

HERE FOR YOUTH ANNUAL TRUSTEE & FINANCIAL REPORT

*For the year ended
31st December 2024*

**herefor
youth**

CHARITY NUMBER: 1101603



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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity Name

Islamic Network

Registration history: 19 January 2004

Other names: Here For Youth (Working name)

Trustees

Mr Jameil Chaudhry (Chairman)

Mr Amir Malik (Treasurer)

Mr Sumir Akhtar (Trustee)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Here For Youth is a registered charity dedicated to addressing the growing crisis Muslims face, particularly **teenagers** who often lack access to safe spaces that nurture their **identity, faith, and personal development**, in the UK.

Our vision is a world where **every teenager** feels confident in their **identity**, supported by **mentors and communities** that guide their spiritual, emotional, and social growth, paving the way for a lifetime of purpose and contribution.

In 2024, we built on the momentum of previous years through the continued rollout of our Youth Engagement Framework, training over **200 new youth leaders**, upskilling a grand total of **73 communities**, and engaging **more than 2,000 teenagers weekly**. This report highlights the year's key achievements, from leadership development and community impact to national campaigns and the Muslim Youth Engagement Awards 2024, reflecting another year of growth, collaboration, and meaningful progress.

OUR HISTORY

Established as a charity in 2004, we initially focused on **educational** programs, conferences, workshops, and a regular magazine.

Over the years, our mission has evolved to **focus on community development at the grassroots with youth work** as the mechanism to see an impactful and sustainable change in our society.



CHARITABLE OBJECTS

Here For Youth is dedicated to fulfilling our charitable objectives to:

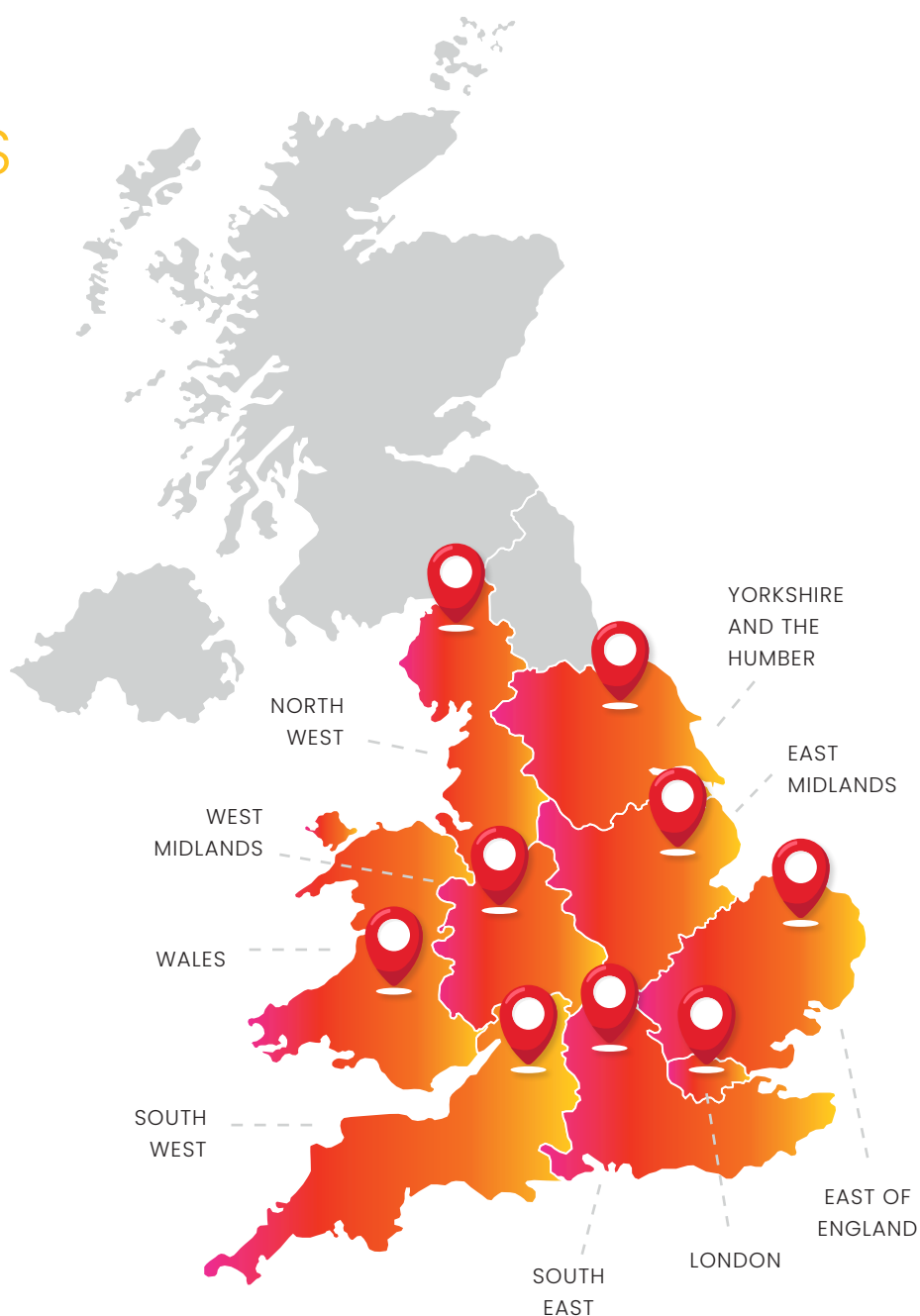
- Advance the Islamic faith for the **benefit of the public** by acting as a resource **for young people** and voluntary sector organisations.
- Provide **guidance**, networking **opportunities**, media, **literature**, and **training**.
- Organise programs of spiritual, mental, physical, and educational **support** that will develop a **positive identity** and allow them to **participate in society confidently**.

