AAWAZ

England & Wales · Charity number 1088443

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2001-09-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	225 Blackburn Road Accrington BB5 0AL
Phone	01254398176
Email	info@aawaz.org.uk
Website	www.aawaz.org.uk

Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE AND BENEFIT THE WHOLE ETHNIC MINORITY COMMUNITY BY ASSOCIATION WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER AGENCIES IN A COMMON EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF MEMBERS OF THE ETHNIC MINORITY COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND FAMILIES LIVING AND WORKING ACROSS THE ACROSS THE NATION

Activities: Assist women and families from black and minority ethnic communities to help them with their self development to improve their lives.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UK
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£191,328	£138,168	-	-
2024-03-31	£130,552	£199,562	-	-
2023-03-31	£203,638	£230,112	-	-
2022-03-31	£183,530	£222,866	-	-
2021-03-31	£329,850	£186,873	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Noshin Hussain	Chair	2021-06-17
Aziz Fatema BiBi		2021-05-25
Nazima Naz		2021-02-16
Uzma Rani		2021-02-16

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Trustees Annual Report
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees
for the year ending 31 March 2024

Trustees

Aziz Fatima BIBI

Noshin Hussain

Uzma Rani

Nazima Naz

Charity Registered Number - 1088443

Registered office - 225 Blackburn Road Accrington – Lancashire BB5 0AL

Principal operating centre - Aawaz Access Point Blackburn Road Accrington BB5 0AL

Accountants – Gulfraz Ahmed (FCA) - Ahmed Alam Accountants, 63 Jonston Street, Blackburn

Bank – Lloyds 2 peel Street, Accrington BB5 1EP

Message from Aawaz Patron



This year 2024-2025 has proved to be busy and challenging. Our committed and dedicated team of volunteers alongside the small staff team continue to serve our communities.

As the Patron of Aawaz I always feel a great sense of pride when we see our service users make progress towards achieving their goals. This year like previous years we have seen the charity's activities building the profile and ensuring the voice of women is heard.

It saddens me and concerns me that Aawaz continues to see many women and families who experience food and fuel poverty, the cost-of-living crisis remains a reality for many in our communities.

I give my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers, who are here day in and day out working hard, welcoming everyone in need. Being there for people with a smile, a hot drink, a snack and a listening ear. Giving those in need time, helping people to access help and support.

My thanks and gratitude is extended to everyone who supports Aawaz in any way, your support matters greatly to our charity.

Mrs. Jean Battle MBE

Message from Aawaz Chairperson



We are women working with women and we wish to be here for everyone in need. At Aawaz we show we care and respect everyone and we are here to help where it is possible. 2024 – 2025 has proved to be another year challenging as ever! Aawaz continues to work hard to ensure that the women's voices are heard and meaningful participation achieved at local events. I am so pleased that through its various activities we are assisting women to come forward and to make a positive contribution in working to improve their own neighbourhoods.

During this year we the trustees also had to make the difficult decision to pause all our face to face activities following the tragic incident in Southport. The widespread protests that followed created anxiety and unrest. Through all our activities Aawaz has always focused on bringing better understanding between communities and this has proved to be of upmost importance.

At Aawaz we have an open-door system we welcome every woman. We are pleased that so many of the women who access Aawaz learning and support are able to progress on to other accredited training courses, go onto volunteer and get paid employment.

Thank you to everyone who support our cause and to our staff and volunteers.

Mrs Noshin Hussain

Trustees Report 2024-2025

Our annual report sets out the work of the Charity over the year 2024-2025

Aawaz is a registered charity organisation, established in 1997, its registered office is at 225 Blackburn Road, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 OAL.

Aawaz work to assist south Asian and other minoritised women and families, these are individuals and families who are most in need. Aawaz focuses on providing practical multilingual support to assist integration into the wider community. Aawaz believe that by assisting and encouraging individuals from minoritised communities to overcome language and cultural barriers, we can help people to feel a sense belonging to their locality, promote cohesion and improve understanding between communities.

The charity's work is recognised by local authority, statutory and non-statutory organisations and faith sector organisations in the area. Aawaz works holistically at grass roots level, with the principle of helping the women and their families and welcomes everyone under its "Open Door policy". The charity's work helps in bringing equity of services and support to our client group.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Aawaz have 4 Trustees and 5 members of Executive Committee. Volunteers and Service users are also represented on the Committee. The Executive Committee have the overall responsibility for our work and finances. They meet four times per year. Our patron is a well-known and dedicated lady, Mrs Jean Battle MBE.

The organisation leadership is with the Charity's Trustees all women from south Asian and minoritised communities. Our Trustees and Executive Committee members have lived experience of the multiple barriers and inequity of services / support experienced by our service users.

The day-to-day management is in the hands of our experience and skilled manager. Who has vast experience of working with minoritised women and communities. Together with our Volunteers we continue to offer the multilingual holistic support for our women.

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements with applicable law and regulations.

The Charity 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 charitable organisation and of the income resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable organisation for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimated that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern unless it is appropriate to presume that the charitable organisation will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of charitable organisation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charitable Act 1993 and the charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. The Trustees aim to keep reserves of at least two months expenditure and sufficient funds to cover any redundancy related costs.

Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reference & Administrative detail
Reference and Administrative details are shown on page one of the Trustees Report

Registered Office
Aawaz Access Point, 225 Blackburn Road, Accrington. BB5 0AL Lancashire

Executive Commttee
The following members have served on the Executive Committee during the year ended 31st March 2025.

- Noshin Hussain (Chairperson)
- Aziz Fatema Bibi
- Loreta Malik (resigned July 2024)
- Sahera Dala (resigned July 2024)
- Nazima Naz
- Uzma Rani
- Asia Bibi
- Zohra Begum
- Afia Begum
- Sobia Begum
- Maryam Bibi

Organisation Vision

"To remove the culture of dependency, improve the lives of south Asian women and their families and help create equal and cohesive communities where women can feel a sense of belonging and play their part in the wider society"

Introduction

Aawaz means Voice in the Urdu language. We are a user led organisation. Our service users are represented at each tier, including representation within the Executive Committee.

The organisation ethos is about working holistically at grass roots level upskilling the women. To help the women to have equitable opportunities to learn, vocalise their needs so they can move forward into lifelong learning, volunteering and employment.

Aawaz service users are from diverse backgrounds / nationalities. We have an Open-door Policy, welcoming all women.

This year in particular presented challenges like no other, the tragic and shocking incident in Southport (July/August 2024) led to widespread protests. Aawaz Trustees had to make the difficult decision to pause all face-to-face work for a period of 4 weeks. There were many service users who felt extremely anxious and threatened. Our staff and volunteers worked hard to ensure we offered reassurance and support. Aawaz worked alongside local council, Lancashire Constabulary and Racial Equality Diversity Council and key voluntary faith and community organisations. Our work in helping to bring understanding between communities is ever more important.

As at 30th March 2025 Aawaz has received 13985 Enquiries / requests for help

Furthermore

- 2892 women have engaged in Aawaz Projects
- 254 women have engaged in the health & wellbeing activities at Aawaz
- 2132 women have engaged in other learning activities at Aawaz
- 8 women have secured paid employment through the learning / support offered from Aawaz
- 11 women have been introduced to Volunteering through the learning / support offered from Aawaz
- After completing their learning programmes at Aawaz 9 women have been assisted to enrol at college

This year the charity has had the opportunity to showcase its work and the charity's legacy more visually. Through local exhibitions, community events, interviews on Community Radio, published articles and continuing the networking.



During the year sharing information about our projects was a regular feature on the local community radio station. The charity received many enquiries following the radio features. Aawaz work in addressing diversity and equity was featured in the Rank Ripples magazine and received praised and acknowledgement for our efforts.

Working with Lancashire Archives we were provided the opportunity to showcase the work of Aawaz over the past 27 years through a "Digital Legacy exhibition". The exhibition alongside our displays of "Putting East Lancashire in the Picture" project was unveiled by the Mayor of Hyndburn Councillor Mike Booth on 2nd October 2024 at Accrington Library. Both the exhibition and the colourful displays featuring South Asin fashion, dress, culture and heritage were very well received.

Hum Saath Saath Hein (meaning We are together together in Urdu) project enabled the charity to work with women experiencing isolation and loneliness. Majority of the project participants did not have anyone close who they could chat with or feel they could discuss their personal issues with; they missed friendship and networks



Our community consultations has highlighted that this is quite a big problem experienced by many of the women from south Asian and other minoritised communities. The women have shared with us the impact of feeling lonely and isolate as it affects all aspects of their health and wellbeing. In particular the issues for older women are greater and we are looking to identify what Aawaz can offer to meet the needs of the older female service users.

Our Befriending Project has provided opportunities for many more service users to join in our activities within their locality.

Aawaz has used more neighbourhood venues including local schools and Child and Family Centre to offer easy access and opportunities for learning activities.



Aawaz is a partner in Hyndburn Way programme and has participated in the Systems Leadership Training programme, joining the Legacy group and the Alumni group. All of these are useful and positive connections. We value networking and partnerships.

This year more than ever Aawaz has ensured that the women's voices are heard and meaningful participation achieved at local events such as the Enlighten event. Aawaz members worked with a local artist, attending weekend workshops to explore issues and to write and record a poem. The poem itself was unveiled on 28 November 2024 at the Christmas light switch on.



Aawaz Unity Voices Project offered the opportunity to work to improve community cohesion, bringing better understanding between communities. The project provided opportunities for informal conversations between local residents from diverse communities. The project has set up a multilingual female choir and has embarked on an ambitious programme of training up volunteers to become community cohesion Ambassadors.

Throughout the year the charity has endeavoured to widen opportunities for participation for the service user in a range of different forums, debates and research. For example, a group of service users worked with British Archelogy Society. Another group of service users participated in workshop around researching mental illness within the south Asian communities.



Through the support of Lloyds Fund we are participating in further leadership development and have been able to make great connexions with other leaders of black and minoritised charity organisations across the country.

