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The Charity Registration Number is :- 1093920

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited

Report and Accounts

31 March 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, which also comprises the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is:- The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited.

The charity is also known by its operating name, The CICT Open Learning Centre.

The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1093920.

The charity does not operate in any overseas jurisdictions.

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Acts . The governing document of the charity is the Memorandum and Articles of Association establishing the company under company legislation.

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

By operation of law all, trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation.

The trustees are all individuals.

The principal operating address, telephone number, email and web addresses of the charity are:-

Unit 15, Lynnwood Enterprise Centre

Elswick, Newcastle Upon Tyne

NE4 6UL

Telephone 0191 2732233 (ext 2010)

Email Address emilylam@cictlearning.org Web address <https://cictlearning.org>

The registered office of the charity for Companies Act purposes is the same as the operating address shown above.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024 :-

The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

Kin Chuen Kwok
Yuen Mei Ivy Leung
Big Ha Tina Tsang
Denise Briddon

The following persons served as Trustees during the year ended 31 March 2024 :-

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period, and, if applicable, their dates of appointment or resignation during the year were:-.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Resigned/Retired</i>
Kin Chuen Kwok		
Yuen Mei Ivy Leung		
Big Ha Tina Tsang		
Denise Briddon		
Selina Mak		22/06/2024

All the trustees are also members of the charity.

Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

The charity's objects are:

- a) to advance the education of people in the Chinese community in the North of England primarily but not exclusively by the provision of an ICT centre and training facilities.
- b) to provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for children in the North of England with the object of improving their conditions of life.
- c) to relieve the poverty of people in the North of England by the provision of subsidised childcare and training.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

Our organisation's name is the Chinese Centre (North of England), to be inclusive we are locally known as the CICT Open Learning Centre. We promote social inclusion, equality, and diversity with the aim of reducing unemployment and increase community cohesion through providing skills and progression routes for disadvantaged participants, including the Ethnically Minoritised Communities (henceforth BAMEs), refugees and the long term unemployed from across Tyne-and-Wear, particularly in Newcastle where we are based. We deliver basic skills training to the BAME economically inactive residents, alongside with Community Health Engagement, Financial Inclusion and Digital Inclusion projects. We also provide unfunded digital provision to BAME asylum seekers, some of whom acquire refugee status subsequently.

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The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.

The five main activities undertaken during the year have been:

- (A) Multiply Training Programme – delivers Multiply Maths taster sessions and short courses to encourage progression to local colleges
- (B) RISE @ Truly Home Programme – provides free English for Work, Driving Theory and employability support to the economically inactive participants of the Rise Into Sustainable Employment programme.
- (C) Wellbeing Hub provision - provides asylum seekers and refugees with a space to chat over a cup of tea in order to increase social cohesion.
- (D) Health activities – provides asylum seekers and refugees with social activities like day trips to reduce social isolation.
- (E) Digital Inclusion Activities: gifts out donated sim cards and digital devices to asylum seekers, refugees and local residents with low income.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the year.

(A) Multiply Training Programme

Following the successful delivery of Multiply Tasters underspend in February 2023, we acquired another funding to deliver Multiply tasters to another 52 participants and 46 of them have been referred for progression to Newcastle City Learning. In September 2023, we were awarded the Multiply Short Courses grant from North East Combined Authority to progress 15 participants to do Multiply Short Courses after completing Multiply Tasters.

(B) Employability Provision:

The RISE @ Truly Home programme

We successfully acquired the Small Grant funding from the North of Tyne Combined Authority (now known as North East Combined Authority) to deliver the RISE@Truly Home Project (RISE= Refugees Into Sustainable Employment).

(C) Wellbeing Hub Provision

In January 2024, we continued to be an active member of the Wellbeing hubs Network across the City of Newcastle. We were awarded the Wellbeing Hub Fund to provide not just warmth but a warm welcome and a place for asylum seekers, refugees and local residents to meet together, learn new skills and socialise over a hot drink and biscuits.

(D) Health Provision

Built on the experience of running the round 1 and round 2 health fund projects, the round 3 health project addressed the issue of health inequalities in BAME asylum seekers and refugees including housebound women with young children. The day trips to the countryside provided a way of promoting mental well-being to tackle the health impacts the pandemic has had on asylum seekers and refugees which are top of language, financial, cultural and psychological barriers.

