



BARAKA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
Annual report 2023-24 - charity number 1087721



# OUR MISSION

Established in 2000, Baraka Community Association emerged as a grassroots response to social challenges faced by disadvantaged communities, particularly those from ethnic minority backgrounds.

Our mission is deeply rooted in providing access to quality education and dismantling systemic barriers. This work is guided by trustees with lived experience - individuals intimately connected to the struggles of our communities.

Since its inception, Baraka has been a catalyst for positive transformation, guided by a steadfast commitment to empowerment.

Our journey is one of significant milestones achieved and meaningful impact - a testament to the power of community-led initiatives.

As we reflect on our journey, Baraka remains dedicated to upholding its founding principles. Trustees, with their lived experience, play a pivotal role alongside the support of our passionate volunteers and partners to ensure that our mission transcends words becoming a lived reality.

As we look to the future, Baraka remains dedicated in working to empower individuals and break down systemic barriers. Together, we are building a resilient and inclusive community where opportunity and success is within everyone's reach.

# Director's Statement

Dear Members, Supporters, and Partners,

As we navigate through the pages of our 2023-24 Annual Report, it brings me immense pride to reflect on the transformative journey of the Baraka Community Association. In our unwavering commitment to empowerment through education, we have shattered barriers and sown the seeds of lifelong learning. Our mission extends beyond conventional boundaries as we witness the emergence of leaders of tomorrow - youth equipped with skills, guided by mentorship, and invigorated through sport activities and enriching day trips. It's more than a goal; it's a commitment to sculpting a brighter, more dynamic future. Particularly poignant is our dedication to levelling the playing field for young girls, especially those from ethnic minority backgrounds. Breaking stereotypes and fostering a supportive environment, we champion their active participation in sports.

We believe in the power of sports not just for physical well-being but as a tool for leadership development and community engagement. In our pursuit of addressing social issues, we've tirelessly worked towards a more equitable and just society. Through targeted interventions, we combat poverty, inequality, and discrimination, recognising the intricate web of challenges that affect the overall wellbeing of our communities.

Our advocacy and sustainable impact efforts resonate deeply within our mission. Beyond immediate needs, we strive to influence policies, raise awareness, and contribute to enduring community development. The heartbeat of our programs is sustainability, creating positive changes that ripple through time. Our operational excellence is rooted in a grassroots perspective, empowering volunteers, fostering collaboration, and engaging in community advocacy. Inclusivity isn't just a principle; it's our way of life. We embrace diversity, ensuring our initiatives are accessible and beneficial for everyone. As we turn each page of this report, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our members, volunteers, and partners.

Your invaluable support inspires and propels us forward. Looking ahead, Baraka remains steadfast in its commitment to learning, adapting, and standing alongside our communities. Together we will build a lasting legacy of positive change.

Sincerely, Abdullahi Ali - Director

# Our Impact

At Baraka, our commitment to creating positive change is reflected in the measurable outcomes we track across various projects. Through diligent monitoring and evaluation, we ensure that our efforts translate into tangible benefits for the communities we serve.

In Project 1, "Bridging the Disadvantage Gap," our education-focused initiative has achieved remarkable results. Students participating in weekly classes experienced an average increase of 2 grade points in Maths, English, and Science. With an impressive 88% average attendance, achieving a 100% GCSE pass rate for the 2023 cohort. Each week, approximately 50 students attended classes, accumulating 200 learning hours each week at our centre.

Project 2, "Gender Equality in Sports Participation," has successfully empowered 30 young girls and women in regular fitness and football sessions. Notably, 80% of participants reported that, without Baraka's provision, they wouldn't engage in physical activities due to low self-esteem and a lack of female-only offerings in the local area.

Project 3, "Holistic Community Development," our inclusive approach brought together approximately 50 attendees each week, including young people and their parents. Six simultaneous activities were provided, ranging from kayaking to arts and crafts, ensuring a diverse offering for everyone. These sessions fostered community bonding, with 74% of families reporting that Baraka's sessions were the only time in the week they engaged in activities together. Additionally, 93% formed new friendships through these sessions.

Project 4, "Youth Leadership Development," showcased the positive outcomes of our residential and outdoor trips. A significant 95% of young people reported self-growth, with improved confidence being the most frequently cited domain. Notably, 62% agreed that access to team sports and outdoor trips during school holidays reduced the likelihood of engaging in anti-social behavior. Several young attendees have since taken on leadership roles within the council and other local organisations.

Project 5, "BCA Talks and Parenting Classes," our parenting programs have had a transformative impact, with 85% of parents implementing effective strategies that have improved family dynamics. These changes have fostered healthier relationships and created a more supportive home environment.

These impactful outcomes underscore our commitment to holistic community development, education, and empowerment, demonstrating the profound and lasting difference Baraka is making in the lives of individuals and families within our community.

In 2023-24 over 300  
Beneficiaries took part across all our projects

100%

- GCSE pass rate in the Year 11

216

- Student learning hours in our centre each week

80%

- of Young girls and Women would not engage in fitness activities without our provision

62%

- of Young People report that activities reduce the likelihood of them engaging in anti-social behaviour

# Our Future Plans

Baraka Community Association is propelled by a vision of continued growth and positive transformation within our community. Our commitment to development, education, and empowerment will chart the course for the years ahead, building on the achievements of our ongoing projects.

