

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1075443

Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

for

Independent Community Advocacy  
Network North (ICANN)

CCW Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
295/297 Church Street  
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**Independent Community Advocacy**  
**Network North (ICANN)**

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**Independent Community Advocacy  
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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

To relieve persons who have learning difficulties, mental health problems, physical disabilities, visual or sensory impairment who may be in need of relief by reasons of their age, youth or social and economic circumstances by the provision of an effective advocacy service primarily but not exclusively in Preston and the surrounding areas.

Our vision is for a community where all individuals are empowered to live, thrive, and foster a greater sense of control.

Our mission is to place advocacy at the heart of the community, to ensure all voices are heard, all views are understood, and all choices are considered.

Our purpose is to provide independent and accessible advocacy services, empowering individuals to build a fairer, healthier community for everyone

The key objectives of the charity throughout this period were to continue to deliver existing projects, through paid staff, volunteers and students, while seeking new opportunities through partnership working. The longer-term objective was to extend external independent client advocacy services, to explore and secure new funding opportunities while seeking further funding from current stakeholders to enable the charity to continue the established work it has become known for. Through our stakeholders, partners and service users we are actively working to identify unmet needs for advocacy services for our local communities and to consider ways to meet those needs

The objectives for the year were to continue to deliver advocacy services supporting benefit claimants with benefit assessments and appeal tribunal hearings which was financed through a dedicated funding source from May 2019. From July 2020 this service was also extended to residents of Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen. The charity also delivered a consortium project funded by Preston City Council to support financially excluded people. Due to COVID19 pandemic ICANN additionally aimed to provide appropriate advocacy support to local residents experiencing loneliness and isolation, along with information about COVID, COVID help services and associated financial services.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The charity supports adults, children and young people disadvantaged by disability, physical/mental illness, age or social exclusion to make known their needs and wishes in order to obtain appropriate services and so increase their quality of life. It does this through the provision of local, community-based services that meet needs not currently met through other public service provision. Referrals to the charity's services increase consistently month on month and the charity continues to be recognised and supported both by voluntary organizations and statutory bodies. The charity has developed a strong focus on community advocacy and all activity is measured against criteria which meets the needs of people who would not normally have access to statutory advocacy services. Feedback from beneficiaries and partners is used to review and refine services to ensure objectives are met and to inform and strengthen funding applications.

BIG Lottery Reaching Communities funding was secured in May 2019 for 3 years to provide advocacy support at PIP and ESA assessments taking place throughout the county districts of Lancashire. BIG Lottery Reaching Communities in Partnership funding was secured in April 2020 to deliver same service to the unitary authorities of Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen, working in partnership with Shelter and Blackpool Citizens Advice.

A consortium grant was secured through Preston City Council to provide support to people considered as financially excluded. ICANN is the grant holder and distributes grant payments to six consortium partners.

Additional funding was secured from Lancashire Community Foundation and the RANK Organisation to provide additional COVID services including a telephone befriending project and to provide help with form filling for benefits

The trustees have complied with the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 with due regard to the public benefit published by the Charity Commission.



## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

The surplus/(deficit) for the year was £109,987    2020: Deficit £(7,936)

The trustees confirm that they consider the assets of the charity are adequate to fulfil the obligations of the charity until at least March 2023.

### **Principal funding sources**

The principal funding source is the BIG Lottery Reaching Communities and Reaching Communities in Partnership projects. This provides revenue for staff time which would otherwise be met from reserves.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs for a minimum of two months. At the year end, in excess of 6 months costs were reserved.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The constitution of the organization was adopted on the 13th November 1998 and was last amended on 23rd April 2013.

