, and I thank him for his important role. A special thank you goes to Zara Ghods, Outreach and Engagement Coordinator. Without Zara, it would be challenging to envision how GLF could thrive. She consistently supports Forums and encourages other boroughs to establish their own.

Outreach and Engagement Manager

Zara Ghods

The aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic has generated a prevailing sense of uncertainty. Collaborating with the forums to encourage them to reassess their activities and align them with the needs of their members and the broader community has become of utmost importance. Many older individuals harbour concerns about their integration into the community and have been hesitant to engage in various activities. Consequently, this has posed a significant challenge for numerous forums, making it difficult to organize in-person events as they did before the



pandemic. Consequently, they have had to explore alternative methods of communication to ensure that their members' well-being is not overlooked.

Despite the myriad of challenges, older people's Forums have continued to play a pivotal role in advocating for the rights and well-being of older individuals. They have demonstrated remarkable resilience and resourcefulness in adapting to the evolving

needs of older populations, all while striving to ensure that their voices remain an integral part of the decision-making processes.

Online meetings have been ongoing, providing Forum chairs and officers with the opportunity to exchange essential information and learn from one another. This year's focus has been on dedicating more time to support the forums and offer assistance, including guidance on governance requirements, updated policies, fundraising strategies, and aiding with applications. On several occasions, assistance has also been provided in restructuring their activities.

Senior London has played a significant role in raising the GLF's profile through numerous current news articles related to older people's issues across the region. The distribution of the publication has been extensive, with copies sent to all London MPs, Councillors, GLA members, pan-London organizations, and Forums, further amplifying the GLF's outreach and impact.

The BAME Sub-Committee has been actively involved in all of the GLF's activities, with communication primarily conducted online to reach individual groups and offer support where necessary. Plans to expand the programme to better serve the diverse demographics of older populations are of utmost importance, given the increasing diversity and evolving needs within this demographic. The GLF is committed to working closely with the Forums and their diverse memberships to bring attention to these changes.



Conversely, the Transport Sub-Committee has held fewer meetings, but it has seized numerous opportunities to contribute to Transport for London's strategic policies

LOOKING AHEAD

As the world continues to grapple with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The GLF will need to navigate ongoing uncertainty and adapt to the “new normal.” This adaptation may entail exploring innovative methods of engagement with Forums and the broader community, such as hybrid meetings and virtual events, as well as holding safe in person meetings.

London’s status as a diverse city is reflected in its older population. The GLF must proactively address the needs and concerns of a wide range of older individuals, including those from Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic, and Refugee (BAMER) communities. Promoting inclusivity and cultural sensitivity will be pivotal in this endeavour.

Furthermore, as the population continues to age, the GLF will play a pivotal role in advocating for age-friendly policies at the local and regional levels. This advocacy will involve the continuation of our campaign for the adoption of the World Health Organization’s Age-Friendly Community Framework by all 32 London Boroughs and the City of London.

Encouraging older individuals to remain active and engaged in their communities will remain a top priority for the GLF. We can provide valuable learning opportunities for Forums to collaborate with local organizations and initiatives, thereby creating avenues for older people to volunteer, share their knowledge, and participate in social activities. This approach aims to boost Forum membership and support their committees.

Addressing the digital divide among older individuals is of utmost importance. Forums can forge partnerships with tech literacy programmes and local governments to ensure that older residents have access to online resources and services. The GLF will actively campaign to raise awareness of the needs of those who are unable to access online resources.

Lastly, ensuring that Forums have strong and dynamic leadership will be essential for their sustainability and effectiveness. The GLF will actively encourage the involvement of younger leaders and volunteers to inject fresh perspectives and energy into these organizations, ensuring their continued relevance and impact

Tony Tuck, Secretary



London Forums and Action Groups



Barnet Seniors Association
Bexley Borough Pensioners Forum
Brent Pensioners Forum
City of London Pensioners Forum
Enfield over 50s Forum
Greenwich Pensioners Forum
Hammersmith and Fulham Older Peoples Group
Haringey over 50s Forum
Havering over 50s Forum
Hounslow Pensioners Forum
Islington Pensioner Forum
Kensington and Chelsea over 50s Forum
Kingston Pensioners Forum
Lambeth Action Group
Lewisham Pensioners Forum
Merton Seniors Forum
Redbridge Pensioners Forum
Seniors Action Group Ealing
Southwark Action Group
Sutton Seniors Forum
Waltham Forest Action Group
Wandsworth Older Peoples Forum
Westminster Senior Citizens Forum

GREATER LONDON FORUM FOR OLDER PEOPLE ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 01/01/2022 TO 31/12/2022

	Total	
balance @1/1/22		22,211.00

Income

TfL	25,000	
BACS credit	10	
Total	25,010	

Expenditure

bank commission	94	
office supplies	831	
secondment to AUKL	30,955	
Totals	31,880	

balance @ 31/12/22		14,985
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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the London Forums and Groups for granting us the privilege to learn from and draw inspiration from their unwavering commitment and sheer determination.