OUR IMPACT

73
COMMUNITIES
ENGAGED
ACROSS THE
UK

632
YOUTH
MENTORS
TRAINED

2000+
TEENAGERS
REACHED
WEEKLY



THE NEED FOR OUR WORK

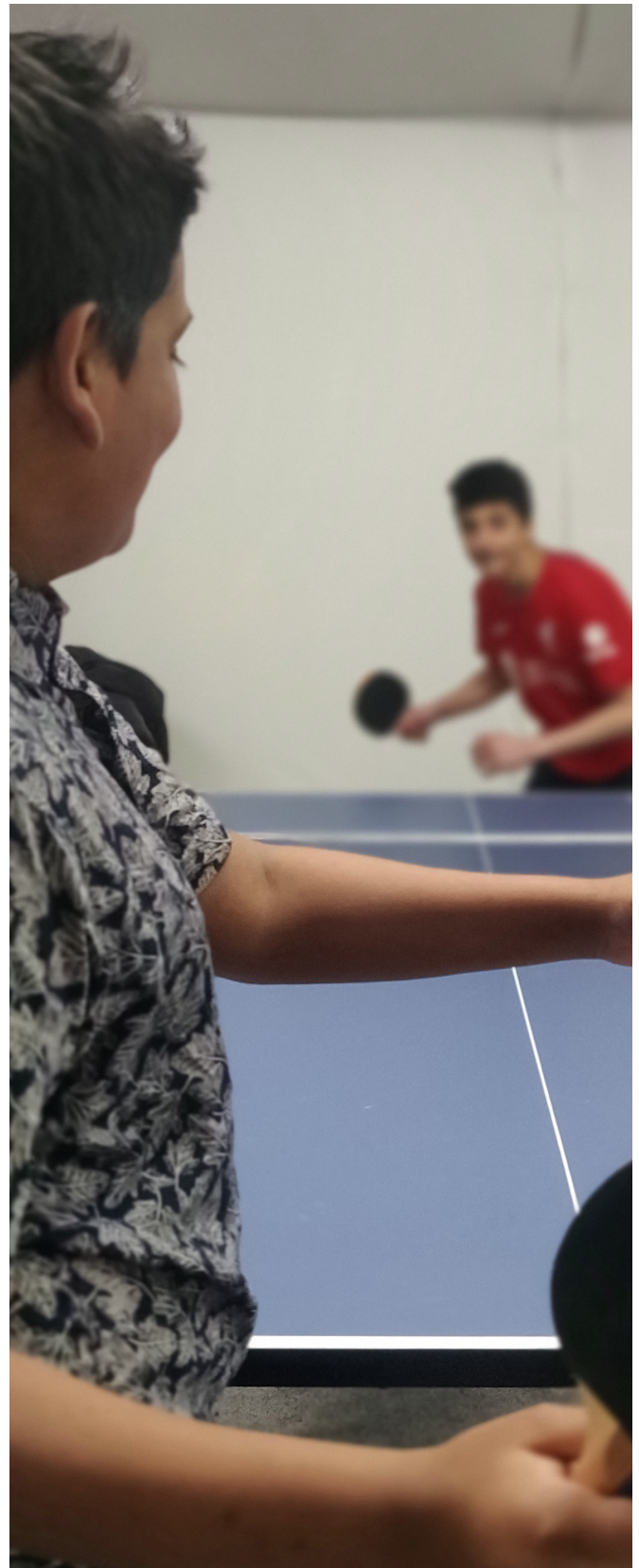
Over the past two decades, our engagement with more than 300 mosques and grassroots organisations across the UK has revealed an urgent, **growing need for safe, structured, and faith-sensitive youth engagement**. Despite an overwhelming desire among communities to support their young people, the lack of trained youth leaders, sustainable funding, and coherent frameworks leaves many spaces struggling to meet that need. The result is that thousands of Muslim teenagers remain underserved and disconnected – a gap that continues to widen each year.

