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(Refugee and Asylum Seeker Participatory Action Research)

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

31 March 2024

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RAPAR Directors'/Trustees' Report 2023-2024

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024. Reference and administrative information forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association, and the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

STRUCTURE, ORGANISATION AND FINANCE:

RAPAR is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission and is a company limited by guarantee registered with Companies House. The organisation carries out its work in two of the Basement Offices at the Friends' Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS

During the financial year 2023-24, RAPAR received £10,793 in unrestricted funding which covered its running costs, the largest component of which covered the cost of renting and running the administration office and the meeting room. Funding was comprised of £136,601 Of this, £10,793 was unrestricted and supported the general activities of the Charity. Restricted funding totalled £125,808. The restricted funding projects included funded projects and named campaign work. Some restricted funds were carried over into the next financial year and allocated to the relevant restricted funding budgets.

During the financial period, RAPAR continued to act as a fund-holder for the Status Now Network for one funding source (PRISM/Choose Love). This funding was completed in March 2024 with RAPAR providing an end of project report to PRISM/Choose Love. RAPAR has been a signatory to the Status Now Network campaign since its inception in 2020. The Charity has been pleased to assist our colleagues at SNN in enabling them to receive some funding to develop the Network and we are very pleased that they have now achieved financial independence and no longer need RAPAR to act as fundholder.

Together with five other organisations, including Amnesty International, RAPAR is part of GRIPP – Growing Rights in Poverty Partnership. RAPAR acted as fund-holder for GRIPP during the financial year 2023-2024.

During the financial year, we were awarded unrestricted funding of £31,000 to be used for the running costs of the organisation during the years 2024-2027. This very welcome award was made by Sainsbury's Family Charitable Trusts (Alan and Babette). They had previously awarded a smaller amount of funding to RAPAR.

Recruiting more Trustees for the Charity, was a priority for us during 2023-24. We were very pleased that Farid Vahidi agreed to shadow the Trustees with a view to joining the Board during the year 2024-25. We welcomed his commitment to the organisation and to discovering for himself the responsibilities of Trustees before taking on a formal role.

RAPAR is a member led organisation run by an extremely dedicated team of volunteers. The Trustees have overall responsibility for the Charity. The Leadership Group, which meets monthly, directs the day-to-day activities and liaises with the Trustees. The Leadership group is ably assisted by our volunteers, supporters, and participants in various projects. The quorum for monthly Leadership meetings is 8.

Many thanks to Alimamy Bangura, Chair of the Leadership group during 2023-24, who continued to carry out inspirational work as an ambassador for the Charity along with Farid Vahidi, and many thanks also to Amy Marsden who ensured the smooth administration of RAPAR and co-ordinated the work carried out by our volunteers. Storm damage to our offices meant that we needed to make alternative administration arrangements for part of the financial year. Repair work to the offices was carried out by our landlords who kept us informed of progress at all times.

A big thank you to everyone who continued to work on RAPAR's campaigns, community work, research and other activities during this difficult period. In particular, we deeply appreciate the work done by all members of the Leadership group who took on different roles and responsibilities with great dedication and enthusiasm in order to ensure that RAPAR continued its work.

We would also like to thank our funders and partners during the financial year 2023- 2024: the Sainsbury's Family Charitable Trusts (Alan and Babette), Tides (Ben and Jerry's), Lankelly Chase, Amnesty International, ATD Fourth World, Prism (Choose Love), GRIPP, and Civic Power. During 2023-24, we continued to receive funding for the last part of the successful European Erasmus project, initiated with Manchester Metropolitan University and other partners including the University of Rennes, and headed by our Research Lead and Trustee Dr Grainne McMahon. The European funding finally came to an end and there will be no further opportunities for this because of the UK Government's Brexit policy.

RAPAR Trustee Stephen Anderson has developed links with various universities and we have been happy to host placements for student social workers. We are very grateful for the advice and support we continue to receive from Dr Rhett Moran, one of RAPAR's co-founders, who takes an active interest in the work of the organisation.

Thank you also to RADAR, WAST, Boaz, Greater Manchester Law Centre, These Walls Must Fall and other refugee and asylum groups in Manchester and Greater Manchester. Nationally, it has been a pleasure to work with the Status Now Network, Kanlungan, Migrant Voice, ATD Fourth World, Amnesty International, and all others who have worked in partnership with us. Their continued support and friendship is very much appreciated. As always, a particular mention should be made of the close relationship we have developed over the years with Manchester Quakers, particularly Elizabeth Coleman. We would also like to thank our matrons/patrons for their advice and support. We greatly appreciate the contributions made by all the people and organisations who donate to RAPAR on a monthly basis through PayPal and standing orders. Donations, however small, enable us to contribute towards transport, phone data and other costs for RAPAR's refugee members so they can continue to play a full part in our activities. Occasional small fund-raising events were organised during 2023-24 by a group of volunteers. Special thanks to Charlie Lewis

who organised a number of music events to raise funds for RAPAR.
All our donations go towards the cost of:

Running our offices, groups and meetings

Continuing the research, community and campaigning activities carried out by our Charity.

It must be stressed that RAPAR could not exist without our volunteers who bring a wide range of skills, knowledge and talent to our Charity. Sometimes, if funding allows, we are able to commission hourly paid work on a freelance basis. But the majority of RAPAR's work continues to be voluntary and covers a wide spectrum including casework support, research, community development, campaigns, funding bids, administration, finance, arts development, publicity, and social media.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

RAPAR's charitable activities throughout the year have been in accordance with the organisation's aims and objectives. Our volunteers have worked with refugees, people seeking asylum and other displaced people on education, housing, personal safety, and health issues - signposting them to lawyers and other outside agencies when necessary.

During 2023-24, RAPAR campaigned around housing, health issues, and human rights - through our Housing Group, a peer support Mental Health Group, a Women's Group, a research and education group, and a football group comprised of women and men.

Once again, the year saw the introduction of hostile UK legislation in relation to refugees and people seeking asylum. This included what we believe to be an increase in attacks on human rights and we remain committed to opposing and campaigning against these measures.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT:

In exercising their powers or duties, RAPAR's Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefits.



Kathleen Grant
RAPAR Secretary/Trustee

On behalf of the RAPAR Directors and Trustees for the period April 1st 2023 to March 31st 2024.

Mr Stephen Anderson
Mr Aria Esfahani
Ms Kathleen Grant
Mr Tendai Masiya
Dr Grainne McMahon
Dr Edward Mynott

26th July 2025

Independent Examiners' Report to the members of RAPAR

I report on the unaudited accounts of RAPAR (Refugee and Asylum Seeker Participatory Action Research) for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cashflow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

I am qualified to undertake the examination, being a qualified member of the Association of International Accountants

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

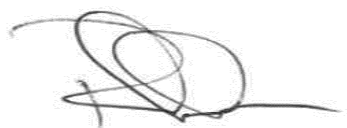
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below

Independent Examiner's Statement Report

No matters have come to my attention in the 2024 Financial Statements, which gives me

- (1) reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirement of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by CharitiesHave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Carter Collins and Myer Accountants
Robert Newman
DATE 18-Sep-25

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Note	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations and legacies	3	8,151		8,151	11,759
Income from charitable activities	4	1,033	125,808	126,841	54,367
Other income		1,609		1,609	235
Total incoming resources		10,793	125,808	136,601	66,361
Resources expended					
Raising Funds	6				
Charitable Activities	7	1,413	73,815	75,228	60,812
Other	8	10,446	72	10,518	10,939
Total resources expended		11,859	73,887	85,747	71,751
Net movement in funds		(1,066)	51,920	50,854	(5,389)
Transfers between funds	15	(2,985)	2,985		
Total funds brought forward	15	(2,570)	53,246	50,676	59,750
Total funds carried forward	15	(6,621)	108,151	101,531	54,361