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GREATER LONDON FORUM FOR OLDER PEOPLE

TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2022**

Greater London Forum for Older People
Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

Finance and administrative details

Status

The Greater London Forum for The Elderly was formed in January 1988 and registered with the Charity Commission on the 24th February 1999. The charity formally adopted the new name of The Greater London Forum for Older People in 2004.

Governing document

The constitution adopted on the 15th September 1998, amended on 23rd March 2001 and further amended 25th April 2003 and 30th September 2008 establishes the objects and governance of the organisation.

Trustees

Chair:	Asoke Dutta
Vice Chair:	Peter Denton
Vice Chair:	John Ball
Treasurer:	Diggi Jadeja
Secretary:	Tony Tuck

Executive Committee

Beulah M East
Chelliah Lohendran
Colin Lomas
Fay Sandler
Glenn Davies
Gorman Collins
Mary Steensma
Suresh Gupta
Cliff Reynolds

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Greater London Forum for Older People

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2022

The Trustees present their report and the financial statement for the year ended 31 March 2022

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

Objectives and aims

The Greater London Forum for Older People – also known as the GLF – is the umbrella group for older people's forums across the 32 London Boroughs and the City of London, which was set up in 1988 as the voice of older people through civic engagement.

The objective as specified in the constitution is 'The promotion of any charitable purpose for the benefit of elderly people in greater London'.

The GLF seeks to ensure that all older Londoners are heard in representations to decision makers, across all sexes, classes, religious groups, older people with disabilities, and the Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic (BAME) groups.

The GLF seeks to provide support services to the Borough Forums through the organization of capacity building, training, conferences and seminars, campaigning and fundraising and the dissemination of best practices.

Mission Statement

To strengthen the voice of older Londoners to enable participation in the local decision making process through the support and facilitation of strong active local borough Forums.

Through partnerships, develop resources that will support the work of the forums and enable them to move towards a position of self-sufficiency

To co-ordinate the work of the Borough Forums and to develop London wide perspectives on policy and practice

To further reflect the diversity of London's people and their differing needs and concerns

Greater London Forum for Older People

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees and Executive Committee which is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organization

The Executive Committee and the Trustees are all members of their local forums, or London wide organisations who are elected at the Annual General Meeting following their nomination. The experience and expertise of the candidates is set out in papers supplied with voting forms and made available before voting takes place. Most Trustees and members of the Executive Committee are already familiar with the practical work of the charity and the forums. New Members are provided with an individual induction depending on their needs

The committee met monthly where information on the financial status of the organization and details of all activities undertaken on behalf of the organization were provided. This included organizational policy and procedures and reviews of the organizational and financial risk. All financial procedures require authorization of all transactions.

Organizational Structure and Networks

The local borough Forums are run by older volunteers for older people and are composed of individuals and representatives of older people's organizations and other bodies working with or for older people in each borough. All forums are independent grass root groups. The forums have their own Executive or Management Committee to plan activities and campaigns with the main focus on working with and representing the views of local older people to the various local authority departments, various parts of the NHS, MP's, Councilors, statutory and voluntary providers. The borough Forum provides older people with an active voice in stating their needs and wishes for local services and decision-making processes and pan London strategic policy.

The Greater London Forum for Older People is a major player in the pan London network of organizations between the forums i.e. a range of strategic organizations. For example: *Greater London Assembly, Age UK London, Kings College, Transport for London*

The BAME is a pan London group providing a specific voice on strategic policy and issues of concern to black, ethnic and minority communities. The membership is drawn from the pan-London organizations and forums.

The Greater London Forum for Older People is working in partnership with Age UK London on campaigns and governance support.

Risk Management

The Executive Committee reviews the risks faced by the organization particularly relating to the sustainability of the organization at each meeting. There is also constant monitoring of the finances and operation by the Chair, Hon Secretary and Treasurer.