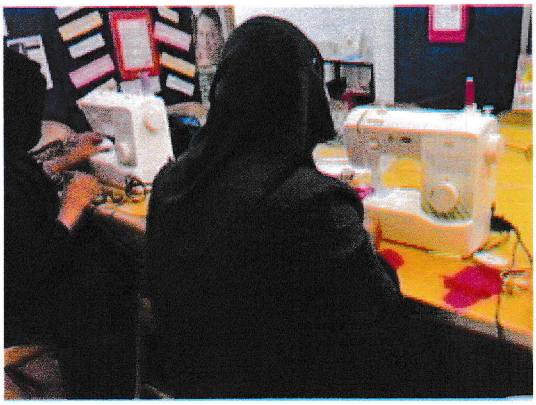
Networking with members from the Rank Foundation has also helped the charity to make connections and network across UK, where we share our experiences and help others to overcome issues that we have faced and successfully resolved.

Aawaz Food/ Fuel Help programme has continued to assist individuals and families. We have assisted local residents to access Household Support Fund. Aawaz is well known and trusted for providing Halal food items as part of the Food help programme. Our programme includes budgeting, shopping wisely, cooking skills and sourcing locally grown food.

Working closely with Helping Hands Fund Charity organisation we are identifying further options for help and assistance to extend the right support to those who are most in need.



Our charity continues to see many people who experience the cost-of-living crisis resulting in difficult choices, between, food, fuel, clothing etc. It is essential to offer timely support, and we have worked hard to help everyone who has reached out to us.



Our Silai Katai Group (Sewing Circle), Chai and Chat group, Warm space and Coffee Morning groups have all offered a warm and friendly welcome to many residents. An opportunity to come and learn, make friends and make social connections.

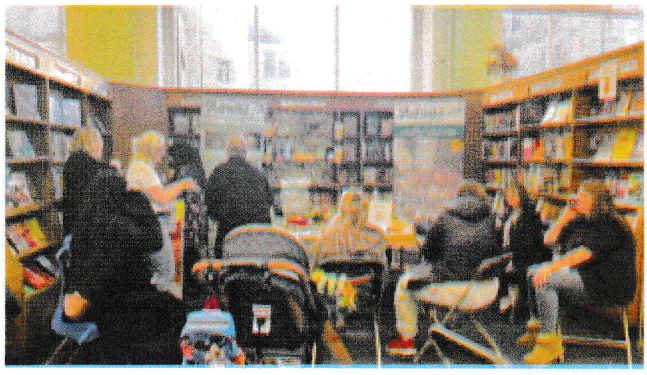
Using arts and crafts, creative writing, story sharing are all essential components of our health and wellbeing work. We see women who experience mental distress and the groups have reported that Aawaz activities help them greatly.

Aawaz has successfully advocated on behalf of those service users with specific needs around mental health and wellbeing. offering multilingual support and help.

We have seen a marked increase in Asylum seekers and refugees who call on our charity for help and information. Often this group has no recourse to public funds so assistance from various other sources needs to be found for them. Similarly, we are also seeing more overseas students and individuals who arrive in UK for specific employment- Work permit. This group are finding it very difficult as many report that they did not realise the high cost of living expenses required to manage their affairs and to be able to live in the UK.

Looking back, it has been a busy year, we are still very mindful of the challenges in ensuring that we stay ready and prepared for offering the support and assistance to those women who are in need. We want to be here for the women who call on Aawaz for the holistic multilingual support.

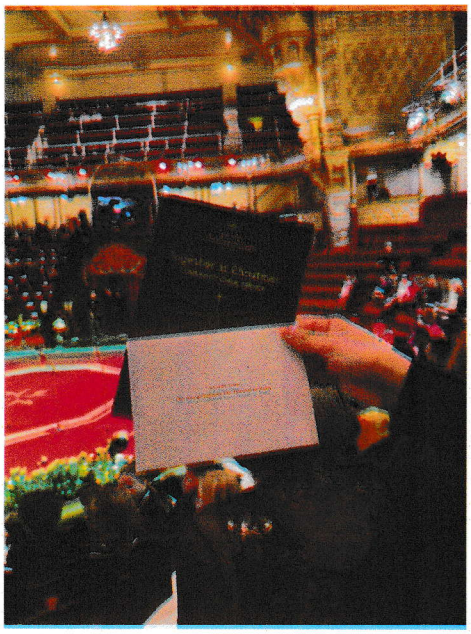
Our greatest challenges remain are around securing sufficient resources that enable us to deliver our work in a comprehensive manner.





Helen Bingley The High Sheriff of Lancashire 2024 – 2025 visited Aawaz and met with the ladies group.

Aawaz was invited to the Royal Foundation "Together at Christmas Community Carol Concert" at Christmas. Our staff and volunteers attended the concert in Blackpool.





NHS Talking Therapies Team, sessions provided very helpful and useful information. It was a great opportunity to learn about their service.

Thank you to our Volunteers

Aawaz Volunteers

Our Volunteers are our most essential element without the support and commitment of the group of ladies who give their time to the charity we would not be able to do what we do.



The service users tell us that our volunteers paly an important role in welcoming them, in particular where there are new service users who are join in for the first time.

Volunteers offer that extra support, friendly smile, warm welcome and practical help to assist the service users feel more at ease and to be able to feel relaxed and join in the learning activities. Often Volunteers will be able to accompany the service users in attending the various learning activities or to be able to access wider support from other agencies. Volunteers help to distribute the food parcels to our more elderly service users or those service users who are living alone.

This year our team of 18 volunteers have worked tirelessly alongside our staff to ensure that every woman who comes to Aawaz feels welcome.

One of our volunteer shares her experience of being a volunteer at Aawaz:

I am a volunteer at Aawaz,

I became a volunteer after completing a learning programme with Aawaz. My learning programme helped me so much.

I learned to improve my conversation skills in English.

I improved my IT skills

I was previously quite shy and did not like talking with people but from my time a learn I realized that I have to overcome some of my shyness. I have to learn to challenge myself and test myself, not be afraid but be a little braver!

I also felt that in order for me to continue to build on my new skills and confidence I should try to help others. Becoming a volunteer was a big step for me but Alhumdulillah I worked hard and I do my best. Aawaz gave me good training on what it is to be a volunteer, the dos, donts and how I should play my part in helping others.

I should say that the most rewarding part as a volunteer for me is the welcoming role I play in helping the ladies to feel at ease. I find it so rewarding when I work with the ladies and listen to them and get to know a little bit about their needs. I can then position

The Trustees would like to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to everyone who supports Aawaz charity in all its charitable work. Your support is making a real difference to the people who access our services.

Aawaz - Registered Charity Number 1088443

Financial Statement
For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Gulfraz Ahmed AFA
Ahmed Alam Accountants
63 Johnston Street. Blackburn, Lancashire.BB2 1H

Member of Institute of Financial Accountants Membership No: 25268

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees

I report on the financial statements of **Aawaz** Charity ended 31 March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year of the Charities Act 1993 as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006 and that an independent examination is needed:

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts
- To follow the procedures laid down in General Directions given by the Charity Commission
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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.

Independent Examiner's Report

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1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

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2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:..... Date 04/08/2025

Gulfraz Ahmed AFA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	(2)	748	880
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank:			
Restricted funds		93708	66486
Reserves (Contingency and redundancy)		65500	50000
Unrestricted Funds		27000	22600
Cash in hand		2001	155
		188209	139241
		1889571	140121
CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year	(3)	11006	15330
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES).		£177951	£124791
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance (bfwd)		124791	193801
Prior year adjustment	(8)	-	-
Net profit for the year	(4)	53160	(69010)
TOTAL FUNDS		£177951	£124791

Signed Trustee: N. Hussain ..... Signed Trustee: .....

These financial statements were approved and signed by the Trustees on 4/8/25 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For Year ended 31st March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES – from generating funds			
RESTRICTED			
Arts Council		19350	-
BL- AFA		19997	-
BL - CF		-	-
Community Foundation		-	6000
COLF		-	43255
CVS (ICB Grant)		5000	-
Halsall Foundation		30000	-
Helping Hands Fund (Grant received for clients)		2632	-
HBC		14700	1100
HSF/ Hyndburn Leisure		13100	20500
Idle Women		3500	-
LBMEN		500	8983
LCC		10290	4000
Lloyds Foundation		25000	-
Postcode Lottery		23000	-
Rank Foundation		20000	20000
WEA – Multiply		-	24114
		187069	127952
UNRESTRICTED			
Income generating activities		1173	600
		1173	600
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Bank interest received (Net)		-	-
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES			
Activities and Donations		3086	2000
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£191328	£130552

RESOURCES EXPENDED CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	**2025**	**2024**
Staff (salaried)	94413	101691
Staff (sessional)	4598	12176
Project materials and activities	24402	52507
Volunteer expenses	2690	10223
Rent-accommodation and venue	4217	7164
Professional fees, training	365	7560
Capital spending – Office equipment & refurbishment	-	-
Utilities	4680	5852
Insurance	1277	1231
Accountancy Fees	1394	1000
Depreciation	132	158
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£138168	£199562
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	£ 53160	£ (69010)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For Year ended 31st March 2025

1. Accounting policies

(a) **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act 1993.

(b) **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use, at the discretion of the trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

(c) **Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of Income:

Income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the Charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of the tangible fixed assets to their estimated residual values over expected useful lives.

The following rates and basis apply:

Office equipment & Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings at 15% reducing balance

NOTES TO THE FINANCIL STATEMENTS
For Year ended 31st March 2025

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment, Furniture Fixtures & Fittings
Cost at 01/04/2024	11912
Additions	
	11912
DEPRECIATION	
To 31/03/2023	11032
For the year	132
	11164
Book value at 2025	£748
Book value at 2024	£880

3. CREDITORS

Expense Creditors:

Staff (salaries & NIC)	6695
Staff (sessional)	425
Project Materials & Activities	1020
Volunteers	25
Accountancy Fees	1300
Rent, accommodation, venue	1210
Utilities	310
Insurance	
	£11006

4. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Net profit (Loss) for the year	£ 53160

5. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 2025.

