

Annual Report

2024/25



Baraka

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Director's Statement

Dear Members, Supporters, and Partners,

As we reflect on the period April 2024 to March 2025, I am proud of the progress Baraka Community Association has continued to make in supporting children, young people and families in North Kensington.

At the heart of our work remains a strong commitment to improving outcomes for children and young people through education, enrichment, sport and employability focused activities. Throughout the year, our programmes have provided safe, supportive spaces where young people can build confidence, develop skills and broaden their horizons. Through sport, mentoring, enrichment activities and practical support, we continue to see the positive impact that consistent, community-based provision can have on young people's wellbeing, aspirations and sense of belonging.

A key priority for Baraka has been ensuring that opportunities are accessible to those who face the greatest barriers. In particular, we have remained focused on supporting girls and young people from ethnic minority backgrounds to participate fully in our activities, including sport and enrichment, where access and representation are often unequal. We recognise the role that these activities play not only in physical health, but also in confidence building, leadership and social connection.

During the year, the organisation experienced positive growth, with income increasing by approximately 13% compared to the previous year. This growth reflects continued trust from funders and partners and has enabled Baraka to strengthen delivery while remaining grounded in local need.

In response to emerging challenges, we introduced two new strands of work: community public health activity focused on prevention and early intervention, and culturally competent provision for older members of the community aimed at reducing isolation and supporting healthy ageing. Both developments align closely with local authority priorities and reflect Baraka's ability to adapt as community needs evolve.

Baraka's work is rooted in a grassroots approach, shaped by lived experience, strong partnerships and ongoing dialogue with the communities we serve. Our staff and volunteers play a central role in this, bringing commitment, local knowledge and care to their work. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank them, along with our funders and partners, for their continued support.

As we look ahead, Baraka remains committed to learning, adapting and responding to need, while continuing to provide practical, inclusive programmes that support children, young people and the wider community to thrive.

Sincerely,

Abdullahi Ali

Director
Baraka Community Association

Our Story So Far

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, guided by trustees with lived experience, individuals intimately connected to the struggles of our communities.

From its inception, Baraka has been a catalyst for positive transformation, guided by a steadfast commitment to empowerment. Our story is one of milestones achieved and lives touched, a testament to the power of community-led initiatives.

Reflecting on our journey, Baraka remains dedicated to its founding principles. Trustees, with their lived experience, play a pivotal role, ensuring that our mission is not just a statement but a lived reality. Together with volunteers and partners, Baraka continues to script a narrative of empowerment and resilience, shaping a future where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

OUR PURPOSE

At Baraka Community Association, our purpose is to be a beacon of positive change, addressing social issues with a primary focus on education, enrichment and wellbeing. We strive to create pathways for disadvantaged communities, including those from ethnic minority backgrounds, fostering empowerment, equal opportunities, and general community wellbeing across the spectrum of age groups.



Our Projects!

PROJECTS	DETAILS	OUTCOME
Bridging the Disadvantage Gap	Educational support in Maths, English & Science	67 Unique CYP regularly engaged over the course of the programme. Increase in average student attainment by 2 grades over the course of the academic year
Improving access to Sports Participation	Weekly football, boxing and fitness sessions	Over 200 unique CYP engaged in regular sports activities over the year. 30 previously inactive young girls engaging in regular sports activities
Baraka Youth Club	Weekly youth club where CYP engage in range of activities including Rock Climbing, Kayaking, Fitness, Arts & Crafts	Average weekly attendance of 50 CYP. Over 1500 CYP attendances over the year. 95% of attendees agreed they felt a sense of belonging in their community
Baraka School Holiday Programme	Outdoor Residential weekends. Day Trips throughout the year, during school holidays	190 unique CYP attended trips organised during school holidays. 95% of young people reported structured activities during school holiday had a positive impact on their wellbeing
BCA Talks + Parenting Courses	Series of Talks based on key civil societal issues and programmes on effective parenting	85% of parents implemented effective parenting techniques at home.
Community Public Health Programme	Delivering Community Health Assessments for local residents and hard to reach communities	Approx 160 local residents underwent a health assessment in the first quarter of the programme. Key outcomes include improved health literacy and improved engagement with NHS services
Elderly Residents Activities	Delivering Culturally competent Elderly activities for 65+	92% of participants report they experienced a sense of isolation prior to engaging in the weekly activities

100%

GCSE pass rate in the
Year 11 2024 GCSE
cohort

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

400

Beneficiaries of across
all our projects in
2024/5

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 gauge the success of our initiatives, ensuring they make a meaningful impact on the lives of those we serve.

In Project 1, "Bridging the Disadvantage Gap," our focus on education has yielded 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 2024 cohort. Approximately 50 students attended classes weekly, accumulating 200 learning hours each week at our centre.