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The key risks to the organization are the achievement of sustainable funding, There is also a need to increase the number of staff to support the extensive work in forum development and BAME support. Future focus is to ensure sustainable funding for the GLF and Forums.

How GLF activities deliver public benefit

The focuses of our achievements in delivering public benefit are related to the GLF Mission Statement. The benefit is achieved by older people themselves dictating the work undertaken by the Greater London Forum for Older People who also provide the opportunities to participate in civic life and ensuring older people are at the forefront of shaping the future. Through this inclusion the mental and physical wellbeing of older people has been improved either directly or through working in partnership with other organizations and for many people there is a large element of personal development and increased confidence. As a grass roots, independent organization older people are at the heart of all work undertaken.

Principal Activities and Achievements

Trust for London – Stronger communities

The Trust for London fund runs from April 2022 to March 2025. The Outreach Engagement Manager is employed for 21 hours per week.

36 groups and Forums, many from a variety of ethnic communities, have had intensive one to one support which has included Governance and Risk Management, Sustainability Planning, Finance and Fundraising and developing links with other local organisations to work together and to develop partnerships, how to work with local statutory structures such as local authorities and the NHS, linking into the Health & Wellbeing Boards, and also provided access to the CQC.

Support has also been given in organising local public events in local Boroughs on subjects chosen by the members of the forums and which covered local healthcare, people's entitlements, scams and fraud awareness and speakers from national organisations.

A comprehensive bank of resources has been compiled with pro-forma and various templates such as application forms for Board roles and which could be adapted to individual forums' needs.

One to one sessions across the region has enabled activities to be highlighted which fit in well with the individual communities and has helped in introducing ideas that have made a successful difference to some peoples' lives.

Greater London Forum for Older People

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GLF has been invited by the Mayor of London to join the Equalities, Diversity and Inclusive committee – Advisory Group to advise Mayor's London Recovery Board on older peoples' issues. At the advisory group GLF emphasises problems affecting among other older Londoners, Black, Asian and Minority groups.

GLF is a member of London Age Friendly Forum to work with other organisations to make London a fit place to live in an age friendly London.

The Chairs and Treasurers Network

The Chairs' and Treasurers Network was established for all forums in London to encourage peer learning, provide support for forums and to highlight areas of good practice and sources of support. Each meeting has an average attendance of 20-40 forum members and feedback from the forums has been very positive in that it is a really useful initiative for forums to meet, discuss their issues and concerns and hear what other forums are doing and share best practice. One of the areas of concern in the forums is the issue of loneliness and isolation which plays a major part in contributing towards ill health post pandemic. The Forums have approached the GLF to help facilitate ways for the forums to raise awareness in their Boroughs and encourage joint activities across the Boroughs.

Senior London Magazine

The Senior London Magazine continues to develop successfully and is distributed to the Forums, London MPs, Greater London Assembly members, Leaders of 32 London Boroughs, pan-London organisations.

The magazine acts as a focus for recruitment to the Forums and The Greater London Forum for Older People providing information on issues relevant to older people, people's rights and campaigns.

The Senior London magazine has a readership of over 30,000 per year

Age Friendly Community

This project is led by the Executive Committee and Outreach Engagement Manager. The objective is to embark upon creating an environment that is inclusive and works for older people. The GLF works with the Greater London Assembly, the London Age Friendly Forum and Age UK London.

The GLF Black, Asian and minority ethnic Sub Committee (BAME)

This project is led by the Outreach Engagement Manager and was extended for a further three years by the Trust For London with the emphasis being on campaigning to highlight priority needs of the BAME communities, understanding of different cultures and to be a strategic voice in London. 13 pan-London organisations joined the BAME Sub Committee.

The objective is to embark upon relevant and strategic actions that act as a catalyst in helping to strengthen the voice of older BAME. This will require members to engage in frank discussions that raise awareness about any structural barriers, policies and procedures that negatively impact BAME communities

Campaign on Inequalities – on going

The Sub Committee developed the campaign on two issues: Mental Health Inequalities and Housing. To achieve impact actions were agreed to be encompassed in the London Mayor's EDI strategy 2022 and NHS England to highlight the need for changes in primary care services. The London Mayor's EDI Strategy to include the housing improvements

The Transport Sub Committee

This project's main aim is to work with the forums in identifying key transport issues affecting older people and find solutions to improve safety in traveling. To campaign for improved routes and participate in consultations.

General Activities of the GLF

As an umbrella organisation it is important to ensure the forums are included in consultations where policy will impact on their lives. The GLF works closely with the Greater London Assembly and key pan-London organisations to highlight issues affecting older people.

To ensure the opportunity for participation in all Greater London Forum for Older People's events all activities have been delivered through virtual platforms. Information is provided both electronically and by hard copy.

The Greater London Forum for Older People also facilitated and supported forums to have their own consultation events.

The representation across the range of London networks has increased the prominence of the Greater London Forum for Older People and its influence and has also emphasized its role as the hub for linking networks, organisations and both statutory and voluntary providers to the grass root voice

Greater London Forum for Older People

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Review of work undertaken

The Greater London Forum for Older People's greatest asset is the fact that it is very much a grass root organisation, a bottom up organisation where to date the forums have determined the work of the organisation. As the number of pure grass root organisations is shrinking it is felt that it is very important to continue this specific ethos especially as it is felt that larger organisations do not always reflect the grass root view. Analysis has also shown that the Greater London Forum for Older People is a trusted organisations and its wide range of diverse activities was noted. The main weaknesses remains the lack of core funding, lack of staff resources such as Forum Officers, Administrator and Outreach Workers.

The Way Forward

The Greater London Forum for Older People will continue to link together the voices of older Londoners from all the London boroughs providing a co-ordinated London voice and ensure forums are at the centre of our work through providing support and expertise. There is a need to build on our strengths and to continue to apply for core funding.

Financial Assessment and Review

The financial statements are presented in the standard format required by The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2005 and the Charity Statements of Recommended Practice 2005

Regular assessments and reviews were undertaken throughout the year to monitor the accounts

Income Resources

The total income for the year was £14, 861

Source of income include designated funding,

Resources Expended

The total expenditure for the year was £33,022

Statement of Trustees responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The 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 surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent

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- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

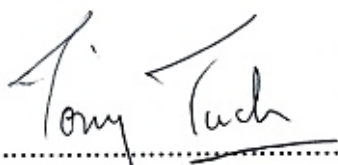
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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This report was approved by the Trustees on 19th January 2022 and was signed on its behalf by:



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Tony Tunk
Hon Secretary

Greater London Forum for Older People

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

GLF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR FROM 01/04 2021 TO 31/03 2022 INCLUSIVE							
MONTHS	COMMISSION	SERVICE CHARGE	PAYPAL	Second ment ZARA	KEEGAN & PENNYKID INSURANCE	BANK OPENING BALANCE	INCOME
EXPENDITURE						32382-42	
APRIL'21	0-50	7-00		527-00			3153-15
				2530-58			Foundation for SOC GLA
MAY	0-35	7-00	99-04	2530-58			
JUNE	0-85	7-00	35-60	2530-58			
			168-48				
			420-00				
JULY	£2-05	7-00		2530-58	309-60		
AUGUST	£1-20	7-00		2880-75			1697-85
							Foundation for SOC GLA
SEPTEMBER		7-00	77-34	2569-08			
OCTOBER	0-50	7-00	35-60	2569-08			10-00 CAF21
			£9-58				
NOVEMBER	£1-75	7-00		2569-08			

DECEMBER	0-35	7-00		2569-08			10000-00 TFL
JANUARY'22	0-35	7-00	85-42	2569-08			
			31-50				
FEBRUARY	£1-05	7-00	143-88	2569-08			
MARCH	0-35	7-00		2569-08			
TOTALS	£9-30	84-00	1106-44	31513-63	309-60		14861-00
							14220-45 CLOSING BALANCE
TOTAL EXP	30385-10						
RECONCILIATION							
Opening Balance = 32382-42							
Income = 14861-00							
Total = 47243-42							
Less Expenditure = (33022-97)							
Closing Balance = 14220-45							

I can confirm this is an accurate record of GLF Accounts for April 2021 to March 2022
Kathleen Egan, Operations Manager Age UK London, 31st January 2023

Kathleen Egan

Administration and other expenses by PayPal : April 2021 to March 2022

2021

- May 25th Senior London £99.04
- May 28th Courier to Merton £35.60 (Senior London)
- June 9th Printer £168.48
- June 24th Workshop given by Community Organizers £420
- September 20th Senior London £77.34
- October 8th Courier to Merton £35.60 (Senior London)
- Oct 11th Courier extra payment £9.58

2022

- Jan 3rd 2022 Senior London £85.42
- Jan 11th Courier to Merton £31.50 (Senior London)
- Feb 18th Zoom Video Communication £143.88

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