(E) DIGITAL INCLUSION PROVISION

We are currently a member of the National Databank and National Device bank and we are one of the digital inclusion hubs in the National Digital Inclusion Network run by the Good Things Foundation.

This year, we successfully delivered 3 funded projects with the following grants: Digital Inclusion Capability Grant, the Digital Inclusion Impact Grant and the Fix the Digital Divide grant.

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The difference the charity's performance during the year has made to the beneficiaries of the charity and the benefit to wider society.

RISE @ Truly Home is a transformative project dedicated to supporting Refugees Into Sustainable Employment in Newcastle. Our mission is to clear: to establish a dynamic learning community that empowers economically inactive individuals, especially BAME refugees and migrants. Our approach includes personalized learning plans, ESOL for Work programme, English Conversation Practice, digital skills support, 1-to-1 mentoring, volunteering and monthly celebrations. We aim to build confidence and promote proactive job-seeking behaviours among participants, taking a step closer to employment. We aim to shape a brighter future and promote inclusivity and empowerment for sustainable employment. Together, we rise.

This project was officially launched in January 2024. By the end of March, 50% of participants (n=20) have been recruited. Both language and skills assessments have been completed and individual learning plans devised to address language acquisition, vocational training needs, soft skills and personal development of the project participants. Cohort groups have been formed based on the participants' personal goals and the result of the diagnostics of participants' maths, English, IT and life skills.

By the end of January 2024, tutors were hired and trained, to meet the unique needs of BAME economically inactive participants. Course content and necessary resources, materials, and facilities for the programme secured

There was a footfall of more than 500 people attending the wellbeing hub this year, and only 5% are families with children. The wellbeing hub visitors are mainly aged 25 to 34 and are male and they are mainly newly arrived asylum seekers and refugees and their spouses.

Our Wellbeing support includes providing a warm space to socialise, provide digital skills classes, and donated sim card gifting. Apart from providing finger food and hot drinks and donated internet sim cards, we are not able to help with winter clothing, shoes and water proof clothes (raincoats or umbrellas), money vouchers as some have requested.

The people attending our hub experience the following issues: lack of travel costs, a few have to walk to the centre for an hour and they usually do not have adequate winterproof clothing. Hopefully, the provision of future funding may help us to bridge this gap.

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Health Project outputs and outcomes:

85 asylum seekers and refugees completed the bilingual health needs surveys, informal interviews, including conversations with potential vaccine uptake

A list of 10 top health needs identified from the health needs survey conducted with asylum seekers and refugees

A before-and-after chart of vaccine uptake evidences the impact of the project

100 BAME asylum seekers and refugees including children attended the day trips

20 successfully completed the "Dream to be a Nurse" training sessions

28 completed the UK online course "Improving your health online" with support

10 volunteers to be trained up to provide interpreting support for their peers

60 BAME adults and children have improved knowledge and skills around healthier lifestyle.

40 BAME participants share public health information in their first language among peer groups

20 BAME participants are supported to access services e.g. GP, dentists & opticians appointment

1 Project Celebration Event (Dream to be a Nurse) took place to present first aid kits to the course completers

10 Bilingual Community Health Champions trained up and shared their experience during the celebration event with prizes.

We continued to support the BAME refugees and asylum seekers with donated sim cards, digital devices and digital skills training using Learn My Way:

Month	Internet Data Sim Gifting	Digital Skills Learn My Way Registrations
May-23	0	7
Jun-23	0	4
Jul-23	50	2
Aug-23	31	15
Sep-23	32	10
Oct-23	37	2
Nov-23	52	0
Dec-23	41	5
Jan-24	72	19
Feb-24	71	15
Mar-24	48	10
TOTAL	434	89

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Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

The trustees are recruited and appointed by the existing trustees and the necessary training and induction is given prior to commencement.

Bankers The Co-operative Bank
53-59 Blandford Square
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE99 1AN

Accountants Laverick Walton & Co
B3 Kingfisher House
Team Valley
Gateshead
Tyne & Wear
NE11 0JQ

Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 31 March 2024

The financial position of the charity at 31 March 2024 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income	(16,835)	9,173
Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity	35,536	52,308
Restricted Revenue Funds	55	118
Total Funds	35,591	52,426

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 March 2024 .

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory.

Policies on reserves.

The policy remains the same as last year to hold in reserves the equivalent of two months general running costs and an additional one month's salary costs and rent. This policy will be reviewed in twelve months' time.

