

**Charity Registration No. 1093606**

**ERITREAN SAHO COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION**

**Trustees Reports and Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2025**

**ITahir Accountancy  
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# Trustees' Annual Report

## Eritrean Saho Community Association (ESCA)

### Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: Eritrean Saho Community Association (ESCA)

Charity Number: 1093606

Registered Address: 13–15 Stockwell Road, London SW9 9AU

Financial Year: 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

### Organizational Purpose

The Eritrean Saho Community Association exists to promote social welfare, education, community cohesion and cultural development for the benefit of the Saho community and the wider public.

### Objectives and Public Benefit

In planning and delivering its activities, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The charity's work contributes to improved digital inclusion, supports young people's personal development, reduces social isolation among elderly community members, and strengthens community cohesion across generations.

### Activities and Achievements

#### Many Voices Digital Media Project

The charity continued delivery of the Many Voices digital media programme, supported by funding from the Anti-Tribalism Movement. Over the year, participants developed practical and transferable skills in video production, filming, editing, use of AI tools, storytelling, podcasting, and digital content creation.

As part of the programme, the charity successfully developed and launched three community-led media shows, providing participants with real-world experience in planning, presenting, producing, and managing creative content. In addition, a live-streaming setup was established, enabling young people and community members to engage in online broadcasting, interactive discussions, and digital storytelling. The project also incorporated online gaming and live engagement sessions, which supported teamwork, communication skills, and positive social interaction.

The programme has had a significant impact on confidence-building, teamwork, and employability. Participants reported increased self-esteem, improved communication skills, and greater motivation to pursue education, training, or creative careers.

For the wider community, the project created a safe and inclusive space for expression, intergenerational learning, and cultural exchange. It amplified underrepresented voices, strengthened community pride, and provided accessible digital opportunities for those who may otherwise face barriers to participation. The project has helped to reduce social isolation, foster collaboration, and build a stronger sense of belonging across different age groups.

### **Youth Activities, Clubs and Trips**

Throughout the year, the charity delivered regular youth activities, clubs, trips, and creative sessions designed to support learning, confidence-building, wellbeing, and social development. Young people were given opportunities to work collaboratively, develop leadership skills, and express themselves creatively in a safe and supportive environment.

These activities helped to improve attendance, positive behaviour, and engagement with education, while also providing structured opportunities for socialising, peer support, and mentorship. Families reported improved confidence and happiness among their children, as well as stronger connections with the wider community.

### **Support for Elderly Community Members**

The charity placed a strong focus on improving the wellbeing and happiness of elderly community members by increasing regular engagement, social interaction, and emotional support. Through weekly visits, social gatherings, and community meals, elders were given consistent opportunities to connect with others, share stories, and feel valued within the community.

During Ramadan, food was prepared and distributed to elderly members of the community, helping to reduce isolation and provide both practical and emotional support. These interactions created meaningful relationships between volunteers, young people, and elders, encouraging intergenerational understanding and mutual respect.

Many elders reported feeling happier, more connected, and less isolated as a result of these activities. The programme has strengthened trust, improved mental wellbeing, and helped elders feel recognized, respected, and actively involved in community life.

### **Financial Review**

During the year, the charity recorded income in excess of £25,000. Expenditure reflected planned investment in community activities, digital equipment, training programs, events, and support services. The trustees continue to monitor finances closely to ensure sustainability and responsible use of funds.

## Reserves Policy

The trustees maintain reserves to support ongoing activities, manage financial risk, and ensure continuity of services. Reserves are reviewed annually.

## Risk Management

The trustees regularly review risks relating to funding, safeguarding, facilities, and operational delivery. Appropriate policies, procedures, and oversight arrangements are in place.

## Plans for the Future

The charity plans to further develop its digital skills training, expand youth engagement activities, and strengthen intergenerational connections within the community. A key priority is to document and preserve the stories, memories, and cultural heritage of our elders through filmed interviews, audio recordings, and written archives. These stories will be shared with younger generations to promote learning, identity, and community pride.

The charity also plans to increase its use of creative media to amplify community voices, improve access to training, and build stronger partnerships with funders, local organisations, and cultural institutions.

## Serious Incident Statement

The trustees confirm that there were no serious incidents during the year requiring reporting to the Charity Commission.