Through our improving access to sports participation we have successfully engaged 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.

Our inclusive approach to our Youth club brought together approximately 50 attendees each week, including young people and their parents. Six simultaneous activities, ranging from kayaking to arts and crafts, ensured a diverse offering for everyone. Impressively, 74% of families reported that Baraka sessions were the only time in the week they engaged in activities together. Furthermore, 93% formed new friendships through these sessions.

Our school holiday programmes 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 gone on to assume leadership roles in the council and other local organisations.

Through our parenting courses and workshops we have influenced parenting techniques at home, with 85% of parents implementing effective strategies. As a result, families have experienced positive changes in their dynamics, fostering healthier relationships and creating a supportive home environment.

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

Our Future Plans

2025 & BEYOND

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 our programs touch the lives of even more students. The goal is not only to bridge the disadvantage gap but to provide additional support and opportunities for academic success.

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 positively to the betterment of society.

As we embark on this journey into the future, Baraka is not only committed to sustaining the positive impact we've made but to setting the stage for a community that continues to thrive. With the support of our community members, partners, and allies, we look ahead to shaping a brighter and more inclusive future for all.



Baraka

Our 2025 Goals



1

Empowering through Education

Enhance and expand our educational support programs, ensuring they are highly effective and continue to break down barriers to learning. Widening gaps in educational disparity post COVID-19 meant there was an even a higher need for educational intervention than previously

2

Investing in Digital Infrastructure

We are investing in digital infrastructure to reflect the increasing role technology plays in education, employability and access to services. Improved digital capacity will allow us to deliver higher-quality support, improve efficiency, and ensure children, young people and community members are not excluded as services continue to move online.

3

Scaling Partnerships Across the Borough

We will strengthen partnerships across Kensington and Chelsea to avoid duplication, share learning and use resources more efficiently. Working collaboratively allows us to build on what already exists, extend our reach, and deliver better outcomes without recreating services that are already working well.

Acknowledgements

Our Supporters

John Lyon's Charity

The Kensington + Chelsea Foundation

The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea

London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham

The Lightbulb Trust

Young K&C

Westway Development Trust

Jack Petchey Foundation

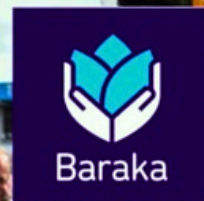
BBC Children In Need

Groundwork London

The South Square Trust

The London Marathon Foundation

RM Partners NW & SW London Cancer
Alliance



We thank you for
making our projects a
reality!

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BARAKA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements for year ended 31 March
2025 for Baraka Community Association.

Charity Reg: 1087721

DECEMBER 27, 2025
TASKPLETE ACCOUNTANT
12 York Road, London, SW11 3QA

Baraka Community Association

Trustees' report

for the year ended 31 March 2025

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

Principal activity

The principal activity of the charity is to provide educational assistance, recreational facilities, Training, and advice to the young people, their parents and other individuals from refugee and other ethnic background seeking help who live and work in the Royal borough of Kensington & Chelsea and surrounding Borough to enhance their academic and social orientation to maximise their full potential.

Trustees

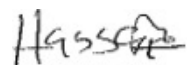
The Trustees who served during the year are as stated below:

Hassan Muhamud	Chairperson
Liban Ibrahim	Vice Chair
Adam Mohamed	Treasurer
Elizabeth Alimadi	Secretary
Hawa Elmi Adan	Member
Ali Mohamed Ulusow	Member

This report was approved by the Board on the 20th December 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Hassan Muhamud

Chairperson



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Baraka Community Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Baraka Community Association. I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees have prepared the accounts and determined that this year, under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, an audit isn't necessary, but an independent examination is. My duty is to inspect the accounts per section 145, follow Charity Commission's general Directions under section 145(5)(b), and report any notable findings.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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 member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountant (CIMA) which is one of the listed bodies.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention;

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Abdullah Mohamud ACMA, CGMA
Chartered Institute of Management Accountant

Taskplete Accountant limited
12 York Road
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27th December 2025