6. CONTINGENT

At 31 March 2025 the charity allocated for ongoing Projects restricted funds amounting to.

£ 93708

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Loreta Malik

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Message from Aawaz Patron



2023-2024 has been another very busy year in the life of Aawaz charity organisation. We have seen some wonderful outcomes in helping those people who were in real need and had nowhere to turn. Coming to Aawaz greatly assisted them in their time of need.

As the Patron of the charity, I felt so proud when a group of our service users wrote a song to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. The group worked very hard and brought together so many local residents, who all joined in to record the song. What a great achievement for the women's group!

Our work to assist those who are experiencing the cost of living crisis has continued and in fact during these 12 months it has required considerable resources. Volunteers have dedicated their time ensuring everyone can receive the help and support in a timely manner.

I thank everyone in the Aawaz team for continuing with their efforts in being there with a warm smile, a hot drink, a snack and time and patience to listen and to offer whatever help is required.

I wish to thank everyone who supports Aawaz in any way no matter how small a contribution, you can be rest assured that your help is extremely valued.

Mrs. Jean Battle MBE



Message from Chairperson

This year has been quite a challenging one for me on a personal and professional level. I have experienced loss and bereavement at a personal level and it has made me realise that I have so many wonderful people around me who care and are there for me and my family. Therefore, I want to be there for all others in their time of need.

At Aawaz we want to be there for every woman who is in need, we want to show we care and that we respect, we can empathise and want to help. Aawaz charity is under great pressure because the demand for our support service has continued to rise. We are seeing many more women who are experiencing complex issues and require our time and expertise to work with them. However, our resources have reduced, so we continue to work hard to work within the given resources and identify other funding opportunities.

Mrs Noshin Hussain

Trustees Report 2023-2024

Our annual report sets out the work of the Charity over the year 2023-2024

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Introduction

Aawaz means Voice in Urdu language and the organisation ethos is about working holistically at grass roots level upskilling the women to help them be equal and have equitable opportunities to learn, vocalise their needs so they can move forward into lifelong learning, volunteering and employment. At present Aawaz see nearly 300 women from diverse backgrounds and nationalities a week. We are a user led organisation. Our service users are represented at each tier, including representation within the executive committee.

2023 – 2024 has been another busy year of activity, full of learning, support and health and wellbeing activities to help all the women who approached Aawaz.

The charity has seen an increase in requests and referrals to provide support to women and families from BAME communities and we have done our very best to deliver what was needed within the available resources.

The year began with Aawaz bringing all communities together to record the Coronation Song to celebrate King Charles III Coronation. What a wonderful mix of people coming together from all walks of life to gather, practice and sing together at our recording session in the Accrington Library. The song was released on You-tube and on the Coronation Day 6th May 2023 the song was played by the Hyndburn Borough Council at all the Coronation events. Thank you to everyone who made this possible and a big well-done to the Women's group who wrote the song.

Aawaz also hosted a fantastic week of activities during the Refugee Week in June, the week provided informal discussions and dialogues around bringing a better understanding and respect for everyone. The main Aawaz event was attended by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress who were impressed with Aawaz way of working and very pleased to meet all the participants.

The charity provided a summer activity programme during July and August which was found to be very useful for all our mothers who access Aawaz support. Aawaz use of arts and crafts and creative writing as an effective medium to help express emotions, working on bringing about improvements in health and wellbeing.

Aawaz completed the Move Forward Project in July, this particular project has assisted many women to make progress with their personal development goals, move into volunteering and paid employment.

Our Learn Together Project has assisted participants to improve their numeracy through learning practical skills such as pattern making and sewing. The participants have improved their numeracy skills and have been able to use the newly acquired knowledge and understanding to help their children and grandchildren.

This year has seen the continuation of cost of living crisis, many more individuals and families experiencing financial hardship, food poverty and fuel poverty with its detrimental impact on their feeling of health and well-being.

Our volunteers have continued to work hard to provide food related help in terms of food parcels (Halal items), as well as blankets, toiletries and other essential items. Our volunteers work alongside our staff who provide energy advice, benefits checks, help with budgeting and planning for managing their finances more effectively.

We have been able to secure some resources that have allowed us to provide a hot lunch, healthy snacks and refreshments for many of our service users, ensuring that everyone has access to a hot meal each day. Our service users have greatly valued this additional help. Welcoming service users with a warm drink and a snack also helps many to feel at ease. It's part of our hospitality when women in need call on Aawaz we welcome everyone in a safe and friendly environment.

Working with Hyndburn Borough Council Aawaz has provided practical assistance in helping to complete online applications for accessing Household Support Fund. Many residents struggle and don't realize help is available or they lack confidence and IT skills to complete online applications.

Aawaz have found that this year in particular has proved financially challenging, with a reduction in resources and another increase in the demand for our support services. The Cost of living grant assisted with managing this to some degree and provided a useful lifeline.

We continue to trial the On-Call service to cover out of hours and weekends. A recent evaluation has identified the need for this kind of multilingual service to be available on a long-term basis. The On-call service was at its busiest around holidays and festive periods such as Ramadan, Eid, summer and Christmas holiday times highlighting the fact that the families and individuals needed additional help and support at those times.

Despite all activities Aawaz has been increasingly concerned about the cost of living crisis and its impact on the women and families who use our support services. The rise in the cost of food and energy has had a severe impact on the families we see, these are families who experience multiple barriers.

Aawaz prides itself on the fact that all the charity's projects are based on identified needs and that all our services are user led. We the Trustees believe that Aawaz charity exists to serve the women in our communities, we are here because we are needed and we know that we are making a tangible positive difference.

During this year we have also noted the increase in the number of enquires made from outside Lancashire. These are enquiries made by agencies, statutory and voluntary and individuals who have found Aawaz information through web search and Facebook. We have been able to assist many people by ensuring they receive the most appropriate help in their locality. In addition, Aawaz has provided guidance and information to professionals answering their queries and helping to understand how they can provide the right support for their clients.

We the Trustees all continue with passion and commitment to Aawaz ethos, we know it is hard and tiring and challenging but together with our supporters, our volunteers and our small staff team we are a strong team and we pledge to help every woman who comes to Aawaz in whichever way we can.

Our records show that Aawaz is contacted by many more refugee, asylum seekers, overseas students, and by people with no recourse to public funds. Majority of the help is required around food and fuel poverty. Aawaz is well known for providing Halal food items and this is greatly valued by everyone.

This year Aawaz received 13321 enquiries

- Charity has engaged with 4950 people through projects and offered help and support
- 985 people have engaged in the learning activities
- After completing their learning and employability programme with Aawaz 21 women have achieved paid employment.
- After completing their learning programme with Aawaz 18 women have applied for voluntary work, 6 women were accepted and are volunteering for various Charities.
- After improving their confidence and English language communication 31 women enrolled with the local college.
- 541 women have participated in the health and wellbeing activities

Our Activities during 2023 – 2024 included:

- Multilingual holistic help and support
- English language and communication skills programme
- Confidence building programme
- Employability programme including Job Club
- Health & Beauty Course
- Multiply Project – improving numeracy
- IT sessions
- Health and wellbeing programme including walking for good health
- Art and craft sessions including story sharing and creative writing
- Food help, including budgeting, simple cooking, Halal Food parcels, distribution of warm packs, blankets, toiletries, children's clothing
- Energy advice and access to Fuel vouchers
- Benefit checks and information
- Multilingual befriending support
- Out of hours on call service
- Helping individuals and families to access Household Support Fund applications
- Sewing classes
- Prepare for Driving Theory Test
- Visits and introduction to mainstream local organisations
- Mothers and children activities during holidays
- Day Trips

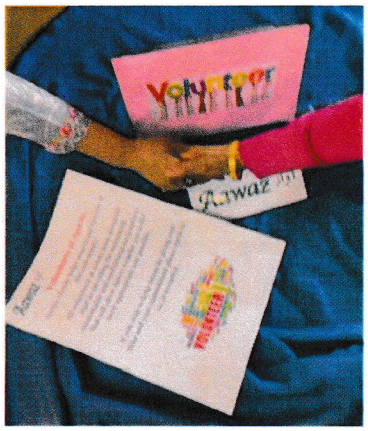
Aawaz Volunteers



At Aawaz we would not be able to do all that we do without our wonderful Volunteers. Once again this year Volunteers have played an important part in welcoming everyone at Aawaz.

In the words of our service user Mrs. Ali "My Volunteer lady is so helpful she has been my strength from the first day, encouraging me and helping me to understand. She has accompanied me to the Job Centre and to other offices where I have been nervous to go by myself. Most of all she has helped me to get more confident and join the Aawaz employability training sessions"

This year 27 volunteers have been involved in providing various support activities. The volunteers in particular have coordinated the food related help including food parcels for the service users. We are also pleased that 3 of our volunteers achieved paid employment and 4 of our volunteers have progressed onto further learning at the College.











Feedback

Presented here are just some of the comments and feedback we have received from our service users during this year.