Youth services across England and Wales have suffered millions of pounds in **reduction in funding since 2010**, with many local authorities now offering little to no provision at all. Nearly half of the UK's Muslim population – many of whom form the backbone of our target demographic – live in **some of the most deprived areas**. For these communities, the consequences are multi-layered: limited access to safe spaces, reduced opportunities for skill development, and a scarcity of trusted mentors and role models.

Mainstream youth provision, while valuable, often **fails to reach or reflect the lived experiences of Muslim communities**. The sector continues to lack ethnic diversity, and there are few accessible pathways for individuals from minority backgrounds to enter professional youth work. This underrepresentation perpetuates a disconnect between mainstream services and the cultural, faith, and identity-based needs of Muslim youth.

Our ongoing research and work across local hubs underline the scale of the challenge. Over 90% of the young people we reach come from minority backgrounds, and while grassroots commitment remains strong, **communities often lack the structure, training, and long-term support** needed to turn passion into sustained youth development. Without investment in leadership pipelines and capacity building, that potential remains untapped.

At Here for Youth, we continue to bridge this gap. Through our **Youth Engagement Framework**, developed and refined since 2022, we have trained and coached local youth leaders to create safe, consistent, and values-driven spaces



for young people. Each hub operates as a local ecosystem — rooted in community and connected through shared **learning, mentorship, and purpose**. By 2024, these hubs have collectively engaged thousands of teenagers weekly, demonstrating the power of equipping communities from within.

We have also expanded our work to address wider systemic issues. Through our partnerships, campaigns, and research initiatives, we've begun influencing policy conversations and **highlighting the unique barriers** faced by Muslim youth. Our collaborations with mental health organisations, community networks, and local authority bodies reflect our belief that youth engagement must be holistic — addressing emotional, social, and spiritual wellbeing.

As we look ahead, the need for our work has never been greater. Young people continue to navigate a landscape shaped by economic uncertainty, social division, and cultural disconnection. Yet the **solution lies within the strength of our communities** — in empowering mentors, local leaders, and youth workers to step forward with the skills and confidence to serve.

Here for Youth exists to make that possible. Together, we can ensure that **every young person** has access to a safe space, a supportive mentor, and the opportunity to grow into a confident, compassionate leader who strengthens their community for generations to come.

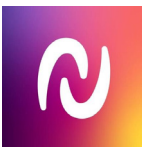


KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

The year 2024 marked a deepening of our mission to **build confident, faith-driven, and socially conscious young people**. It was a year of growth, experimentation, and consolidation where the work of training, coaching, and mobilising young leaders continued alongside new campaigns, partnerships, and media engagements that extended our reach across the UK.

