

Charity Registration No. 1093606

**ERITREAN SAHO COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**

**Trustees Reports and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31ST March 2024**

**TAHIR ACCOUNTANTS
EPCA Office N
1 Thorpe Close
London W10 5XL**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF ERITREAN SAHO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

I have examined the attached account and statement, which have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis set out page 5-7 and notes of accounts.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As trustees of the Management Committee, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; and you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43-(7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

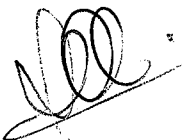
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Idris Tahir
Licensed Accountant

Date: 24/01/2025

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ERITREAN SAHO CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

A: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Trustees Annual Report

From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Registered Charity no. 1093606

Principal Address:

13 -15 Stockwell Road

London SW9 9AU

During April 2022 March 2023, ESCA Trustee Board members were.

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|----|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Abdulkadir Abdullah | Chairperson |
| 2. | Mohamed Abdalla | Secretary |
| 3. | Awelkair Ahmed | Treasurer |
| 4. | Musa Nagesh | Member/youth contact person |
| 5. | Abdulrhman Ahmed | MC Member/administrator |

Banker:

National Westminster Bank plc, Stockwell Branch,

358, South Lambeth Road,

London, SW8 1UR

HSBC Bank

512 Brixton Road

London, Sw9 8ER

B: STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

- Governing Documents: Constitution (adopted 14th July 2002)
- Constitution of Charity Charity Association
- Trustees' selection methods Trustees are elected for two-year- term in office
- We are a charity which has as its trustee Eritrean Saho Culture Association (Esca)
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- The aim of ESCA is to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, with the purpose of improving the conditions of life in particular but not exclusively for the Saho Community.
- ESCA provides this by means of community centre and educative services located in the heart of Lambeth, Stockwell.

- As a non-profit organisation our operations are all run and supported by fundraising events and programmes internally, that echo the nature of charity.

C: Objectives and activities:

- Our objectives in essence are to give back to the very community and borough that supported and continuously support the vision of ESCA, for today and for tomorrow.
- Many of our day-to-day activities are aimed at merging neighbouring communities to help build and improve relations on a social, academic, and personal level. We have endlessly been running educational/training, arts and cultural/religion classes for local youths and children. We also continue to operate social evenings for vulnerable peoples, adults, and those facing mental or physical barriers.

D: Maintenance:

We have improved the condition of many parts of our building to ensure we meet health and safety regulations, implementing new fire and security systems including new fire doors, posts/signage, also alarms and extinguishers. Maintenance of groundwork in communal areas to ensure free and safe passageways for all users, and further refurbishing to bring more warmth to the community for ongoing and future programmes and activities. Simultaneously we are working with Lambeth Council in restoring other parts of the building, ensuring pride and harmony is kept within our community.

F: Barriers:

Still, we are struggling from the Covid-19 which has affected our community at large with cost of living.

2022/23 ESCA Build's mission is to provide underserved young adults with the education, training and life skills necessary to become gainfully employed and build a better future. Here at ESCA, we believe that every young person has the power to succeed and create a better life for themselves and their families with access to the right resources and support system. We offer free programs for underserved youth in Lambeth in particular in the Stockwell area to obtain their high school diploma, earn industry-recognized credentials and certifications, develop career readiness skills, and complete hands-on work experience so they can move into careers, college or vocational schools.

G: Key highlights of our year:

receiving £35000 in grants from Lambeth council to help build a studio for local residents at Lambeth.

This project has dramatically increased Studio Voltaire's role within the local community and significantly increased the number of participants who are able to take part in these programmes, greatly supporting community cohesion and lifelong learning

ESCA as managed to organise a trip for youth and senior. being nominated as the lead charity for grant from Lambeth to work with all of the other Local charities as well as other voluntary organisations and Stockwell primary care health and social care organisations in Stockwell

Also, our sessional workers and volunteers have been providing a range of support such as helping with supplementary school for children that their parents cannot afford to pay tuition fee.

We are running a project (Saturday morning for kids and mum) providing healthy food and drink and some exercise to keep them fit and healthy. As a local charity our support is vital for the local community and our service users. The funding certainly helped us to continue much-needed services that have been increased since the pandemic.

I am immensely proud of the achievements of our staff during this most challenging time and thank them for their fortitude in delivering on our plan and for the support and kindness they have shown each other. The past year has reminded us that their expertise and commitment is our most precious asset.

H: Reserve Policy

The Association held no reserves during the period under review.

I: ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

ESCA is indebted to the generosity and dedication of all the volunteers who worked with the Association. We appreciate highly their continued commitment and hard work which was significant to fulfil our project in various areas.

J: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

MC members recognize their responsibilities for keeping proper accounting records and preparing financial statements each year. The appended accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis and have been examined by an independent examiner, whose report is also appended.

H: DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they approved the trustees' report above on the regular meeting on 1st November 2023

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: Abdulkadir Name: Abdulkadir Abdullah

Signature: Awel Name: Awelkair Ahmed

Eritrean Saho Community Association		1093606	
Receipts and Payments Accounts			
For the period from	Period start	To	Period end date
	01/04/2023		31/03/2024

Receipts and Payments

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

Receipts

Members contribution	670			670	1,610
Donations & Other Income	-				3,805
Grants (LAMS)		29,750		29,750	4,400
Other Income	198			198	
Sub total	868	29,750		30,618	9,815

Asset and investment sales, etc.

Total receipts

868	29,750		30,618	9,815

Payments

RENT AND ROOM HIRE	800	0		800	800
EVENTS	3,889			3,889	3,887
TELEPHONE & Web	1,033			1,033	652
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	2,373			2,373	2,380
Sundry Expenses	259			259	1,305
YOUTH ACTIVITIES					900
INSURANCE					275
ENGINEERS VOLUNTEERS		12300		12,300	
PROFESSIONAL FEES	550			550	900
EQUIPMENTS		31625		31,625	9,167
BANK CHARGES	60			60	60
SAFETY-FIRE ALARM					
Sub total	8,964	43,925		52,889	20,642
LOAN REPAYMENTS					4,670
Total payments	8,964	43,925		52,889	25,312
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,096	14,175		22,270	16,398
Adjustment of Funds	2,002			2,002	714
Loan Payments					
Cash funds last year end				61,166	77,278
Cash funds this year end				36,894	61,166

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD 31/3/2024

Categories

Cash funds

Natwest	25,132		
Hsbc-bbf	8,467		
Cash In hand C/F	3,295		
	36,894		

Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)


Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
LOAN FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS		-	

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Abdulkadir I Abdullah (Chairman)	20/01/2025
	Awelkheir Mohamed (Treasurer)	20/01/2025

ERITREAN SAHO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. Accounting Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

2. Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations/contributions and other incomes received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available for general funds

3. Restricted Funds

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

4. Management and Administration Costs

Management and administration costs relate to admin support to the charity. The trustees give all their time free of charge.

5. Depreciation:

Equipments/computers actual costs are depreciated 1/3 p.a. on a straight line basis.