"It has been very helpful to me when volunteer came to my house and walked up with me daily to help me to come to the group learning sessions. I did not feel able to do it on my own, support I got from Volunteer made a big difference" Mrs K

"I really found it difficult at first and when I joined in the Aawaz programme it was so valued that volunteers helped me greatly. I eventually felt able to talk about things and this provided me with some relief. Thank you, you are great" Mrs A

"I liked your sewing class, I improve my math's skills and I learned to use machine and now I can make my own dress. I am really happy and thank you for all your help." Mrs Q

"I have been going to Aawaz center for over a year and they have helped me so much that today I have found the job with office cleaning firm. Now all my bad days are behind me! I cannot thank enough to people in Aawaz who are so kind and helping everyone in need. Allah bless you all in Aawaz, keep up the good work. Thank you". Ms G

"I found a job in ASDA and it is all through your help and training I received from Aawaz." Ms Akhter

"I wanted to learn IT and came to Aawaz where you helped me to learn writing my CV and sending my job application through internet. I am ever so grateful to everyone in Aawaz who helped me to learn IT to find a job." Mrs J

"The food parcel given to me is greatly appreciated, as I am in great difficulty, with very little money". Mrs FR

"I wish Aawaz was open 7 days a week, I am very alone and I find it good to go and talk with everyone and have a drink and something to eat, it makes me feel I have support" Mrs Z

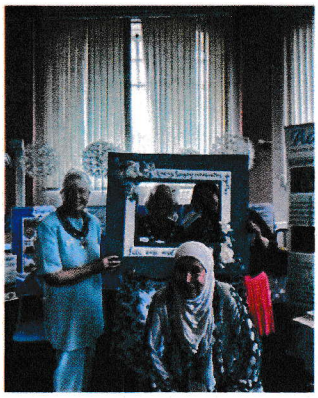


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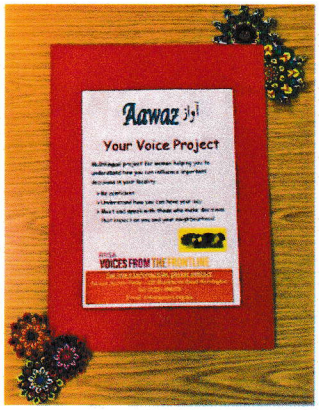


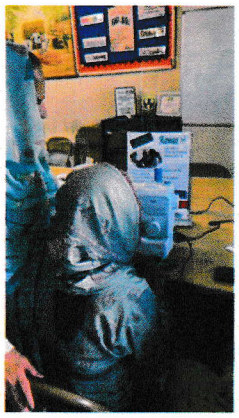




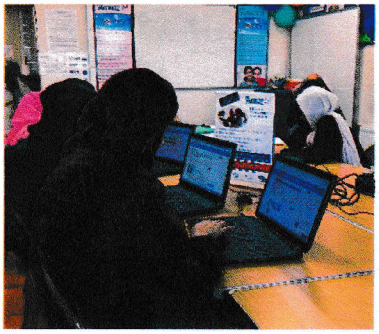












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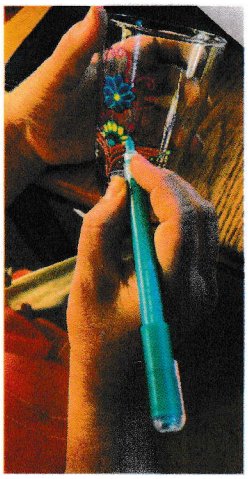






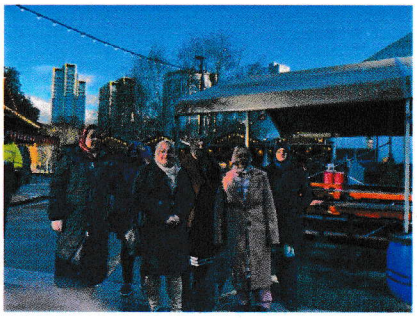














The Trustees would like to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to everyone who supports Aawaz charity in all its charitable work. Your support is making a real difference to the people who access our services.

Aawaz - Registered Charity Number 1088443

Financial Statement
For the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Ahmed Alam Accountants
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

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Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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Signed:..... Date ....13.....June.....2024

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	(2)	880	1038
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank:			
Restricted funds		66486	98102
Reserves		50000	65500
Unrestricted Funds		22600	43629
Cash in hand		155	3310
		139241	210541
		140121	211579
CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year	(3)	15330	17778
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES).		£124791	£193801
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance (b/fwd)		193801	220275
Prior year adjustment	(8)	-	-
Net profit for the year	(4)	(69010)	(26474)
TOTAL FUNDS		£124791	£193801

Signed Trustees: C. Malik ..... Signed Trustee: N. Hussain .....

These financial statements were approved and signed by the Trustees on 13th June 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For Year ended 31st March 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES – from generating funds			
RESTRICTED			
BL- AFA		-	9750
BL - CF		-	63306
Community Foundation		6000	10000
COLF		43255	-
Eve Appeal		-	2500
Halsall Foundation		-	15000
HBC		1100	-
HSF/ Hyndburn Leisure		20500	7500
JHR Fund		-	12300
LBMEN –CRF		-	13057
LBMEN – Energy 360		8983	15160
LBMEM - Workshops		-	2000
LCC		4000	6100
Lloyds Foundation		-	2250
Onwards Homes Grant		-	2300
Rank Foundation		20000	-
Rosa		-	7000
WEA - ESF Community Grant		-	7830
WEA – Multiply		24114	24776
		127952	200829
UNRESTRICTED			
Income generating activities		600	1300
		600	1300
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Bank interest received (Net)		-	-
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES			
Activities and Donations		2000	1509
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£130552	£230638

RESOURCES EXPENDED	2024	2023
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Staff (salaried)	101691	121285
Staff (sessional)	12176	23463
Project materials and Activities	52507	54530
Volunteer expenses	10223	9815
Rent-accommodation and venue	7164	6089
Professional fees, training	7560	7011
Capital spending – Office equipment & refurbishment	-	-
Utilities	5852	5609
Insurance	1231	1127
Accountancy Fees	1000	1000
Depreciation	158	183
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£199562	£230112
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	£ (69010)	£ (26474)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For Year ended 31st March 2024

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act 1993.

(b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use, at the discretion of the trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

(c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of Income:

Income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the Charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of the tangible fixed assets to their estimated residual values over expected useful lives.

The following rates and basis apply:

Office equipment & Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings at 15% reducing balance

NOTES TO THE FINANCIL STATEMENTS
For Year ended 31st March 2024

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment, Furniture Fixtures & Fittings
Cost at 01/04/2023	11912
Additions	0
	11912
DEPRECIATION	
To 31/03/2023	10874
For the year	158
	11032
Book value at 2024	£880
Book value at 2023	£1038

3. CREDITORS

Expense Creditors:

Staff (salaries & NIC)	6046
Staff (sessional)	1453
Project Materials & Activities	4010
Accountancy Fees	1000
Rent, accommodation, venue	1210
Utilities	300
Volunteers	80
	£15330

4. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Net profit (Loss) for the year	£ (69010)

5. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 2022.

6. CONTINGENT

At 31 March 2023 the charity allocated for ongoing Projects restricted funds amounting to.

£ 66486

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Message from Aawaz Patron



During this year Aawaz charity has continued to offer the much required support to those who are in so much need. Whilst we are now in the post pandemic period and corona virus restrictions have been lifted we have continued to see many people who were affected during the pandemic and helping them to come to terms with many issues including grief and loss.

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Overall Aawaz volunteer and staff under the efficient management of our chief officer have all worked very hard to help everyone who has contacted Aawaz. However, the reality remains that securing sufficient finances is a continuing struggle. Without sufficient resources the charity cannot continue to offer the holistic support.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude and thanks to everyone who is part of Aawaz family offering a warm and friendly welcome with practical help and support for all women who access Aawaz.

Mrs. Jean Battle MBE

Message from Chairperson



My second year as the Chairperson has given me the opportunity to work closely with our team and I feel privileged to be part of the support that is offered day in day out to the women in need.

This has been such a busy year. A year full of activities that we have provided to help all the women that requested our support. It has been an honour for me to personally attend so many of the Aawaz project activities and events during the past 12 months. This has given me the opportunity to get to know some of our service users and hear first-hand some of the difficulties that they face.

We the Trustees have considered how we can continue to provide even more support, but we require appropriate resources and its very challenging in the present climate. A continued challenge for Aawaz remains, that is to be able to secure sufficient funds to ensure that we can meet the essential needs that we have identified.

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It has been a bumper year of activity. Bursting full of lots of learning, support and health and wellbeing activities to help all the women who came to Aawaz. What a busy and challenging year. The charity has once again seen an increase in requests and referrals to provide support to women and families from BAME communities and we have done our very best to deliver what was needed within our given resources.

It has been so gratifying to once again move back to a full programme of face to face work. Our group training sessions, one to one support sessions, the informal learning groups and social groups have all now been time tabled and we have enjoyed welcoming so many women to our Centre. Welcoming our service users with a warm drink and a snack has helped so many to feel at ease. It's part of our hospitality when women in need call on Aawaz we want welcome everyone in a safe environment.

It has also been so good to be able to run our summer learning and fun programme during July and August 2022 and also during the other school holidays. The women and families we support have really enjoyed getting together and enjoying the activities including the short day outings. We are very aware that mothers need support to help organise activities and outings with their children during the holiday times.

Whilst we were very privileged to be part of the community celebrations during the Queens platinum Jubilee in June 2022, we were all extremely saddened by the loss of our majesty Queen Elizabeth II in September 2022. Aawaz service users held prayers and sent good wishes to the royal family to help them through their period of grief. A group of service users also came together to work on the "new beginning the new Era" for United Kingdom with a new King our King Charles. They have been planning the celebrations to mark the King's coronation.

Aawaz has provided Chai & Chat sessions and Meet & Eat sessions, these have been a much needed component of our service offer. Helping to bring women together, offering them a friendly place and a warm welcome. Many of the women who have attended our sessions have been able to make friends and as a result have felt less lonely and isolated.

Aawaz has continued to help every woman who approaches us for help and information. We have risen to the challenge and worked over and above our call of duty to help everyone who is in need. We introduced the trial of the On-Call service to cover out of hours and weekends. This service has been proved to be extremely busy in particular around the holidays and festive periods. Aawaz team are looking at its uptake and will consider what can be offered on a more regular basis if we were to secure the appropriate resources.

As we enter the last quarter of delivery of our Move Forward project we are excited and feel proud of all the wonderful achievements of our project participants who have all worked really hard despite difficult personal circumstances. We have always had a strong focus on helping women from BAME communities to move towards employability. The women that we engage face multiple barriers and are furthest away from the employment market.