Baraka Community Association. Charity No: 1087721

Statement of Financial Activities for year ended on 31 March 2025

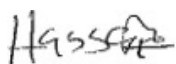
		2025		2024	
	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Fund	Total Funds	Total Fund
		£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES:					
Voluntary Grants			-	-	-
Donations and other Income	4	262,900.00	20,549.00	283,449.00	251,224.00
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS:					
Investment Income					
Other Activities		-	-	-	-
Total Incoming Resources		262,900.00	20,549.00	283,449.00	251,224.00
RESOURCES EXPENDED:					
COST FOR GENERATING FUNDS:					
Charitable Expenses	5	281,001.00	3,959.00	284,960.00	277,949.00
Investment Income		-	-		-
Other Activities		-	-		
		281,001.00	3,959.00	284,960.00	277,949.00
CHARITABLE EXPENITURE:					
Restricted Funds					
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED:		281,001.00	3959	284,960.00	277,949.00
Net Surplus for the year		(18,101.00)	16,590.00	-1,511.00	-26,725.00
Opening Funds		206,209.00	27,106.00	233,315.00	260,040.00
Transfer of funds				-	
CLOSING FUNDS:		188,108.00	43,696.00	231,804.00	233,315.00

Baraka Community Association – Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025					
Charity Number: 1087721	Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted Fund	2025	2024
Fixed Assets	2		38,995	38,995	53,055
Current Assets					
Debtors					
Cash at bank			306,998	306,998	289,308
			306,998	306,998	289,308
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	3		-	-	-
			114,189	114,189	109,048
Net current Assets			192,809	192,809	180,260
Total Assets less current liabilities			231,804	231,804	233,315
Net Assets			231,804	231,804	233,315
Funds					
Unrestricted/ Restricted		43,696	188,108	231,804.00	233,315.00

The financial Statements were approved by the board on the 20th December 2025 and signed on its Behalf by

Hassan Muhamud

Chairperson



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Adam Mohamed

Treasurer



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Baraka Community Association. Notes to the Financial statements for year ended on 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies which are adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with section 42(3) of the charities Act 2011 and applicable accounting standards

(b) Fund

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.

(c) Tangible Fixed Assets

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

	Plant and Equipment
Cost	£
At 1 April 2024	17,261
Vehicle costs	57,434
Additions: Equipment Costs	1,099
At 31 March 2024	75,794
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	21,640
Charge for the period	15,159
At 31 March 2025	36,799
Net book value	
At 1 April 2024	53,055
At 31 March 2025	38,995

Baraka Community Association. Notes to the Financial statements for year ended on 31 March 2025

3	Creditors	2025	2024
	Accruals	45,805	32,444
	Deferred income	68,384	76,604
		114,189	109,048

4	Receipts	2025	2025	2025	2024
		£	£	£	£
		Restrict	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	Receipts:				
	LBHF (including Grands in advance last yr)	5,050		5,050	17,910
	Westway Development Trust	11,889		11,889	8,316
	RB Kensington & Chelsea	107,942		107,942	38,854
	John Lyons Charity	24,000		24,000	65,000
	BBC Children in Needs	22,394		22,394	18,829
	K+C Foundation	42,725		42,725	37,937
	Awards for All	-		-	9,950
	The Lightbulb Trust	25,000		25,000	-
	London Community Foundation	-		-	-
	Addison Youth	-		-	14,472
	Garfield Weston	-		-	10,000
	Groundwork London	2,000		2,000	5,355
	The South Square Trust		3,000	3,000	-
	Octavia Foundation	-		-	8,500
	Sported Foundation Trust	1,000		1,000	10,000
	London Marathon	10,000		10,000	-
	RM Partners	10,000		10,000	500
	Jack Petchey	900		900	900
	Go London	-		-	-
	Other Donations	-	17,549	17,549	4,701
	Total Grands and Donations	262,900	0.00 20,549 0.00	283,448 0.00	251,224

Baraka Community Association. Notes to the Financial statements for year ended on 31 March 2025

5 Resources Expended

	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
	Restrict	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Charitable Activities				
Purchases	9,234		9,234	10,637
Rent and Hall Hire	15,641		15,641	25,825
Teacher's Fees	46,657		46,657	49,525
Youth Worker	21,411		21,411	36,240
Staff salary	77,746		77,746	52,128
Employer Contribution	4,727		4,727	2,446
Pension contributions	900		900	1,350
Training Cost	23,247		23,247	35,565
Trips Activities Costs	21,738	3,959	25,697	28,529
Public Health Mobilisation delivery	9,382		9,382	-
Public Health Mobilisation delivery	9,382		9,382	
Refreshment/Catering	6,840		6,840	7,185
Volunteer's Expenses	2,066		2,066	4,954
Travel Expenses	5,460		5,460	165
Telephone/Internet	435		435	1,218
Stationery/Postage/Photocopying	493		493	1,461
Motor Expenses	2,383		2,383	808
Publicity	5,640		5,640	684
Insurance	-		-	402
Repairs and Maintenance	-		-	1,297
Bank charges	104		104	125
Membership	-		-	222
Accountant Fees	1,850		1,850	1,850
Legal & Professional Fees	505		505	395
Depreciation Charges	15,159		15,159	14,939
Total Expenses	281,001	3,959	284,960	277,949