TRAINING, COACHING, AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

2024 marked a major milestone in our flagship **How to Effectively Engage Teenagers (EET) Training, Coaching and Accreditation Programme**, which successfully completed multiple workshops. This initiative lies at the heart of our mission — equipping local youth leaders and community volunteers with the skills, confidence, and structure needed to deliver consistent, faith-inspired youth engagement.



Across the year, we delivered intensive in-person training and coaching sessions in **12 communities nationwide**, reaching mosques and youth organisations from **Wales to London, the Midlands, and the North of England**. Including:

Al Furqan (Luton Lankan Muslims) – **Luton**
Al-Rawdah Sisters – **Milton Keynes**
Amanah Cymru – **Cardiff, Wales**
As-Suffa Trust – **Birmingham**
Guidance Hub – **Manchester**
Islamic Association of North London – **Finchley, North London**
Just4Youth – **Tooting, South London**
Naseeha Youth Project – **Cardiff, Wales**
Noor Youth – **Blackburn**
Qibla Youth (Southgate Mosque) – **Southgate, North London**
Revive Academy – **Newport, Wales**
The Raise Up Foundation – **Luton**

In total, **224 youth workers** completed the programme in 2024, representing diverse communities and a growing appetite for structured, values-driven youth work. Each cohort engaged in coaching covering key components of the **Youth Engagement Framework** — including safeguarding, programme design, mentoring practice, facilitation skills, and building inclusive, youth-led environments.

These **12 communities** and **224 youth workers** are now providing open youth work provision to **more than 360 teenagers** in their local areas each week.

We also invested in our own team through an internal “How to EET (Effectively Engage Teenagers)” training session in London, attended by nine staff and volunteers. This session **reinforced quality and consistency** across our delivery, ensuring our internal culture continues to model the very principles we teach externally.

The success of this year's workshops not only strengthened local delivery but also **deepened our national network of trained leaders**. Each new hub now operates with renewed purpose and structure — proving that when communities are **equipped with the right tools** and coaching, they can sustain long-term, meaningful youth engagement that transforms lives.



RESEARCH, SURVEYS, AND COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

Throughout the year, we continued to build an evidence base for youth work through research and collaboration. In May, we conducted a nationwide youth survey targeting 18–25 year-olds, gathering insights into their experiences of belonging, leadership, and faith.

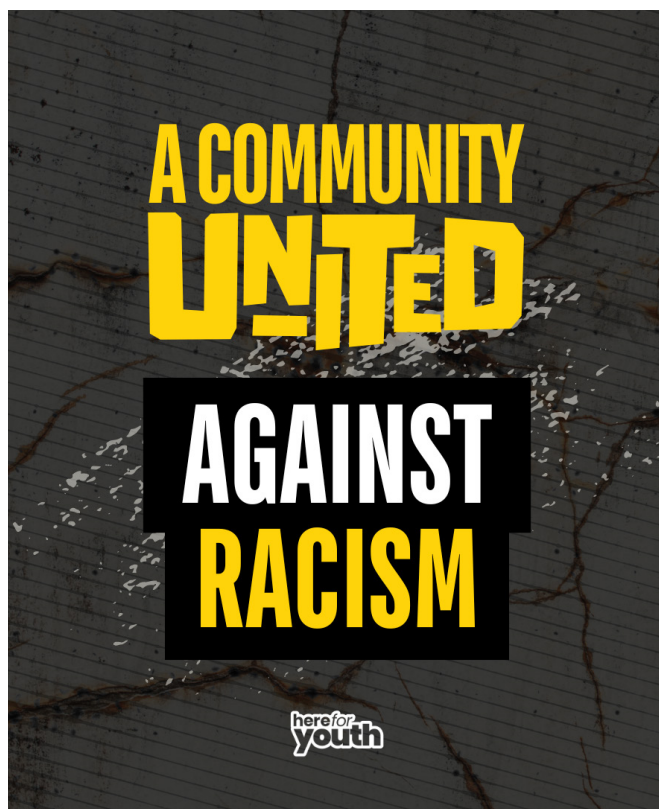
Around the same time, we launched a mental health survey in partnership with **Inspired Minds**, exploring the intersection between faith, wellbeing, and identity. The findings have begun shaping our upcoming training modules and resource designs for 2025.