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Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

Details of The Independent Examiner

MR J R Mills FCCA
Member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
B3 Kingfisher House
Kingsway North, Team Valley
Gateshead
Tyne & Wear
NE11 0JQ

Statement of the Directors Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), .

In particular, the Companies Act 2006 and charity law require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

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The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that, on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

Method of preparation of accounts - Small company provisions

The financial statements are set out on pages 11 to 26.

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 18 December 2024.

KIN CHUEN KWOK
Director and Trustee

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the charitable company on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charitable company on pages 11 to 26 for the year ended 31 March 2024 which have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) as modified by FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW), and under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 16.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner and the basis of the report

As described on page 7, you, the charitable company's Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of Company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and all other applicable law and with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, applicable to smaller entities, and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view.

The Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that there is no requirement in the memorandum and articles of the charity for the conducting of an audit, and that the accounts do not require an audit in accordance with Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. As a consequence, the Trustees have elected that the financial statements be subject to independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements are not required to be audited under any legal provision, or otherwise, and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:-

- a) examine the financial statements of the charity under Section 145 of the Act;
- b) follow the applicable procedures in the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement and scope of work undertaken

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under s145 of the Act. In carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act setting out the duties of an independent examiner in relation to the conducting of an independent examination. An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charitable company and of the accounting systems employed by the charitable company and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The purpose of the examination is to establish as far as possible that there have been no breaches of charity legislation and that, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures made, the financial statements comply with the SORP.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and information supplied by the Trustees in the course of the examination is not subjected to audit tests or enquiries and does not cover all the matters that an auditor would consider in arriving at an opinion. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide

Consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements, and in particular, I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity, and my report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

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I planned and performed my examination so as to satisfy myself that the objectives of the independent examination are achieved and before finalising the report I obtained written assurances from the Trustees of all material matters.

Independent Examiner's Statement, Report and Opinion

Subject to the limitations upon the scope of my work as detailed above, I have completed my examination: and can confirm that:-

The accounts of this charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006;

This is a report in respect of an examination carried out under 145 of the Act and in accordance with Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act which may be applicable;

and that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:-

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and Section 130 of The Charities Act 2011;

the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination;

have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:-

MR J R Mills FCCA - Independent Examiner

The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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This report was signed on 19 December 2024

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2024, as required by the Companies Act 2006)

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	A1	42,795	-	42,795	76,051
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	B2	59,567	63	59,630	66,878
Total expenditure	B	59,567	63	59,630	66,878
Net income for the year		(16,772)	(63)	(16,835)	9,173
Net income after transfers	A-B-C	(16,772)	(63)	(16,835)	9,173
Net movement in funds		(16,772)	(63)	(16,835)	9,173
Reconciliation of funds:-					
	E				
Total funds brought forward		52,308	118	52,426	43,253
Total funds carried forward		35,536	55	35,591	52,426

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.

All activities derive from continuing operations

The notes attached on pages 16 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Analysis of prior year total funds, as required by paragraph 4.2 of the SORP

	SORP Ref	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	A1	28,489	47,562	76,051
Charitable activities	A2	-	-	-
Other trading activities	A3	-	-	-
Investments	A4	-	-	-
Other	A5	-	-	-
Total income	A	28,489	47,562	76,051
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	B1	-	-	-
Charitable activities	B2	17,309	49,157	66,878
Other	B3	-	-	-
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	B3	-	-	-
Other taxation	B3	-	-	-
Total expenditure	B	17,309	49,157	66,878
Net gains on investments	B4	-	-	-
Net income for the year		11,180	(1,595)	9,173
Transfers between funds	C	-	-	-
Net income after transfers		11,180	(1,595)	9,173
Net movement in funds		11,180	(1,595)	9,173
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds brought forward		41,252	2,001	43,253
Total funds carried forward		52,432	406	52,426

All activities derive from continuing operations

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.'