## Approval

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

Chair of Trustees Name HUSSEIN SHUMDEHAN

Signature: 

Date: \_\_\_\_\_





## **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 Community Association   |              |    | 1093606         |
|                                       |              |    |                 |
| <b>Receipts and Payments Accounts</b> |              |    |                 |
| For the period<br>from                | Period start | To | Period end date |
|                                       | 01/04/2024   |    | 31/03/2025      |

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Restricted<br>funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Endowment<br>funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>                         |   |  |  |                                 |                               |
| Members contribution                    | 440                                       |  |  | 440                             | 670                           |
| Community Con. Fund                     |   | 7250                                       |  | 7,250                           | -                             |
| Grants -Ant Tribalism                   | 25,000                                    | 25,000                                     |  | 50,000                          | 29,750                        |
| Insuranch Claim                         | 2,034                                     |  |  | 2,034                           | 198                           |
| Other Income                            | 1,304                                     |  |  | 1,304                           |                               |
|   |   |  |  |                                 |                               |
| <b>Sub total</b>                        | <b>28,778</b>                             | <b>32,250</b>                              | <b>-</b>                               | <b>61,028</b>                   | <b>30,618</b>                 |
| <b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b> |   |  |  |                                 |                               |
|   |   |  |  |                                 |                               |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                   | <b>28,778</b>                             | <b>32,250</b>                              |  | <b>61,028</b>                   | <b>30,618</b>                 |
| <b>Payments</b>                         |   |  |  |                                 |                               |
| RENT AND ROOM HIRE                      | 733                                       |  |  | 733                             | 800                           |
| EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT                  | -   | 3,086                                      |  | 3,086                           | 3,889                         |
| TELEPHONE & Web                         | 1402                                      |  |  | 1,402                           | 1,033                         |
| REPAIR & MAINTENANCE                    |   | 3345                                       |  | 3,345                           | 2,373                         |
| WEB & DOMAIN                            |   | 2729.29                                    |  | 2,729                           |                               |
| EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE                   |   | 13378                                      |  | 13,378                          | 31,625                        |
| INSURANCE                               | 298                                       |  |  | 298                             | -                             |
| ENGINEERS VOLUNTEERS                    |   | 3590                                       |  | 3,590                           | 12,300                        |
| PROF. & LEGAL FEES                      |   | 6184                                       |  | 6,184                           | 550                           |
| BANK CHARGES                            | 60  |  |  | 60                              | 60                            |
| SUNDRY EXPENSES                         | 18  |  |  | 18                              | 259                           |
|   |   |  |  |                                 | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                        | <b>2,511</b>                              | <b>32,312</b>                              | <b>-</b>                               | <b>34,823</b>                   | <b>52,889</b>                 |
| LOAN REPAYMENTS                         |   |  |  |                                 |                               |
| <b>Total payments</b>                   | <b>2,511</b>                              | <b>32,312</b>                              | <b>- -</b>                             | <b>34,823</b>                   | <b>52,889</b>                 |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>       | <b>26,266</b>                             | <b>- 62</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>26,205</b>                   | <b>- 22,270</b>               |
| <b>Adjustment of Funds</b>              |   |  |  | <b>- 68</b>                     | <b>- 2,002</b>                |
| <b>Loan Payments</b>                    |   |  |  |                                 |                               |
| <b>Cash funds last year end</b>         |   |  |  | <b>36,894</b>                   | <b>61,166</b>                 |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>         | <b>26,266</b>                             | <b>- 62</b>                                | <b>-</b>                               | <b>63,031</b>                   | <b>36,894</b>                 |



**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD 31/3/2025**

Categories

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**Cash funds**

|                  |        |   |        |
|------------------|--------|---|--------|
| Natwest          | 49,466 |   | 25,132 |
| Hsbc-bbf         | 7,800  |   | 8,467  |
| Cash In hand C/F | 5,765  |   | 3,295  |
|                  | 63,031 | - | 36,894 |

**Other monetary assets**

| Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|         |                                    | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

| Details | Fund to which<br>asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value<br>(optional) |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
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
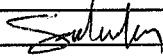
**Assets retained for the charity's own use**

| Details | Fund to which<br>asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value<br>(optional) |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
|         |                                | -               | -                           |
|         |                                | -               | -                           |
|         |                                | -               | -                           |
|         |                                | -               | -                           |
|         |                                | -               | -                           |

**Liabilities**

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

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

| Signature   | Print Name                   | Date of approval |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|
|  | Hussein Shumdehan (Chairman) | 22/01/2026       |
|  | Saleh Gafo (Treasurer)       | 22/01/2026       |

# **ERITREAN SAHO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

### **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.