CAMPAIGNS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK

In 2024, we made a conscious shift to show that youth engagement is inseparable from social justice. Responding to rising racial tensions, we launched **A Community United Against Racism** – a national campaign calling on mosques, youth hubs, and communities to stand together against prejudice and foster unity. The campaign began with a public statement outlining its theological and moral foundation, reminding communities that racism undermines belonging and that youth spaces must intentionally promote fairness and respect.

Through webinars, reflection guides, and digital dialogues, we supported youth leaders to explore racism in all its forms and lead local conversations on justice and compassion. Our Voices Against Racism initiative invited young people to share **reflections and creative expressions** around unity and courage, inspiring hubs across the country to host interfaith exchanges and community discussions.



PUBLIC PRESENCE AND MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Our growing presence in public dialogue reflected the recognition of our work at national level. **Islam Channel** featured our CEO, **Ayub Seedat** in two interviews – **The Today Show** and **Eid on the Road** – where he shared insights into youth leadership, community responsibility, and the vision behind our hub network. These appearances offered a wider audience the chance to understand the heart of our work: empowering youth to be confident, purposeful, and spiritually grounded contributors to society.

We also participated in national conversations through digital platforms and partner events, including the **British Muslim Society (BMS) Annual National Youth Conference**, where we shared deep insights on social media usage and learning from our Youth Engagement Framework with organisations seeking to replicate our model of local youth-led change.



THE MUSLIM YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AWARDS 2024

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE WITH THE MUSLIM YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

In December, we hosted the **2nd Annual Muslim Youth Engagement Awards at Greenford Hall in London** — a landmark event attended by more than **300 guests from across the UK**, including youth leaders, community organisers, mentors, and partners. The ceremony brought together representatives from **London, Gillingham, Luton, Leicester, Birmingham, Blackburn, Cardiff and more**, highlighting the growing reach and unity of our national network.

Each award category carried deep symbolic meaning, with many named in honour of the martyrs of Gaza, linking the celebration of **youth achievement to a broader sense of justice, compassion, and remembrance**. Categories such as the Hind Rajab Award For Most Youth-Led Organisation and Best Sisters Youth Engagement Team recognised not only excellence but courage and perseverance in challenging times.

The evening featured Qur'an recitations, keynote reflections, and moments of heartfelt gratitude. A highlight reel of the event, shared on YouTube and Instagram, captured the **atmosphere of joy, reflection, and unity** that filled the room. For youth leaders and hubs across the country, the awards served as both recognition and renewal — a reminder that **every small act of service contributes to a powerful collective story** of youth empowerment and faith in action.



LOOKING AHEAD

As we look towards 2025, our focus is on deepening impact, not just widening reach. The past year reaffirmed that **sustained youth engagement is built on consistent presence, authentic relationships, and strong local ecosystems**. With active communities and hundreds of trained youth leaders, our priority is to strengthen these foundations, equipping teams with the tools, mentorship, and networks they need to deliver long-term, values-driven youth work.

We are also constantly striving to improve our service, designed to capture the growth journeys of young people from participation to leadership, embedding a culture of reflection, accountability, and continuous improvement. Our aim is to ensure every partner not only runs youth engagement sessions, but **nurtures young leaders** who carry principles of service, justice, and faith into their wider communities.

Digital storytelling and data will play a bigger role in 2025. Building on the momentum of our campaigns and surveys, we'll be **expanding our insights work** by gathering youth voices and perspectives to inform national conversations on belonging, mental health, and identity. Through a strengthened partnership network, including collaboration with local authorities, faith institutions, and mental health organisations, we will **continue to advocate** for youth spaces that are inclusive, responsive, and community-led.

Finally, we'll be preparing for the next **Muslim Youth Engagement Awards**, evolving it into a national platform that not only celebrates excellence but also shares learning, best practice, and inspiration across the sector. Our commitment remains the same: to ensure every young person in our communities feels seen, supported, and empowered to lead.



IN CONCLUSION

2024 marked a year of **deepened impact, stronger partnerships, and tangible growth** in our mission to make faith-inspired youth engagement accessible across the UK. Building on the strong foundations of 2023, **our network of Youth Hubbs continued to expand**, reaching new regions and strengthening local leadership. By the end of 2024, over 600 trained youth leaders were equipped to **engage meaningfully with young people** in their communities, and more than 2,000 teenagers continued to benefit from weekly youth spaces grounded in belonging, purpose, and faith.