The rise in the cost of living is causing great stress and anxiety amongst our service users and whilst Aawaz has tried its very best to assist through food related help and support it is extremely hard and we have continued to see many people who are not able to pay for fuel and food. Aawaz team has continued to offer energy advice and assisting to identify more money saving and cost effective packages, including what individuals can do in their own home to save energy and keep themselves and their families warm and safe. This service has been very valuable, Trustees made the decision to continue with the provision for the full year funded through our reserves because of the sheer level of need.

Aawaz has also worked with other organisations to successfully secure fuel vouchers, blankets, clothing, baby items, winter packs and energy packs for over 150 households. Aawaz has provided food related help and support including food parcels, budgeting, money management and shop wisely workshops to over 300 households.

Aawaz believe that we are fortunate that we have the skills and credibility to be able to engage with those women who are often described as “hard to reach” not able to or experience barriers in accessing other main stream services and support.

All Aawaz projects are based on identified needs and the charity prides itself in ensuring that our services are user led. We the Trustees believe that Aawaz charity exists to serve the women in our communities, we are here because we are needed and we know that we are making a tangible positive difference.

Aawaz has seen the benefits of helping women through use of arts and crafts and creative writing. Helping women to express their emotions and to work to improve their health and wellbeing. There is much positive feedback from all the participants who have benefited from the art and craft activities.

We are at frontline when women access our befriending support, we have given our time to listen and we have given respect and value, our open door system has offered many women a friendly warm welcome to come and spend a few hours during the cold winter months

Aawaz continue to receive many referrals from other agencies both statutory and voluntary / community. We continue to receive many enquiries via our website and through other digital presence.

As with previous years Aawaz has seen another increase in referrals for help and assistance from Refugee and Asylum seeker communities. We welcome all and we have offered our best possible welcome and support. We have welcomed Ukraine families into the locality and offered friendship and a warm welcome.

This year:

- Aawaz received 9252 enquiries
- Charity has engaged with 3345 people to offer support and help
- 946 people have engaged in the learning activities
- After completing their learning and employability programme with Aawaz 19 women have achieved paid employment
- After completing their learning programme with Aawaz 21 women have applied for voluntary work
- 531 women have participated in the health and wellbeing activities

Aawaz Volunteers



Volunteers are an essential component of the support that is offered to the women who use Aawaz.

This year 17 volunteers have been involved in providing various support activities to help make things easier everyone who has participated in the charity's projects.

This year Volunteers have had a much greater role in offering support to a group of ladies who have been finding things particularly difficult. All the ladies have experiences bereavement and have felt strongly their sense of loss. Working alongside Aawaz project workers, volunteers have helped to facilitate listening sessions, health and wellbeing activities and creative writing workshops.

Volunteers work alongside staff and provide a friendly welcoming face.

"It has been most helpful to me when volunteer came to my house and walked up with me daily to help me to come to the group learning sessions. I did not feel able to do it on my own, so the support I got from Volunteer made a true difference"

Mrs K

"I really found it difficult and when I join in the Aawaz programme it was so valued that volunteers helped me greatly. I eventually felt able to talk about things and this provided me with some relief. Thank you, you are great"

Ms A

Our Volunteers have put together a picture calendar of Aawaz activities during 2022-2023



Acknowledging the participant's achievements April 2022



Information sessions May 2022



Mental Health Awareness May 2022



Celebrating Platinum Jubilee June 2022



Celebrating Refugee Week June 2022



Summer outings & activities



World Together Festival July 2022









Learning programmes
September 2022





Paying our respect
September 2022



McMillan Coffee Morning
September 2022



Winter blankets distribution
October 2022



Learning about Gynecological Cancers
November 2022



Learning about Heritage Nov 2022



Continuing our Digital skills and
Employability programme
December 2022





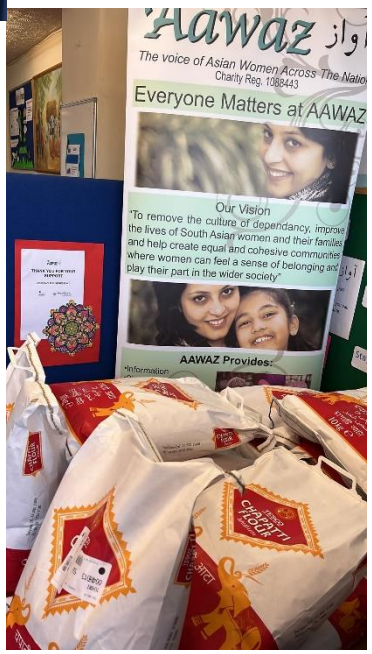
Helping with Grief and Loss
Workshops December 2022







Food related help continued during the year
Additional much needed help provided in January 2023





Improving numeracy skills February 2023





Celebrating International Women's Day March 2023

Feedback from two ladies who have accessed Aawaz support and learning

Project participant Mrs.D talks about her experience of accessing Aawaz

"What is different about Aawaz is the way you have made me feel in control of my learning, I have felt good and it has made me more confident.

When I look back I would say I have learned a great deal, improved my English language communication skills and I have been able to face up to improving my numeracy skills.

Don't get me wrong it has been a very hard journey for me over the past five months but the volunteers have helped me so much and Aawaz project worker is so good with me she has explained things to me patiently and when required in my own language.

I was so nervous at first about joining in the larger group activity, it was different tutors and it was in a new setting but I got help with transport when I found it difficult to get to the learning sessions and I appreciated all that everyone has done for me.



I am now in a much better place, all thanks to Aawaz"



Ms.R shares her experience of accessing Aawaz learning program

"I joined in the learning program in Autumn, I have a lot of health issues and find it hard to manage on my own. My kids are growing up and I feel very lonely. This has had a bad effect on my health and I find I can't concentrate, I don't like meeting new people and I feel worried all the time.

A lady at my GP told me about Aawaz and then they came to invite me so I went with the volunteer lady. Immediately I felt easy because it was like a friendly place and everyone was so kind to me.

I joined in and at first worried about how I would cope but surprisingly Aawaz officer made it so easy for me she understood, I mean she really did understand what I was going through. She listened to me and she did not rush me. It was first time in my life I was able to talk about somethings that are personal and once I did that I just felt I could focus better.

I got friendly with a lady who lives near me and we found we both have had a similar experience and we are from same village back home. So together we both decided to help and support each other.

I have learned all about working on laptop, I can do email, I can do job search, I have been to visit work places and to talk to other women who are in jobs. I mean all this is only possible with the help of the Aawaz Group. I am looking forward to getting a part time job now!

If I am honest then I feel like a new person, my mood is better, my pain is better and I feel more relaxed."

The Trustees would like to express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to everyone who supports Aawaz charity in all its charitable activities.

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Aawaz - Registered Charity Number 1088443

Financial Statement
For the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

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Signed:..... Date 07/08/.....2023

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	(2)	1038	1221
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank:			
Restricted funds		98102	69700
Reserves		65500	65500
Unrestricted Funds		43629	95933
Cash in hand		3310	867
		210541	232000
		211579	233221
CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year	(3)	17778	12946
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES).		£193801	£220275
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance (b/fwd)		220275	223468
Prior year adjustment	(8)	-	36143
Net profit for the year	(4)	(26474)	(39336)
TOTAL FUNDS		£193801	£220275

Signed Trustees: N. Hussain ..... Signed Trustee: L. Malik .....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For Year ended 31st March 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES – from generating funds			
RESTRICTED			
BL- AFA		9750	-
BL - CF		63306	62806
BL – RC		-	8868
Canal & River Trust		-	5200
Community Foundation		10000	4995
Emergency Assistance Grant		-	1900
Eve Appeal		2500	-
Halsall Foundation		15000	-
History in Action		-	1720
Household Support Fund		4000	5000
HMRC		-	4439
Hyndburn Leisure		3500	-
JHR Fund		12300	-
LBMEN –CRF		13057	-
LBMEN – Energy 360		15160	-
LBMEM - Workshops		2000	8070
Lancashire Care		-	500
LCC Food Grant		6000	-
LCC – Workshop		100	-
Lloyds Foundation		2250	30000
NHS		-	39611
Onwards Homes Grant		2300	-
Rosa		7000	-
WEA - ESF Community Grant		7830	7288
WEA – Multiply		24776	-
		200829	180397
UNRESTRICTED			
Income generating activities		1300	-
		1300	-
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Bank interest received (Net)		-	-
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES			
Activities and Donations		1509	3133
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£203638	£183530

RESOURCES EXPENDED CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2023	2022
Staff (salaried)	121285	156666
Staff (sessional)	23463	-
Project materials and Activities	54530	27805
Volunteer expenses	9815	11488
Rent-accommodation and venue	6089	4144
Professional fees, training	7011	10205
Capital spending – Office equipment & refurbishment	-	3720
Utilities	5609	6389
Insurance	1127	1234
Accountancy Fees	1000	1000
Depreciation	183	215
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£230112	£222866
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	£ (26474)	£ (39336)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIL STATEMENTS
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2. FIXED ASSETS

	Office Equipment, Furniture Fixtures & Fittings
Cost at 01/04/2022	11912
Additions	0
	11912
DEPRECIATION	
To 31/03/2022	10691
For the year	183
	10874
Book value at 2023	£1038
Book value at 2022	£1221

3. CREDITORS

Expense Creditors:

Staff (salaries & NIC)	5096
Staff (sessional)	3663
Project Materials & Activities	6059
Accountancy Fees	1000
Rent, accommodation, venue	1110
Volunteers	850
	£17778

4. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Net profit (Loss) for the year	£ (26474)

5. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 2022.