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The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Resources applied in the year ended 31 March 2024 towards fixed assets for Charity use:-

	2024 £	2023 £
Funds generated in the year as detailed in the SOFA	(16,835)	9,173
Resources applied on functional fixed assets	90,633	(1,248)
Other applications of funds	-	-
Net resources available to fund charitable activities	73,798	7,925

The notes attached on pages 16 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

Movements in revenue and capital funds for the year ended 31 March 2024

Revenue accumulated funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Last year Total Funds 2023 £
Accumulated funds brought forward	52,308	118	52,426	43,253
Recognised gains and losses before transfers	(16,772)	(63)	(16,835)	9,173
	35,536	55	35,591	52,426
Closing revenue funds	35,536	55	35,591	52,426

Summary of funds

	Unrestricted and Designated funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Last Year Total Funds 2023 £
Revenue accumulated funds	35,536	55	35,591	52,426

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The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

**The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2024 as required by the
Companies Act 2006**

	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Income from operations	42,795	76,051
Investment income		
Gross income in the year before exceptional items	42,795	76,051
Gross income in the year including exceptional items	42,795	76,051
Expenditure		
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	58,012	65,515
Depreciation and amortisation	315	120
Governance costs	1,303	1,243
Realised losses on disposals of social investments which are programme related	-	-
Total expenditure in the year	59,630	66,878
Net income before tax in the financial year	(16,835)	9,173
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-	-
Net income after tax in the financial year	(16,835)	9,173
Retained surplus for the financial year	(16,835)	9,173

All activities derive from continuing operations

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, the headings and subheadings used in the Income and Expenditure account have been adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's activities.

The notes attached on pages 16 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	SORP		2024	2023
	Note	Ref	£	£
Fixed assets		A		
Tangible assets	9	A2	953	1,128
Current assets		B		
Debtors	10	B2	370	1,679
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	42,107	51,963
Total current assets			42,477	53,642
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	C1	(7,839)	(2,344)
Net current assets			34,638	51,298
The total net assets of the charity			35,591	52,426

The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-

Restricted funds				
Restricted Revenue Funds	15	D2	55	118
			55	118
Unrestricted Funds				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	15	D3	35,536	52,308
			35,536	52,308
Designated Funds				
Total charity funds			35,591	52,426

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA..

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 10.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

KIN CHUEN KWOK

Trustee

Approved by the board of trustees on 18 December 2024

The notes attached on pages 16 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

The Chinese Centre (North of England) Limited

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , effective January 2016, , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Going Concern

The charitable activities are entirely dependent on continuing grant aid and voluntary donations as well as trading revenues. As a consequence, the going concern basis is dependent on the future flow of these uncertain funding streams. Accordingly, the Trustees have reviewed the future position and are satisfied that, at the time of approving the financial statements, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Other than these matters, the Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity.

The trustees are adopting a risk management approach which includes regular assessments of all perceived risks faced by the charity. Significant risks are dealt with as a matter of priority and discussed at board meetings.

Policies relating to expenditure on goods and services provided to the charity.

Recognition of liabilities and expenditure

A liability, and the related expenditure, is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation exists as a result of a past event, and when it is more likely than not that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and when the amount of the obligation can be measured or reliably estimated..

Liabilities arising from future funding commitments and constructive obligations, including performance related grants, where the timing or the amount of the future expenditure required to settle the obligation are uncertain, give rise to a provision in the accounts, which is reviewed at the accounting year end. The provision is increased to reflect any increases in liabilities, and is decreased by the utilisation of any provision within the period, and reversed if any provision is no longer required. These movements are charged or credited to the respective funds and activities to which the provision relates.

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Policies relating to assets, liabilities and provisions and other matters.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at their original cost value, or subsequent revaluation, or if donated, as described above. Cost value includes all costs expended in bringing the asset into its intended working condition. Items costing less than £100 have not been capitalised.

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

Plant and machinery	25 % straight line
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A regular annual review of the likelihood of asset impairment is undertaken.

Debtors

Debtors are measured at their recoverable amounts at the balance sheet date.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors are recognised on the accruals basis in accordance with normal accounting principles.

Cash and bank balances

Cash held by the charity is included at the amount actually held and counted at the year end. Bank balances, whether in credit or overdrawn, are shown at the amounts properly reconciled to the bank statements.

Pensions - defined contribution schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Fund Accounting

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

There are no designated funds.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal or as implied by law.

There are no endowment funds.

2 Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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3 Winding up or dissolution of the charity

If upon winding up or dissolution of the charity there remain any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, the assets represented by the accumulated fund shall be transferred to some other charitable body or bodies having similar objects to the charity.

4 Significance of financial instruments to the charity's position

There are no significant implications of such matters.