The growth of our work this year was not just in numbers but in depth. We saw youth-led initiatives flourish, sisters' participation rise to new levels, and a more confident generation of mentors and community leaders step forward. From national programmes like the **Youth Iftar Tour** to campaigns such as **A Community United Against Racism**, and our **flagship programme on 'How To Effectively Engage Teenagers'**, our approach consistently placed young people at the heart of meaningful, values-driven change.

We are profoundly grateful to our **partner organisations, local volunteers, youth leaders, donors, and funders** who have been instrumental in driving this vision forward. Their collective effort demonstrates the transformative power of collaboration and faith-led community action.

As we move ahead, we remain steadfast in our mission: to nurture local youth hubs that offer consistency, safety, and growth — and **to ensure that every teenager**, especially those from underserved and minority communities, **has access to spaces** where they are seen, supported, and inspired to lead.

Together we will keep **building a future** where every young person has the opportunity to thrive — **spiritually, emotionally, and socially**.


Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:



MR JAMEIL CHAUDHRY

Chairman
26th October 2025



A man with short dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark sweater, is shown in profile from the chest up. He is gesturing with his right hand, palm facing up. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a meeting or training session with other people and a whiteboard.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF **HERE FOR YOUTH**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiners report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 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, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have 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.

S M Q Accountancy and Management Consultancy Ltd

Crown House-Suite 702, North Circular Road, London NW10 7PN

Date: 26th October 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Annual Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Incoming Resources		£	£	£	£
Donations and similar incoming resources	2	180,131	0	180,131	123,697
Other Receipts	3	7,637	0	7,637	11,587
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		187,768	0	187,768	135,284
Resources Expenses					
Fundraising and publicity	4	24,287	0	24,287	34,774
Charitable activities	5	156,866	0	156,866	72,331
Governance costs	6	11,227	0	11,227	4,519
TOTAL INCOME EXPENDED		192,380	0	192,380	111,624
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources Net Movements in Funds		(4,612)	0	(4,612)	23,660
Fund balances b/fwd. 1 January 2024		23,660	0	23,660	0
Fund balances c/fwd. 31 December 2024		19,048	0	19,048	23,660

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Fixture & Fittings			
Current Assets			
Cash At Bank		19,769	24,380
		19,769	24,380
Creditors: (amounts falling due within one year)			
Creditors & Accruals	7	720	720
Net Current Assets		19,048	(23,660)
Net Assets Employed		19,048	(23,660)
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FUNDS			
Restricted and unrestricted funds		19,048	(23,660)
Fund balances carried forward		19,048	(23,660)

Approved by the trustees on 26th October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Jameil Chaudhry | Chairman

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st December 2024

1. Accounting policies

- a. Accounting convention
 - i. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000). In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005).
- b. Donations, legacies and similar income
 - i. These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it.
- c. Tax reclaims on donations.
 - i. Tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
- d. Investment Income
 - i. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.
- e. Resources expended
 - i. Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.
 - ii. Grants payable are charged in the year when conditions attaching to the grant are fulfilled and a properly completed claim has been received by the charity.
 - iii. Support costs relate to costs of processing grants and applications and general office expenses.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	31.12.2024
	£
2. Donations and similar incoming resources	180,131
3. Other Receipts	
Gift Aid	7,637
4. Cost Of Generating Funds	
The amount payable in the year comprises:	
Fundraising Campaigns Costs	(24,287)
5. Direct Charitable Costs	
Donations to Charitable Activities	(156,866)
6. Governance Costs	
Admin Staff Salary	11,227
Office Rent	0
Telephone	0
Postage & Stationery	0
Bank Charges	0
Travelling	0
Professional Fees	0
Misc	0
7. Creditors	
Other Creditors	720
8. Fund	
	Reserve Fund £
	Gift Aid Fund £
	Total £
Balance at 1st January 2024	23,660
Incoming/(Outgoing) resources	(4,612)
	19,048
	0
	19,048

The Reserve fund represents the unrestricted funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.



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