6. CONTINGENT

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Trustees Annual Report
For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Accountant	Gulfraz Ahmed (FCA) Ahmed Alam Accountants 63 Johnston Street Blackburn BB2 1HD



Message from Aawaz Patron

This year the continuing uncertainty due to the coronavirus pandemic made it a challenging environment for us all. Most of all, marginalised women and families across the area in which Aawaz work, whose livelihood reduced in times of severity of the pandemic. Nevertheless, this year of bringing people together and helping them to learn to overcome their fear and anxiety caused by the pandemic has achieved positive outcomes for many families and individuals.

Aawaz has continued to rise to the many challenges in such trying times. Being here for those in need has been the most important and essential element of the charity's work.

Aawaz is proud of helping and assisting those in need through food parcels, clothing, winter packs, toiletry items and activity packs. Staff and volunteers have worked ever so hard helping women and their families as we came through the transition from the pandemic into the post pandemic stage.

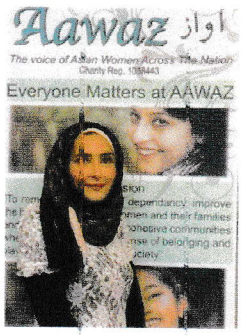
I feel proud seeing how Manager, members of staff, volunteers and Executive Committees Member have worked together long hours giving their time helping and befriending families in need. These are the families who have had suffered financial hardship during Coronavirus pandemic. Everyone in Aawaz has shown the sense of responsibilities and women and families felt Aawaz is part of community during time of hardship.

I applaud all the hard work and dedication shown by everyone. Aawaz is active member of HUB Community Action Network Group that is dealing with many issues faced by families in Hyndburn.

We all look forward to a better, safer and a happier future as we all learn to live with Coronavirus Covid 19.

I would like to thank and congratulate all the team for their hard work during difficult circumstances.

Councillor Mrs. Jean Battle MBE



Message from Chairperson

I am pleased to introduce my first annual report and accounts for Aawaz.

I was appointed as the Chairperson during this year and it is a great honour for me to serve our communities.

I have a long standing association with Aawaz charity organisation. I have helped in the past for many years as a volunteer, helping local families, talking with the women and also organising many community activities.

I have witnessed Aawaz grow and mature as a charity organisation, gaining recognition and building trust and credibility.

Today I am so very proud of the charity's track record, all the efforts that have been made to help those in need. In particular, Aawaz role during the pandemic has been crucial. In ensuring that everyone who needed help was reached and assisted.

Aawaz work continue post pandemic as there is still a great need to help our communities to recover fully.

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who is part of Aawaz family.

Mrs Noshin Hussain

Trustees Report 2021-2022

Our annual report sets out the work of the Charity over the year 2021-2022

Aawaz is a registered charity organisation, established in 1997, its registered office is at 225 Blackburn Road, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 OAL. Aawaz work is to assist women and their families in need. Today Aawaz is well established, matured, respected and accepted by and all those diverse communities that we serve. The charity's work is recognised by local authority, statutory and non-statutory organisations and faith sector organisations in the area. Aawaz works holistically at grass roots level, with the principle of helping the women and their families and welcomes everyone under its "Open Door policy". The charity's work helps in community regeneration.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Aawaz have 6 members of Trustees and 6 members of Executive Committee. Volunteers and Service users are also represented on the Committee. The Executive Committee have the overall responsibility for our work and finances. They meet four times per year. Our patron is a well know and dedicated lady, Mrs Jean Battle.

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements with applicable law and regulations.

The Charity 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 charitable organisation and of the income resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable organisation for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimated that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern unless it is appropriate to presume that the charitable organisation will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of charitable organisation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charitable Act 1993 and the charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reference & Administrative detail

Reference and Administrative details are shown on page one of the Trustees Report

Executive Commttee

The following members have served on the Executive Committee during the year ended 31st March 2022.

- Loreta Malik (Secretary)
- Noshin Hussain (Chairperson)
- Zohra Begum
- Aziz Fatema Bibi
- Sahera Dala
- Saeeda Khanam
- Aisha Omer (Treasurer)
- Shabana Bibi
- Nazima Naz
- Uzma Rani
- Asia Bibi
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Organisation Vision

"To remove the culture of dependency, improve the lives of south Asian women and their families and help create equal and cohesive communities where women can feel a sense of belonging and play their part in the wider society"

2021-2022 has been another busy and quite challenging year. Where we have seen the rollout of the covid19 corona virus vaccination programme leading to easing of the restrictions. Our work at Aawaz has seen a steep increase in demand for support and befriending along with practical help and assistance. Aawaz charity has continued to work tirelessly ensuring that everyone that needed our help was able to access it.

This year has seen Aawaz continuing with its food poverty and fuel poverty work. We have been able to help those in need with food parcels containing essential basic food items, we have offered toiletry packs and baby items to help those who are in need. Aawaz also successfully referred 130 families to receive fuel vouchers worth £147 per family. The charity has been able to offer advice and signposting through the Energy 360 project. Aawaz has accessed additional resources to help the women and families with winter warm packs, coats, thermal gloves, socks etc. All of these small acts has meant a great deal and made a big difference to the families who we supported.

Aawaz has continued to work with women and families through zoom sessions, video calls support over telephone and WhatsApp. The charity continued to loan out Electronic Tablets and Laptops

where ever possible to ensure that those who need to access our online support and learning have the right equipment.

As from August 2021 the charity was able to move to more face to face sessions. The women that we support have really appreciated the fact that we were once again able to see, meet and greet people in person. Post pandemic Aawaz continued to introduce more group activities, visits and face to face discussions. We have been able to see more people in person to ensure that we can respond in a timely manner.

This year Aawaz learning programs have had a strong emphasis on employability, IT skills and Life Skills. Helping the participants to upskill themselves, learn to plan ahead and to assist them to access more practical learning opportunities. Aawaz organised volunteer work placements, work experience placements, mentoring and coaching to assist the project beneficiaries. Sixteen of our service users have been able to apply for voluntary work and 11 women have been able to successfully carry out voluntary work with mainstream agencies and organisations.

An important aspect of the charity's work has been the health and wellbeing programs. Aawaz has introduced the Haal Chal Walking groups and continues to support the Walk and Talk programme. The Feel Better - Smile Project has helped women to adapt a healthy lifestyle through using arts and crafts.

Aawaz has also delivered the multilingual Diabetes Project, working with 83 women helping individuals to be better informed and skilled in self-care. Aawaz designed the multilingual, practical grassroots project to address the needs that the charity identified through community consultation. Aawaz Diabetes project provided:

- Awareness, accurate information, understanding and appreciation of what is diabetes and how the condition should be managed.
- Information about the correct use of medication and Diabetes care services, including the importance of structured Diabetes education.
- Helped participants to understand how they can adapt their lifestyle including diet, meal planning and exercise.
- Project set up a walking group and a Diabetes Self-help group.

The project participants found the multilingual and practical nature of the project extremely helpful.

Aawaz Take Care project has helped those who experienced disruption, distress and loneliness during the pandemic. The project helped the participants to talk about their feelings. Project encouraged and assisted the participants to help them to feel less anxious and make new friends. The project was commended for introducing a new way their service users can express their feelings, which is often hard when in an online group. Using coloured heart tokens, distributed in advance, the participants were able to hold the heart tokens up to indicate if they would like extra support outside of the workshop.

The Move Forward project continues to offer a practical programme to help women in achieving personal goals leading to positive and meaningful outcomes. We are so pleased to see that the ladies who access our projects, support and services have achieved a degree of success helping them to learn, upskill themselves and move forward progressing and achieving their goals. For many of the participants the goals include accessing accredit learning, volunteering and paid employment.

The charity has seen an increase in referrals for help and assistance from Refugee and Asylum seeker communities. Individuals and families have found it extremely challenging post pandemic and are turning to Aawaz to access a variety of support and services.

In June 2021 Aawaz celebrated the Refugee week with many of the service users contributing to a display sharing their experience and offering their support to each other. The group also thanked local council, the various agencies and the communities who have welcomed them and continue to support them. Their experiences and positive messages were highlighted in a short video by the local council.

Aawaz members came together to create this wonderful display for Refugee Week June 2021



"It has been a good place for me to meet other Muslim women and talk with them, we have been able to share our experiences and to support each other"

"I have felt so welcome at Aawaz, moving to Accrington has been a new experience. You have made it easier for me to meet others and make friends"



In March 2022 Aawaz service users celebrated International Women's Day. A group of service users came together through the creative writing workshops to contribute to a poem which they have called – "We are Women, we are the Best"

A poem written by Aawaz service users for International Women's Day 2022

We are Women, we are the Best

Be Happy
Stay Positive
Do your Best
Don't worry about the rest

We are Women, we are the Best

We see Good Times
We see Great Times
There are testing Times
And there are sad Times

We are Women, we are the Best

We try to Stay Positive
We come through the Test
In these Stressful Times
With Covid19 and Uncertainty
Looking after Ourselves is Paramount
We are strong, inner strength can be found

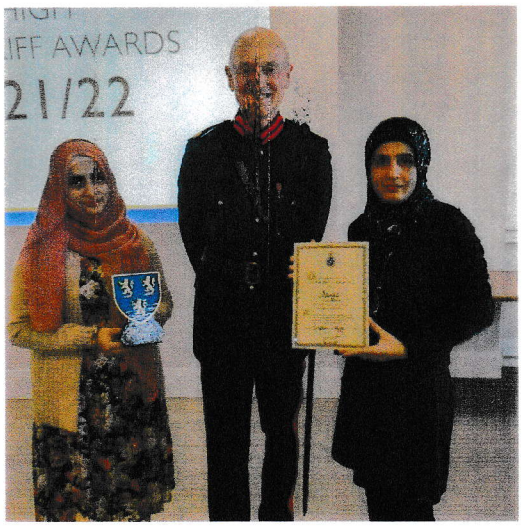
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Throughout the year Aawaz has continued to adapt its method of delivery to comply with the post pandemic restrictions and requirements. All staff and volunteers have ensured that all who use and access our support and services are safe and well. Charity has offered face coverings and sanitizers to continue to encourage everyone to stay safe.