In the realm of education, we aim to extend our reach, ensuring that even more students benefit from our program. Our goal is not only to bridge the disadvantage gap but to provide additional support and opportunities that foster academic excellence and unlock potentials.

Building on the success of our sports inclusivity project, we plan to diversify our sports offerings. The objective is to create a more inclusive environment, accommodating a variety of interests and encouraging greater participation among community members. Youth leadership development will be a key focus, with the intention of providing more opportunities for personal growth, skill-building, and community engagement. Our aim is to cultivate a new generation of leaders who contribute to a better society.

As we embark on this journey into the future, Baraka is focused not only on sustaining the positive impact we've made but also expanding them. Together with our community members, partners, and allies, we aim to create a thriving and inclusive environment where everyone has the opportunity to flourish, paving the way for a brighter and more equitable future for all.

# Projects & activities

Friday youth sessions

Cooking classes

Boys Football (Saturday & Sunday)

Arts and crafts

Kayaking sessions

Baraka Girls and  
Mothers Football

Educational classes

Half Term activities

Mother's health &  
wellbeing classes

Woodrow High House & Hindleap Warren Residential Trips

# FRIDAY YOUTH SESSION: SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY WORKSHOP



# ARTS AND CRAFTS

Part of our summer programme included our arts and crafts sessions with Abundance arts.



# COOKING SESSIONS



# GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS



# BOYS FOOTBALL SESSIONS @ WESTWAY SATURDAY & SUNDAY



# MOTHERS FOOTBALL SESSIONS



# WOODROW HIGH HOUSE & LEISURE CENTRE RESIDENTIAL TRIP



# EDUCATIONAL CLASSES

Our educational classes offer support in Maths, English and Science as part of our Bridging the Gap project



# MOTHERS HEALTH AND WELLBEING SESSIONS

Every Thursday at the Hub the mothers get together to talk about ways to improve their health and wellbeing and are provided a healthy breakfast and lunch. On Fridays they participate in sewing classes where they have made a range of items.



# THORPE PARK DAY TRIP



# Our Supporters

- The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
- John Lyon's Charity
- Kensington and Chelsea Foundation
- The London Community Foundation
- The Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
- Lightbulb Trust
- Addison Youth
- London Marathon Foundation
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Young Kensington and Chelsea Foundation
- Westway Development Trust
- Jack Petchey
- BBC children in need

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**Independent Examiner's report to the Management Committee of Baraka Community Association**

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**Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner**

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It is our responsibility to examine the accounts under section 43 of the Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.


**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

Our examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Management Committee concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

**Statement Of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024.**

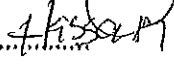
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Employer Contribution		2,446		2,446
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Refreshment and Catering		7,185		7,185
Travel Expenses		165		165
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Telephone & Internet		1,218		1,218
Stationery, Postage & Stamps		1,461		1,461
Repairs and Maintenance		1,297		1,297
Publicity		684		684
Insurance		402		402
Consultancy				5,740
Membership Fees		222		222
Bank Charges		125		125
Accountant Fees		1,850		1,850
Legal & Professional Fees		395		395
Depreciation Charges		14,939		14,939
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				(269,182)
Surplus/ (deficit)		(27,140)	416	(26,725)
Balance brought Forward		333,613	27,106	360,719
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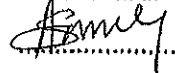
		2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Equipment	2	63,055	53,364
Current assets			
Debtors	3		
Cash at bank and in hand		289,308	290,469
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	4	<u>(109,048)</u>	<u>(83,793)</u>
		<u>181,259</u>	<u>206,675</u>
Net Assets		<u>233,315</u>	<u>260,040</u>
Capital and Reserves			
Surplus/(deficit) B/Fwd		261,040	173,124
Surplus/(Deficit) for this year		<u>(27,725)</u>	<u>86,916</u>
Surplus' funds		<u>233,315</u>	<u>260,040</u>

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**Notes to the financial statements**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those funds which arise from grants and donations which have been given for a particular purpose.

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Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets (less their estimated residual value) over their estimated useful economic lives.

Plant and Machinery                      20% Straight Line

**2 Tangible fixed assets**

	Plant and Equipment s etc
<b>Cost</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 April 2023	2,630
Vehicle costs	57,434
Additions: Equipment Costs	<u>14,631</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>74,695</u>
 <b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 April 2023	6,701
 Charge for the period	<u>14,939</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>21,640</u>
 <b>Net book value</b>	
At 1 April 2023	<u>53,364</u>
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**3 Debtors**

2024  
£

2023  
£

4	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
	Grants in advance		
	John Lyons charity		10,000
	Hammersmith & Fulham		9,900
	Addison Youth		14,472
	RBKC Grants	36,897	12,261
	The Lightbulb Trust	25,000	
	Garfield Weston		10,000
	Groundwork London		5,000
	The Health Frum	10,000	
	BBC Children Needs	4,707	
	accruals	32,444	22,160
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	London Community Foundation				20,005
	BBC Children Needs	18,829	18,829		
	London Marathon	10,000	10,000		
	The Clothworkers				9,200
	Oclavia Foundation	8,500	8,500		
	Groundwork London	5,355	5,355		
	Jack Petchey	900	900		900
	The Health Frum	500	500		
	Other Donations	400	4,301	4,701	4,4630
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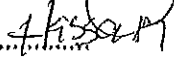
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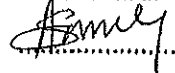
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