5 Net surplus before tax in the financial year

	2024 £	2023 £
The net surplus before tax in the financial year is stated after charging:-		
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	315	120
Pension costs	683	694

6 Staff costs and emoluments

Salary costs	2024 £	2023 £
Gross Salaries excluding trustees and key management personnel	42,141	47,112
Employer's operating costs of defined contribution pension schemes	683	694
Total salaries, wages and related costs	42,824	47,806

The average number of part time staff employed in the year was	3	3
The average number of full time staff employed in the year was	1	1
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed in the year was	4	4

The estimated equivalent number of full time staff deployed in different activities in the year was:-

Engaged on charitable activities	4	4
The estimated full time equivalent number of all staff employed as above	4	4

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them have received any remuneration from the charity or any related entity, either in the current or prior year.

No employees received emoluments (excluding pension costs) in excess of £60,000 per annum.

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7 Defined contribution pension schemes

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the costs of which are shown above.

8 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

9 Tangible fixed assets

<i>Current Year</i>	Land and Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	90,773	175,521	-	266,294
Additions	-	140	-	140
Disposals	(90,773)	-	-	(90,773)
At 31 March 2024	-	175,661	-	175,661
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	90,773	174,393	-	265,166
Charge for the year	-	315	-	315
On disposals	(90,773)	-	-	(90,773)
At 31 March 2024	-	174,708	-	174,708
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	-	953	-	953
At 31 March 2023	-	1,128	-	1,128

<i>Prior Year</i>	Land and Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
01 April 2022	90,773	174,273	-	265,046
Additions	-	1,248	-	1,248
01 April 2023	90,773	175,521	-	266,294
Depreciation				
01 April 2022	90,773	174,273	-	265,046
Charge for the year	-	120	-	120
01 April 2023	90,773	174,393	-	265,166
Net book value				
01 April 2023	-	1,128	-	1,128

All assets are used for direct charitable purposes.

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10 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	370	277
Other debtors	-	1,402
	370	1,679

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	430	-
Accruals	2,754	1,907
PAYE, NIC VAT and other taxes	427	437
Other creditors	4,228	-
	7,839	2,344

12 Income and Expenditure account summary

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 April 2023	52,426	43,253
Surplus after tax for the year	(16,835)	9,173
At 31 March 2024	35,591	52,426

13 No related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties in the year.

14 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 March 2024	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	953	-	-	953
Current Assets	42,422	-	55	42,477
Current Liabilities	(7,839)	-	-	(7,839)
	35,536	-	55	35,591
At 1 April 2023	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,128	-	-	1,128
Current Assets	53,524	-	118	53,642
Current Liabilities	(2,344)	-	-	(2,344)
	52,308	-	118	52,426

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15 Change in total funds over the year as shown in Note 14 , analysed by individual funds

	Funds brought forward from 2023	Movement in funds in 2024	Transfers between funds in 2024	Funds carried forward to 2025
	£	See Note 16 £	See Note 0 £	£
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	52,308	(16,772)	-	35,536
Total unrestricted and designated funds	52,308	(16,772)	-	35,536
Restricted funds:-				
Good Things Foundation - Digital Inclusion Capability Grant	118	(63)	-	55
Total restricted funds	118	(63)	-	55
Total charity funds	52,426	(16,835)	-	35,591

16 Analysis of movements in funds over the year as shown in Note 15

	Income	Expenditure	Other Gains & Losses	Movement in funds
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Unrestricted and designated funds:-				
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	42,795	(59,567)	-	(16,772)
Restricted funds:-				
Good Things Foundation - Digital Inclusion Capability Grant	-	(63)	-	(63)
	42,795	(59,630)	-	(16,835)

17 The purposes for which the funds as

Unrestricted and designated funds:-

Unrestricted Revenue Funds

These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.

Restricted funds:-

Good Things Foundation - Digital Inclusion Capability Grant

Funding was received to help with website costs.