Reporting to Board of Trustees, the charity has one full-time Head of Services who manages a part time volunteer coordinator, a part time senior advocate, 4 part time advocates, a part time administrative worker, a part time fundraising and business development project worker and a part time social media person. Volunteers provide their time freely in a range of roles. A management committee oversees the running of the charity on behalf of its members.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees are recruited from within the membership of the organization, from the local communities which ICANN serves, and, as far as is practicable, recruitment is targeted to reflect both the skills that are needed and the diversity of members, member organizations and the communities they serve.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

Induction training is provided to all trustees on appointment to familiarize them with the work of the organization and to ensure that they are able to make an immediate contribution to its strategic management.

**Key management remuneration**

The charity applies salaries to all personnel commensurate with duties and that are consistent with the parameters of nationally agreed rates of pay. The charity considers its key management personnel to be the Head of Services.

**Risk management**

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirmed that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**  
1075443

**Principal address**

Howick House  
Howick Park Avenue  
Penwortham  
Preston  
Lancashire  
PR1 0LS

**Trustees**

Mrs P Hill Chair  
Mr D Blackmore Treasurer  
Mrs S Casey  
Mr R Ellis  
Mr J Lighten  
Mrs E Ironfield  
Ms S Patel

**Independent Examiner**

CCW Limited  
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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Pamela Hill  
Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of**  
**Independent Community Advocacy**  
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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Independent Community Advocacy Network North (ICANN)**  
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Independent Community Advocacy Network North (ICANN) (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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



Paul Ronson FCA  
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
CCW Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
295/297 Church Street  
Blackpool  
Lancashire  
FY1 3PJ

Date: 13-10-21



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**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		61	-	61	149
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Advocacy		15,782	417,936	433,718	152,780
<b>Total</b>		<u>15,843</u>	<u>417,936</u>	<u>433,779</u>	<u>152,929</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Charitable activities					
Advocacy		(2,609)	326,401	323,792	160,865
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>18,452</u>	<u>91,535</u>	<u>109,987</u>	<u>(7,936)</u>
Transfers between funds	7	<u>23,068</u>	<u>(23,068)</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds		41,520	68,467	109,987	(7,936)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>68,566</u>	<u>3,481</u>	<u>72,047</u>	<u>79,983</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>110,086</u></u>	<u><u>71,948</u></u>	<u><u>182,034</u></u>	<u><u>72,047</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



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**Statement of Financial Position  
31 March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.3.21 Total funds £	31.3.20 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	4	1,849	-	1,849	1,277
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	1,758	-	1,758	2,165
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>108,329</u>	<u>71,948</u>	<u>180,277</u>	<u>69,355</u>
		110,087	71,948	182,035	71,520
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,850)	-	(1,850)	(750)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>108,237</u>	<u>71,948</u>	<u>180,185</u>	<u>70,770</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		110,086	71,948	182,034	72,047
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>110,086</u>	<u>71,948</u>	<u>182,034</u>	<u>72,047</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7				
Unrestricted funds				110,086	68,566
Restricted funds				<u>71,948</u>	<u>3,481</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>182,034</u>	<u>72,047</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 12 October 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Pamela Hill  
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.



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**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

**3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	66	83	149
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Advocacy	10,663	142,117	152,780
<b>Total</b>	10,729	142,200	152,929
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Charitable activities			
Advocacy	18,398	142,467	160,865
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(7,669)	(267)	(7,936)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	76,234	3,749	79,983
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>68,565</u>	<u>3,482</u>	<u>72,047</u>

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**4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 April 2020			
Additions	2,454	18,330	20,784
	<u>1,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,034</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>3,488</u>	<u>18,330</u>	<u>21,818</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 April 2020			
Charge for year	1,177	18,330	19,507
	<u>462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>462</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,639</u>	<u>18,330</u>	<u>19,969</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 March 2021	<u>1,849</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,849</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>1,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,277</u>

**5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade debtors	315	1,365
Tax	643	-
Prepayments	<u>800</u>	<u>800</u>
	<u>1,758</u>	<u>2,165</u>

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.21	31.3.20
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,130	148
Taxation and social security	-	2
Other creditors	<u>720</u>	<u>600</u>
	<u>1,850</u>	<u>750</u>