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets		1	0	1	1
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		1	0	1	1
Current Assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		0	104,062	104,062	53,435
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		0	104,062	104,062	53,435
Creditors	12				
Amounts falling due in one year		(2,532)	0	(2,532)	(2,760)
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Net Current Assets		(2,532)	104,062	101,530	50,675
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Amounts falling due after more than one year		0	0	0	0
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Net Assets		(2,531)	104,062	101,531	50,676
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Funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds	13	(6,621)		(6,621)	(2,570)
Restricted funds	13		108,152	108,152	53,246
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Total Funds		(6,621)	108,152	101,531	50,676
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For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to the members of the company.

The notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Board and signed on their behalf by:



Kathleen Grant
Trustee

Approved by the board on 18/09/2025

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)), The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the Charity.

Incoming resources

Incoming is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis when a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is included as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership remains with the lessor, are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they fall due.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Individual items costing less than £500 are not capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Computer equipment	25%
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Stock

Stock, which relates to items bought for resale in the Charity's café, is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Pensions

The charity operates a stakeholder pension scheme for its staff. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. Details of the charity's contribution are given in Note 9 to these accounts.

Donations and Legacies	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations	8,151	0	8,151	11,759
Income				
	8,151	0	8,151	11,759
Incoming from Charitable Activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Other Charitable Activities	1,033	125,808	126,841	54,367
	1,033	125,808	126,841	54,367
Investment Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Interest Income	1,609	0	1,609	235
	1,609	0	1,609	235
Expenditure on raising funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Other Charitable Expenditure	1,413	73,815	75,228	60,812
Office Costs / room hire	6,114	72	6,186	9,451
Depreciation Expense	0	0	0	0
	7,527	73,887	81,415	70,263

Governance costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Office costs	3,000	0	3,000	287
Independent examination fee	0	0	0	720
Accountancy services	1,332	0	1,332	480
	4,332	0	4,332	1,487

Net Incoming / (outgoing resources)	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
This is stated after charging:				
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	0	0	0	57
Independent examiners fee	0	0	0	450
Other accountancy fees	0	0	0	1,110
	0	0	0	1,617

Trustees remuneration and expenses

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 per annum.

Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment	Total
	£	£
COST		
At 1 April 2023	1,547	1,547
Additions		0
Disposals		0
At 31 March 2024	1,547	1,547
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 April 2023	1,546	1,546
Charges	0	0
Disposals		0
At 31 March 2024	1,546	1,546
NBV		
At 31 March 2023	1	1
At 31 March 2024	1	1

Creditors: amounts falling due	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Trade Creditors	0	0	0	0
Accruals	2,532	0	2,532	2,760
Payroll Cost Creditor	0	0	0	0
Deferred Income	0	0	0	0
	2,532	0	2,532	2,760

Creditors: amounts falling due	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Private Loan	0	0	0	0
Bank Loan	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within S505 of the income & Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (ICTA 1998) or S256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity

Fund Movement	At 01.04.2023	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	At 31.03.2024
<u>Restricted Funds</u>					
Awards for All	485				485
Ben and Jerrys	9,320		(12,305)	2,985	0
Erasmus Fund	16,548	3,265	(286)		19,527
Civic Power	0	20,500	(9,315)		11,185
Langkelly Chase	11,113	102,043	(46,929)		66,227
Liverpool Hope Uni	0				0
Neighbourhood Community Fund	5,388				5,388
Positive Action for Housing	0				0
Prism	9,792		(5,052)		4,740
University of Essex	325				325
University of Huddersfield	275				275
	53,246	125,808	(73,887)	2,985	108,152
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
General Funds	(2,570)	10,793	(11,859)	(2,985)	(6,621)
	(2,570)	10,793	(11,859)	(2,985)	(6,621)
Total Funds	50,676	136,601	(85,746)	0	101,531