18 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2024 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

19 Donations, Grants and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Revenue grants from government and public bodies				
Small grants individually less than £1000	250	-	250	-
Newcastle City Council	17,000	-	17,000	42,562
Good Things Foundation	10,600	-	10,600	22,245
Community Health Fund	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
NTCA	9,945	-	9,945	-
Total public sector revenue grants	42,795	-	42,795	69,807

Revenue grants from government and public bodies - Prior Year analysis

	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds	Prior Year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£
Prior Year	22,245	47,562	69,807

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Revenue grants and donations from non public bodies				
Small grants individually less than £1000	-	-	-	640
Connected Voice	-	-	-	2,604
Esme Fairburn	-	-	-	3,000
Total private sector revenue grants	-	-	-	6,244

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Revenue grants and donations from non public bodies (Include Gift Aid donations from subsidiaries) - Prior Year analysis

		Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Total Donations, Grants and Legacies				
Total Donations, Grants and Legacies	A1	42,795	-	42,795
Prior year				
		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Total Donations, Grants and Legacies	A1	28,489	47,562	76,051

20 Expenditure on charitable activities - Direct spending

		Current year Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2024 £	Current year Total Funds 2024 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Current Year					
Travel and Subsistence - Charitable Activities		419	-	419	1,210
Coach hire and day trips		-	-	-	1,610
Classes		161	-	161	270
Membership		-	-	-	186
Prizes		-	-	-	226
Total direct spending	B2a	580	-	580	3,502

All the expenditure in the prior year was unrestricted.

		Prior Year Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Restricted Funds 2023 £	Prior Year Total Funds 2023 £
Prior Year				
Travel and Subsistence - Charitable Activities		553	657	1,210
Coach hire and day trips		150	1,460	1,610
Total direct spending	B2a	973	2,117	3,502

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21 Support costs for charitable activities

<i>Current Year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>Employee costs not included in direct costs</i>				
Salaries - Administrative staff	42,141	-	42,141	43,116
Defined contribution pension cost - administrative staff	683	-	683	694
Other salaries	-	-	-	3,996
Training and welfare - staff	85	-	85	-
Payroll fees and charges	1,146	-	1,146	948
Travel and subsistence - staff	128	-	128	261
<i>Volunteer costs</i>				
Volunteers' expenses	1,584	-	1,584	612
<i>Premises Expenses</i>				
Cleaning and waste management	2	-	2	-
Premises repairs, renewals and maintenance	6	-	6	-
Rent, rates and service charge	8,952	-	8,952	9,602
<i>Administrative overheads</i>				
Telephone, fax and internet	878	-	878	655
Software licences and expenses	504	-	504	-
Advertising and marketing	-	63	63	1,053
Liability and contents insurance	475	-	475	475
Equipment, repairs, expenses and maintenance	146	-	146	-
Training and accreditation fees	35	-	35	165
Postage and stationery	297	-	297	436
Sundry expenses	103	-	103	-
<i>Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner</i>				
Other legal and professional	204	-	204	-
<i>Financial costs</i>				
Depreciation & Amortisation in total for	315	-	315	120
Support costs before reallocation	57,684	63	57,747	62,133
Total support costs - Current Year	57,684	63	57,747	62,133

The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies

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<i>Prior Year</i>	Prior Year Unrestricted Funds	Prior Year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£
Employee costs not included in direct costs			
Salaries - Administrative staff	12,246	30,870	43,116
Defined contribution pension cost - administrative staff	-	694	694
Other salaries	944	3,052	3,996
Travel and subsistence - staff	104	157	261
Volunteer costs			
Volunteers' expenses	455	157	612
Premises Expenses			
Rent, rates and service charge	-	9,602	9,602
Administrative overheads			
Telephone, fax and internet	276	379	655
Advertising and marketing	-	1,053	1,053
Liability and contents insurance	-	475	475
Training and accreditation fees	-	165	165
Postage and stationery	-	436	436
Support costs before reallocation	15,093	47,040	62,133
Total support costs - Prior Year	15,093	47,040	62,133

The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies

22 Other Expenditure - Governance costs

<i>Current Year</i>	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Independent Examiner's fees	1,303	-	1,303	1,243
Total Governance costs	1,303	-	1,303	1,243

All the expenditure in the prior year was unrestricted.

23 Total Charitable expenditure

<i>Current Year</i>		Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2024	2024	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
Total direct spending	B2a	580	-	580	3,502
Total support costs	B2d	57,684	63	57,747	62,133
Total Governance costs	B2e	1,303	-	1,303	1,243
Total charitable expenditure	B2	59,567	63	59,630	66,878

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<i>Prior Year</i>		Prior Year Unrestricted Funds	Prior Year Restricted Funds	Prior Year Total Funds
		2023	2023	2023
		£	£	£
Total direct spending	B2a	973	2,117	3,502
Total support costs	B2d	15,093	47,040	62,133
Total Governance costs	B2e	1,243	-	1,243
Total charitable expenditure	B2	17,309	49,157	66,878