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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	68,566	18,452	23,068	110,086
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Big Lottery Fund	1,187	25,697	-	26,884
Awards for All	1,247	-	(1,247)	-
Financial Inclusion	1,047	6,750	(7,797)	-
RCP	-	45,064	-	45,064
Covid Lottery	-	2,280	(2,280)	-
Community Champions	-	11,592	(11,592)	-
Community Foundations	-	152	(152)	-
	<u>3,481</u>	<u>91,535</u>	<u>(23,068)</u>	<u>71,948</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>72,047</u>	<u>109,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,034</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	15,843	2,609	18,452
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Big Lottery Fund	150,699	(125,002)	25,697
Financial Inclusion	24,750	(18,000)	6,750
RCP	175,543	(130,479)	45,064
Covid Lottery	32,350	(30,070)	2,280
Rank Foundation	15,045	(15,045)	-
Community Champions	12,000	(408)	11,592
Community Foundations	7,549	(7,397)	152
	<u>417,936</u>	<u>(326,401)</u>	<u>91,535</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>433,779</u>	<u>(323,792)</u>	<u>109,987</u>

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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	76,234	(7,668)	68,566
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Big Lottery Fund	2,502	(1,315)	1,187
Awards for All	1,247	-	1,247
Financial Inclusion	-	1,047	1,047
	<u>3,749</u>	<u>(268)</u>	<u>3,481</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>79,983</u>	<u>(7,936)</u>	<u>72,047</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	10,729	(18,397)	(7,668)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Big Lottery Fund	117,449	(118,764)	(1,315)
Financial Inclusion	<u>24,751</u>	<u>(23,704)</u>	<u>1,047</u>
	<u>142,200</u>	<u>(142,468)</u>	<u>(268)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>152,929</u>	<u>(160,865)</u>	<u>(7,936)</u>



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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	76,234	10,784	23,068	110,086
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Big Lottery Fund	2,502	24,382	-	26,884
Awards for All	1,247	-	(1,247)	-
Financial Inclusion	-	7,797	(7,797)	-
RCP	-	45,064	-	45,064
Covid Lottery	-	2,280	(2,280)	-
Community Champions	-	11,592	(11,592)	-
Community Foundations	-	152	(152)	-
	<u>3,749</u>	<u>91,267</u>	<u>(23,068)</u>	<u>71,948</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>79,983</u>	<u>102,051</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,034</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	26,572	(15,788)	10,784
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Big Lottery Fund	268,148	(243,766)	24,382
Financial Inclusion	49,501	(41,704)	7,797
RCP	175,543	(130,479)	45,064
Covid Lottery	32,350	(30,070)	2,280
Rank Foundation	15,045	(15,045)	-
Community Champions	12,000	(408)	11,592
Community Foundations	7,549	(7,397)	152
	<u>560,136</u>	<u>(468,869)</u>	<u>91,267</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>586,708</u>	<u>(484,657)</u>	<u>102,051</u>

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**8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.



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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

	31.3.21 £	31.3.20 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations	61	149
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	425,758	146,917
Training income	<u>7,960</u>	<u>5,863</u>
	<u>433,718</u>	<u>152,780</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	433,779	152,929
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	160,631	91,768
Social security	6,531	3,119
Pensions	3,413	2,701
Insurance	721	560
Telephone	5,140	2,482
Postage and stationery	3,024	1,558
Sundries	1,444	1,991
Travel costs	1,848	6,479
Rent	11,500	10,875
Professional fees	1,144	5,302
Management charges	5,640	8,768
Repairs and renewals	746	526
Computer and software expenses	7,832	2,652
Training costs	2,058	3,165
Fixtures and fittings	462	319
Grants to institutions	<u>110,840</u>	<u>18,000</u>
	322,974	160,265
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>818</u>	<u>600</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>323,792</u>	<u>160,865</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u><u>109,987</u></u>	<u><u>(7,936)</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements