

Treasurer's Annual Report

2023

The Executive Committee of Unity of UK St Lucian Associations would like to extend thanks to all our members for the help and support we receive working together and hope it will continue for the coming year.

My personal thanks to all members of the committee and member associations for their continued support.

The Charity has been able to maintain its support to key programmes. Trustees' meetings continue to be conducted via Zoom or telephone calls to reduce costs on hall rental charges.

Fundraising

The association has derived its funding from events and other activities staged throughout the year. We celebrated our 44th Independence at the Stratford Town Hall. The event was successful, and it yielded a fair profit. We did not apply directly to public funds for donations, grants, or other assistance for this year. However, we did receive a donated prize from the Saint Lucia Tourism Authority which was raffled to raise funds.

The committee are currently planning the coming year's events.

Our account with Lloyds Bank has been well maintained and the balances have been recorded in the executive committee minutes.

All expenses incurred while pursuing activities on behalf of the association have been refunded in accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines. The only donation made in the year was:

- £150 donation to Mrs M Jn Baptiste for her late husband's funeral expenses.

The sum donated is given in the accounts which have been submitted to the Charity's Commission.

Felicia Hippolyte
Unity of UK St Lucian Associations
31 March 2024
UNITY OF UK ST LUCIAN ASSOCIATIONS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2023

INCOME

Opening Balance as at 01/06/2022 **£23,443.08**

Events/Fundraising in Furtherance of Charity's Objectives	
- Dance	19,223.55
- Jounen Kweyol Cultural Event	5,770.10
- National Day Cultural Evening	669.43
- Donation – SLAL re Haiti	150.00
- Donation received Waltham Forest Council	150.00
- Donation received (PayPal)	139.87
- Donation received Amazon Europe	13.41
- Grand Raffle	1,488.00
Total Income	£27,604.36
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OPENING BALANCE + INCOME **£51,047.44**

EXPENDITURE

Charitable Expenditure in Furtherance of the Charity's Objectives	
- Dance	8,471.04
- Jounen Kweyol Cultural	2,591.54
- National Day Cultural Evening	2,011.33
- Grand Raffle	52.50
Total Expenditure	£13,126.41

DONATION

Mrs M Jn Baptiste re late Mr husband, Mr Guy Jn Baptiste £150.00

WEB/DOMAIN RENEWAL/MAINTENANCE/ZOOM MEETING £287.88

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **£13,564.29**

Closing balance as at 31/05/2023 **£37,483.15**

Prepared by Mrs Felicia Hippolyte

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❖ Opening Balance

Represents the total amount in Unity's bank account, at the start of the financial year 01/06/2023.

❖ Events

The events consist of one Anniversary Fundraising activity which was planned for the year and two other cultural activities i.e. Jounen Kweyol in celebration of Black History Month and Saint Lucia National Day.

Our expenditure also includes administration e.g. Webhosting/maintenance and running cost of the association.

❖ Donation

A donation of £150 was made to Mrs Merle Jn Baptiste in support of funeral expenses for her late husband.

Balance

Our current financial position as at 31st May 2022 stands at £37,483.15. It must be noted however, like other charities, because of COVID-19 the charity has suffered severe setbacks i.e. all its fundraising activities were previously cancelled. However, request for financial assistance continues as we strive to assist the community.

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