However, the charity has continued to see many people who remain anxious and upset about the effect of the pandemic. It has been and it still is a difficult because there are unresolved issues of loss, grief and uncertainty. Aawaz are called upon to offer multilingual befriending, support and help to many of the service users who have lost loved ones, they have not been able to grieve appropriately and continue to find it difficult and traumatic.

Finally, we are pleased to have received the High Sheriff Award on 30th March 2022 in recognition of our charitable work. Aawaz received the award for Community Group of the year.



Aawaz staff presented with the award by the High Sherriff of Lancashire Edwin John Booth March 2022

This year:

- Aawaz received 6134 enquiries
- Charity has engaged with 1712 people to offer support and help
- 479 people have engaged in the learning activities
- After completing their learning and employability programme with Aawaz 14 women have achieved paid employment
- After completing their learning programme with Aawaz 16 women have applied for voluntary work
- 210 women have participated in the health and wellbeing activities

Feedback from those that have been helped through Aawaz charitable work during this year

"I have found it very useful and helpful to get involved in the project. I can say that it has given me more confidence and I have learned new skills"

"Joining the project last year but because of Covid we could not go anywhere and could not do any visits, this year has been so good I have had several visits to local employers and my mentor has been super supportive"

"I have learnt to improve my IT skills greatly. I am able to email someone. In fact, I asked my son's school Do you have any job in helping children or in play ground?"

"Most helpful to me is when you can talk with me in English and Punjabi so I can understand everything fully. You don't rush me"

"I am sometimes a little slow and it takes time for me to understand but you know the way you helped with my CV document and register for Job Search. It is easy now and I am doing this myself".

"What I find most helpful is to talk with you, to have a conversation about my health and that you are listening to me and don't dismiss me like I feel that others at clinic do"

"Being able to talk about all my health problems it has helped me to see that by making some changes in my lifestyle I will also improve my diabetes. I did not realise this"

"My mood is also improving and I feel not alone but now I have started to look forward to meeting with other ladies and sharing things"

"The main thing for me is to start to take up walking. Joining the walking group has been great and I now go for walk with my sister three times a week"

All the trustees would like to extend their heartfelt thank you to all who believe in Aawaz, who work with Aawaz and all who access the support and services provided by the charity.

N Hussain

Noshin Hussain - Chairperson

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year of the Charities Act 1993 as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006 and that an independent examination is needed:
It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts
- To follow the procedures laid down in General Directions given by the Charity Commission
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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Signed: 

Date: 25/07/2022

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	2	1221	1436
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank :			
Restricted funds		69700	209369
Reserves		65500	54500
Unrestricted Funds		95933	-
Cash in hand		867	897
		232000	264766
		233221	266202
CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year	3	12946	43734
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		£220275	£222468
Represented by :			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance (b/fwd)		223468	80491
Prior year adjustment	8	36143	-
Net profit for the year	4	(39336)	142977
TOTAL FUNDS		£220275	£223468

These financial statements were approved and signed by the trustees on 26/7/2022

Signed N. Hussain ..... Trustee

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The notes on pages 6 - 8 form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For Year ended 31st March 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES - from generating funds .			
RESTRICTED			
Active Lancashire		-	1335
Big Lottery - RC		8868	44008
Big Lottery - Community Fund		62806	69156
Canal & River Trust		5200	7600
Community Foundation		4995	5000
Covid Response Fund		-	15000
East Lancashire CCG		-	3970
Emergency Assistance Grant		1900	3150
Eric Wright Foundation		-	500
Garfield Weston Foundation		-	25000
Halsall Foundation		-	10000
History in Action		1720	855
Household Support Fund		5000	-
HMRC Job Retention Scheme		4439	44093
LBMEN		8070	-
Lancashir Care		500	-
LCC Grant		-	1000
LCC Informal ESOL		-	4836
Lloyds Foundation		30000	53510
NHS		39611	-
Onwards Home Grants		-	4030
Phoenix Fund		-	20000
Voice 4 Change		-	9790
WEA ESF Community Grants		7288	6817
		180397	329650
UNRESTRICTED			
Income Generating Activities		-	200
		-	200
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Bank interest received (net)		-	-
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES			
Activities and Donations		3133	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£183530	£329850

RESOURCES EXPENDED		
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Staff (Salaried & Sessional)	156666	143919
Project Materials & Activities	27805	16171
Volunteer Expenses	11488	4655
Rent Accommodation and venue	4144	4376
Training & Professional Fees	10205	3090
Capital spending - Office equipment & Refurbishment	3720	8623
Utilities	6389	3580
Insurance	1234	856
Accountancy Fees	1000	1350
Depreciation	215	253
		-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£222866	£186873
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	£(39336)	£142977

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	Office Equipment Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings
Cost at 01/04/2021	11912
Additions	0
	11912
Depreciation	
To 31/03/2021	10476
for the year	215
	10691
Book value at 2022	£1221
Book value at 2021	£1436

3. **CREDITORS**

Expense creditors:	
Wages & NIC	£7648
Project Materials & activities	£3988
Accountancy Fees	£1000
Rents, accomodation & Venue	£310
	£12946

4. **PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

Net profit (Loss) for the year	£(39336)

5. **CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

There were no capital commitments at **31 March 2022**

6. **CONTINGENT**

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Secretary	Mrs L Malik
Treasurer	Mrs A Omer
Charity Registration Number	1088443
Registered Office	Aawaz Access Point 225 Blackburn Road Accrington, Lancashire BB5 0AL
Banker	Lloyds 2 Peel Street Accrington BB5 1EP
Accountant	Gulfraz Ahmed (FCA CeMap) Ahmed Alam Accountants 63 Johnston Street Blackburn BB2 1HD



Message from Aawaz Patron

Councillor Mrs Jean Battle MBE

I am so very proud of having the role of Patron at Aawaz this year more than ever I have felt that our charity organisation has stepped up and responded to the Coronavirus crisis, staff volunteers and Executive committee members, all joined together to make sure that we are here to support our communities in need.

I applaud all your efforts and I am fully aware of the positive difference that Aawaz help, support and assistance has made to hundreds of local women and families.

Aawaz has been an active member of the local HUB Community Action Network Group. Everyone has been working ever so hard, dealing with lots of issues, whilst we ourselves have also been anxious and have tried to safeguard our team our staff and volunteers.

As this year comes to a close and lockdown restrictions are easing, we look forward to building further on our learning from delivering the crisis work.

I would like to extend my gracious thanks to all the Aawaz team for their hard work and commitment.

Councillor Mrs. Jean Battle MBE

Message from Chairperson Maryam Jahanzeb



I am so pleased to introduce my first annual report and accounts for Aawaz. As the newly appointed Chairperson, I have come in my role with a sense of pride and gratitude. I have been a volunteer with Aawaz for many years and I have truly appreciated the need to support the women who are in need in our communities.

I am excited about the opportunities that may be available to our charity. We want to work together with partners to bring real tangible benefits to the women that we support.

I have good knowledge of the local community of Hyndburn, and I have spent over 12 years supporting children and families in Hyndburn and Pendle. My background is in social care, children services and as a youth worker in my early career. I have experience of working with children and young people and families.

This year has been like no other. Aawaz has had to quickly adapt its approach and delivery of all our programmes. We have been guided by the women we support and have tried to offer whatever seemed to be the most appropriate to meet specific needs. Our multilingual befriending and support has had the greatest impact, it has acted as the safety net, helping women to feel that they are not alone that they are supported and they are valued.

We are grateful to all our funders for being accommodating and allowing us the time to respond sensitively and in a timely manner. Thank you also to all our partners and everyone in the locality, we have valued working together to help all our communities.

Maryam Jahanzeb

Trustees Report 2020-2021

Our annual report sets out the work of the Charity over the year 2020-2021.

Aawaz is a registered charity organisation, established in 1997, its registered office is at 225 Blackburn Road, Accrington, Lancashire BB5 OAL. Aawaz work is to assist women and their families in need. Today Aawaz is well established, respected and accepted by and all those diverse communities that we serve. The charity's work is recognised by local authority, statutory and non-statutory organisations and faith sector organisations in the area. Aawaz works holistically at grass roots level, with the principle of helping the women and their families and welcomes everyone under our Open Door policy. The charity's work helps to regenerate the communities.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

Aawaz have 4 members of Trustees and 8 members of Executive Committee. Volunteers and Service users are also represented on the Committee. The Executive Committee have the overall responsibility for our work and finances. They meet four times per year. Our patron is a well know and dedicated lady, Mrs Jean Battle, MBE.

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit reporting in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements with applicable law and regulations.

The Charity 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 charitable organisation and of the income resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable organisation for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimated that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern unless it is appropriate to presume that the charitable organisation will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of charitable organisation and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charitable Act 1993 and the charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reference & Administrative detail

Reference and Administrative details are shown on page one of the Financial Statements.

Trustees
The trustees served the charity during the year 2020 -2021

- Mrs Saeeda Khanam
- Mrs Sahera Dala
- Mrs Loreta Malik
- Mrs Maryam Jahanzeb (appointed January 2021)
- Mr Jawad Bhatti (retired January 2021)

Executive Commttee
The following members have served on the Executive Committee during the year ended 31st March 2021.

- Jawad Bhatti (Chairperson retired January 2021)
- Maryam Jahanzeb (Chairperson as from January 2021)
- Loreta Malik (Secretary)
- Zohra Begum
- Aziz Fatema
- Sahera Dala
- Saeeda Khanam
- Aisha Omer (Treasurer)
- Shabana Bibi
- Noshin Hussain
- Nazma Naz
- Uzma Rani
- Asia Bibi

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Organisation Vision

"To remove the culture of dependency improve the lives of south Asian women and their families and help create equal and cohesive communities where women can feel a sense of belonging and play their part in the wider society"

Organisation Aim

"The object of the charity is to promote and benefit the whole of the ethnic minority community by association with local authorities, voluntary organisation and other agencies in a common effort to improve the quality of life of members of the ethnic minority community, in particular the women and children and families living and working across the country".

