

Treasurer's Annual Report

2024

The Executive Committee of Unity of UK St Lucian Associations extends its heartfelt gratitude to all our members for their unwavering support and collaboration throughout the year.

I would like to personally extend my thanks to all members of the committee and our member associations for their steadfast support.

The Charity has continued to support key programs effectively, with trustees' meetings being conducted via Zoom or telephone calls to minimize costs associated with hall rentals.

Fundraising

The association's funding has been primarily derived from events and other activities organized throughout the year. We celebrated our 45th Independence at the Stratford Town Hall, which was a successful event generating a fair profit. For this year, we did not apply directly to public funds for donations, grants, or other assistance. However, we received donated prizes, which were raffled to raise funds.

The committee is currently planning events for the coming year.

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

All expenses incurred while pursuing activities on behalf of the association have been reimbursed in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines.

Grants and donations were made during the year, and the amounts donated are detailed in the accounts submitted to the Charity Commission.

Felicia Hippolyte
Unity of UK St Lucian Associations
31 March 2025

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

INCOME

Opening Balance as at 01/06/2023 **£37,483.15**

Events/Fundraising in Furtherance of Charity's Objectives

- St Lucia's 45 th Independence Celebration	26,525.54
- Jounen Kweyol Cultural Event	10,536.02
- National Day Cultural Evening	680.20
- Grand Raffle	419.00
- Donation	57.96

Total Income **£38,218.72**

OPENING BALANCE + INCOME **£75,701.87**

EXPENDITURE

Charitable Expenditure in Furtherance of the Charity's Objectives

- Dance	16,143.39
- Jounen Kweyol Cultural	6,114.84
- National Day Cultural Evening	846.34
- Grand Raffle	77.06
- Bank remittance charge	35.00

Total Expenditure **£23,216.63**

DONATIONS

- Saint Lucia Crisis Centre	1,000.00
- Centre for Adolescent Renewal & Education (CARE)	1,000.00
- Student College fee	500.00
- Donation to the family of the late Mrs Merle Jn Baptiste	200.00

Total Donations **£2,700.00**

GRANTS TO MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS **£4,500.00**

WEB/DOMAIN RENEWAL/MAINTENANCE/ZOOM MEETING **£667.05**

TOTAL EXPENDITURE **£31,083.68**

Closing balance as at 31/05/2024 **£44,618.19**

Prepared by Mrs Felicia Hippolyte

UNITY OF UK ST LUCIAN ASSOCIATIONS

Opening Balance

The total amount in Unity's bank account at the commencement of the financial year, 1st June, 2024:

Events

We organized an Anniversary Fundraising activity and successfully held two cultural events: Jounen Kweyol (Black History Month) and Saint Lucia National Day.

Expenditure

Our expenses included essential administrative costs, such as web hosting and maintenance.

Donation/Grants

We extended financial assistance to the family of the late Mrs. Merle Jn Baptiste, an esteemed executive member of the Association.

We also extended financial support to our affiliated member associations to enable them to aid their own community projects and charities.

Affiliated member associations:

- St Lucian Association of London 1963
- Anse-La-Raye Association
- Canaries Association

Balance

As of 31st May, 2024, the current balance is £44,618.19. We continue to receive requests for financial assistance as we endeavour to support the community.