Assisting the communities

This year has been a year like no other. A year where we have together with staff volunteers and community members, all worked tirelessly to help each other and the wider communities. Aawaz has had to change the way of working, we have had to change the way we are supporting our service users, and we have had to change our own thinking in order to rise to the challenges. Now we have the hope with the Covid-19 vaccination programme being rolled that things will soon start to improve.

During this year Aawaz staff have had to be furloughed. Aawaz carried out a full risk assessment and ensured that on return everyone could work in a Covid-19 safe manner. Staff and volunteers have received induction and continued training to enable them to work in a different way where they are carrying out their roles over the telephone, via video calls and zoom. We have had to change and adapt our delivery of support, to provide more practical in kind help to assist all those who are in need. Providing food parcels, toiletry parcels, baby items, stationary packs and other activity packs.

Aawaz has seen some successes, where our services users have made progress and achieved their goals including accessing accredit learning, volunteering and paid employment. Also a year with tears and emotions, frustrations and anxiety with the pandemic. The lockdowns brought with them so many issues, many of our service users have experienced anxiety and panic attacks, loneliness and isolation.

Our service users have told us that they have found it difficult to relax, not being able to sleep, which has made them more and more tired and restless. Others have shared with us that they are finding it so difficult to focus, and finding it difficult to concentrate.

A considerable number of the women that we support have reported, they have experienced fuel poverty and food poverty, many have experienced a reduction in their income. The difficulty has been that the women have not been able to budget as carefully, not been able to shop in the cheaper places and therefore, have had to seek further help.

Many of our service users are mothers with school age children and they found home schooling quite a challenge. Although the local schools have been very good in offering support, delivering homework tasks at home, it has been quite a trying time and we have done our best to offer help and support.

Another added complication has been the spread of misinformation, in particular via WhatsApp messages. During the first nine months we were getting many enquiries from women who were worried, some messages claimed that Coronavirus covid-19 was a myth others claimed that this was the governments way of controlling people. We found that it was often quite difficult to change people's views because they believed the information they received via WhatsApp and other means. Aawaz decided that we will give the correct information in an open and honest manner using simple language.

Aawaz responded quickly to the crisis through providing multilingual befriending support. We did this over the phone as it seemed to be the simplest way to reach out to the ladies, also the fact that when we make the phone call it would not cost the receiver anything for the call.

Aawaz wanted to be there to provide a listening ear, help others feel that they are not alone and provide help and practical support.

As one would expect all of our projects experienced some degree of disruption, including delaying the start of our new Move Forward project.

Another issue for many of our service users is their lack of IT skills and limited access to a laptop or an electronic tablet that would allow them to join online digital sessions.

Aawaz has purchased electronic tablets and laptops to loan out to the service users, we have assisted with provision of top up cards and payments for phone / access to internet in supporting families where there are exceptional circumstances. By providing this kind of help we have succeeded in helping families in need with a visible life line. Our assistance has made a positive difference to so many people.

This year due to the Coronavirus Covid-19 pandemic, we were not able to arrange any kind of social gathering to celebrate the International Women's Week. However, a group of our service users came together to write a poem about being "Together for each other" they decided to make that poem into a song. Along with New Era Choir, volunteers, other service users and representatives from partner agencies. The group created and recorded a song working with a very talented local music teacher Jayne Bradshaw. The Aawaz song "Together" was launched on 8th March 2021 and can be accessed via https://youtu.be/H8OC1cK87EU. The service group also participated in a video to accompany the song.

As we come to close on this financial year we are proud of our achievements in continuing to help and serve or communities in need. Our daily Zoom sessions are now established and we are introducing more and more new service users to a different way of learning.

- Aawaz received 5926 enquiries during this year, this number includes 1130 enquiries from other Lancashire districts and beyond.
- This year Aawaz has engaged with 1676 people.
- 289 people have received regular support from our multicultural befriending service.
- 369 people have participated in our learning and training sessions, and participated in health and wellbeing activities.
- 11 of our service users have progressed into paid employment
- 7 of our service users have progressed into volunteering

Aawaz activity packs have assisted so many of our service users to continue their learning journey. The activity packs have also helped many of our service users to spend quality time doing some fun learning activities with their children.

This year, more than ever a positive outcome has been that all the key agencies have come together as part of the Community Hub to work together to provide the help and support for the local communities in need. Aawaz is an active member of this network and we have truly appreciated the spirit of cooperation and friendship the essential steps to successfully providing a responsive service.

Feedback from those that have been helped through Aawaz

- Myself and the women I talked to over the phone are all impressed and wish all of you in Aawaz well for providing so much help during this pandemic.

- I came from India ten years ago, I needed good English and to be more confident to find a good job, I worked 4 years as a cleaner but now with my improved English language I feel so much confident, even I have passed my driving test, all this will help me to get a job on checkout in supermarket, that I am interested in. Thank you and God bless everyone who have helped me.

- "I have found your contact with me over WhatsApp and zoom so helpful, you have helped me in so many ways to feel better"

- "I did not think that by volunteering I will gain so much. I am learning every day. The staff are wonderful and your project has certainly given me a new life, I am happy in my work and I always tell people, how Nai Zindagi is a fantastic project"

- The Activity Packs have been so helpful to me. I have been able to take part in the learning groups without worrying about how to do things or what materials I need

- The laptop that was loaned to me was the biggest help for me. Thank you

- The food parcel given to me was greatly appreciated. Allah bless you all for being so discreet and giving me the respect

- I found a job at the Gift Factory and it is all through your help and the training I received from Aawaz

- It was so comforting to know that Aawaz is here for all us women. In good and bad times, when we are frightened and worried and when we are happy and well you are there for us.

- My children loved the baking activities that I did for them we made some lovely cupcakes and it helped them to learn to measure things. Thanks to your activity packs

- The employability programme has helped me and my sister so much

- Your learn and chat sessions for us Syrian ladies are so good and they help us to properly understand and improve our English language communication

- I am learning to improve my IT skills and its hard but the way you teach us is very good and easy to follow

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees

I report on the financial statements of **Aawaz** for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year of the Charities Act 1993 as amended by s.28 of the Charities Act 2006 and that an independent examination is needed:

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts
- To follow the procedures laid down in General Directions given by the Charity Commission
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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.

Independent Examiner's Report

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

   Proper accounting records are kept and accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: ..... Date: 07/10/2021

Gulfraz Ahmed AFA CeMap
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	(2)	1436	1689
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank:			
Restricted funds		209369	45996
Reserves		54500	34373
Cash in hand		897	837
		264766	81206
		266202	82895
CREDITORS – amounts falling due within one year	(3)	43734	2404
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES).		£222468	£80491
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance (b/fwd)		80491	111628
Prior year adjustment	(8)	-	-
Net profit for the year	(4)	142977	(31137)
TOTAL FUNDS		£223468	£80491

Signed Trustees: ..... Signed Trustee: S. Malik .....

These financial statements were approved and signed by the Trustees on 7th October 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For Year ended 31st March 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES – from generating funds			
RESTRICTED			
Active Lancashire		1335	-
Big Lottery Reaching Communities		44008	69499
Big Lottery Community Fund		69156	-
BBO-Reach IT		-	3898
Canal & River Trust		7600	-
Community Foundation		5000	-
Covid Response Fund		15000	-
East Lancashire CCG		3970	-
Emergency Assistance Grant		3150	-
Eric Wright Foundation		500	-
Garfield Weston Foundation		25000	-
Good Things Foundation		-	250
Halsall Foundation		10000	10000
History in Action		855	-
HMRC		44093	-
LCC Grant		1000	2000
LCC Informal ESOL Grant		4836	4835
Lloyds Foundation		53510	-
Onwards Homes Grant		4030	-
Phoenix Fund		20000	-
Voice4Change		9790	-
WEA ESF Community Grant		6817	4869
		329650	95351
UNRESTRICTED			
Income generating activities		200	128
		200	128
INVESTMENT INCOME			
Bank interest received (Net)		-	-
OTHER INCOMING RESOURCES			
Donation for Support Work		-	424
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		£329850	£95903

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For Year ended 31st March 2021

RESOURCES EXPENDED FORCHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Staff (salaried and sessional)	143919	99627
Project materials and Activities	16171	11890
Volunteer expenses	4655	3326
Rent-accommodation and venue	4376	4644
Professional fees, training	3090	2230
Office equipment & refurbishment	8623	168
Utilities	3580	2990
Insurance	856	858
Accountancy Fees	1350	1000
Depreciation	253	298
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	£186873	£127040
NET OUTGOING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR	£142977	£ (31137)

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005 (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act 1993.

(b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use, at the discretion of the trustees, in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

(c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of Income:

Income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the Charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

(d) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of the tangible fixed assets to their estimated residual values over expected useful lives.

The following rates and basis apply:

Office equipment & Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings at 15% reducing balance

NOTES TO THE FINANCIL STATEMENTS
For Year ended 31st March 2021

2.	FIXED ASSETS	Office Equipment, Furniture Fixtures & Fittings
	Cost at 01/04/2020	11912
	Additions	0
		11912
	Depreciation	
	To 31/03/2020	10223
	For the year	253
		10476
	Book value at 2021	£1436
	Book value at 2020	£1689
3.	CREDITORS	
	Expense Creditors:	
	Staff Salaries & NIC	37851
	Project materials and activities	2772
	Professional Fees	2200
	Utilities	261
	Rent, accommodation and venue	620
	Volunteers	30
		£43734
4.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	
	Net profit for the year	£142977
5.	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	
	There were no capital commitments at 31 March 2021.	
6.	CONTINGENT	
	At 31 March 2021 the charity allocated for ongoing Projects restricted funds amounting to.	£209369
	Total	£209369
7.	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	
	As per attached schedule	
8.	Prior year adjustments	None

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