

# THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1104135

## Details

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Other names	THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	<a href="#">04755140</a>
Registered	2004-06-04
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF FITZROVIA (DEFINED AS PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND /OR WORK IN FITZROVIA WHICH IS BOUNDED BY OXFORD STREET/NEW OXFORD STREET ON THE SOUTH, GOWER STREET ON THE EAST, EUSTON ROAD ON THE NORTH AND GREAT PORTLAND STREET ON THE WEST AND ITS ENVIRONS) OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE AREA OF BENEFIT) WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION ETHNICITY OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS;(B) TO ESTABLISH, OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE CENTRE) AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME (WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS.

**Activities:** To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Fitzrovia and to establish a community centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** CAMDEN & WESTMINSTER, LONDON
- Camden
- City Of Westminster

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£389,616	£399,599	-	-
2023-12-31	£323,881	£285,157	-	-
2022-12-31	£298,132	£256,591	-	-
2021-12-31	£110,915	£219,425	-	-
2020-12-31	£115,745	£198,266	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Jairo Ouko</b>	Chair	2018-07-19
David Whittleton		2017-10-19
Fiona Clark		2022-07-21
Hilary Tse		2025-02-03
Madeleine Victoria Boomgaarden		2026-01-19
Shakir Razak		2026-01-19
bee de Soto		2021-01-28

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# Accounts

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## The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Registered Charity No. 1104135

Registered Company No. 04755140 (England and Wales)

## Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD  
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b>Company number</b>	04755140	
<b>Charity number</b>	1104135	
<b>Registered office &amp; operational address</b>	2 Foley Street London, W1W 6DL	
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	David A Whittleton Jairo Ouko Bee de Soto Fiona Clark	Acting Chair
<b>Senior Management Team</b>	Donna Yay Gaby Antonutto - Foi	Director (CEO) Programme & Volunteer Manager
<b>Bankers</b>	Unity Trust Bank Plc PO Box 7193 Planetary Road Willenhall WV1 9DG  Metro Bank One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA  Aldermore Bank Apex Plaza Forbury Road Reading, RG1 1AX	
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	S A Wright Accountants Office 12 19 Moorfield Road Slyfield Industrial Estate Guildford GU1 1RU	

# Report of the Board of Trustees

The Trustees of Fitzrovia Community Centre ("FCC") are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

## **Aims & Objectives**

### **The Purposes of the Charity, as set out in its Memorandum & Articles of Association:**

- To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Fitzrovia (defined as people who live and / or work in Fitzrovia which is bounded by Oxford Street / New Oxford Street on the south, Gower Street on the east, Euston Road on the north and Great Portland Street on the west and its environs) of which the neighbourhood (hereinafter called the area of benefit) without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

## **Strategic Aim & Outcomes 2021-24**

### **Overall aim**

Improved quality of life for all those who live, work and study in Fitzrovia.

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## **Outcomes**

- The Fitzrovia community is more connected, with FCC and within itself
- Increased sense of belonging within the local area
- Increased physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of local people
- Increased opportunity for all members of the community to grow and develop

## **How Our Work Delivers Public Benefit**

Our core programmes are:

- **Children & Families** - supporting the development of children aged 0-5 and providing affordable, educational and enriching opportunities for primary-aged children and their parents. Activities include Stay & Play, messy play, speech & language support, and afterschool and holiday clubs.
- **Arts, Culture & Heritage** - encouraging creativity across all ages through high-quality artist-led classes and projects in visual art, craft, sewing, dressmaking, creative health, cultural visits, exhibitions and events such as Fitzrovia Fete. We host community arts partners Camden Adult Community Learning, Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association, Working Men's College, Mini Mozart, Groove Chorus, London Life Drawing, Art in the Village, and Fitzrovia Arts Festival.
- **Seniors' Services** - improving physical and mental wellbeing through creative, fitness and social opportunities; including ballroom dancing, Zumba Gold, Open Age exercise class and Age UK Camden Digital Skills drop-ins.
- **Health & Wellbeing** - free and affordable opportunities to improve physical health, including healthy cooking, yoga, mindfulness, creative health, women-only and men-only fitness classes and quarterly wellness days. Our wellbeing partners offer discounted or free places to their classes.

## **Trustees' Review**

### **Overview of the Year**

2024 has been a year of steady growth and important milestones for Fitzrovia Community Centre. We delivered a broad programme across Children & Families, Arts, Culture & Heritage, Health & Wellbeing, and Seniors' Services, while also strengthening our organisational foundations.

Our staff, volunteers and Trustees worked tirelessly to provide consistent, high-quality services, and our partners across the public, private and voluntary sectors gave vital support. Together, we have made the Centre a place where people of all ages and backgrounds feel welcome, valued and connected.

### **Achievements and Progress**

#### **Children & Families**

Our early years activities - *Stay & Play* and *Messy Explorers* - remained the cornerstone of family engagement, while new sessions such as *Art Adventures* and *Mums in Harmony* gave parents and children fresh ways to connect. After-school clubs continued to thrive, with *Fitz Foodies* and *Karma Kids* fully booked. Our partnership with ProTouch solidified in our continued provision of *Holiday Activities and Food* programmes.

#### **Whizz Kids Coding Club**

A standout project was the relaunch of *Whizz Kids Coding Club*, run by corporate volunteers from G-Research. Starting in September, it quickly attracted strong attendance. We started with a smaller number (7 children) in the first term while volunteers were being trained. 13.5 hours of delivery over 9 sessions gave children access to valuable digital skills that are often out of reach

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for families on low incomes. This project exemplifies how corporate partnerships can add value, opening doors for young people and providing a glimpse of new career pathways.

## **Arts, Culture & Heritage**

Our arts and heritage programme remained vibrant, with sewing, wellness art classes and Groove Chorus all drawing loyal participants. We also piloted *Connect & Do* with Certitude, an inclusive art programme for people with learning disabilities and mental health challenges, which has now secured funding for a full year.

### ***Fitzrovia Fete***

The highlight of the year was *Fitzrovia Fete 2024*. Despite the challenges of organising such a large event, it was a resounding success, bringing together local residents, schools, artists and community organisations. Highlights included creative workshops, live performances, and the chance for families to enjoy free activities in the heart of Fitzrovia. The Fete not only celebrated local creativity and culture but also strengthened community bonds, showcasing the Centre as a hub of shared pride and belonging. The Fete welcomed approximately 1,000 visitors, both old and new.

## **Health & Wellbeing**

Demand for wellbeing activities grew sharply in 2024, with yoga, Pilates, Barre and women-only fitness sessions all well attended. We were able to pilot the *Men's Muscle Sculpt* class, which has continued into 2025, helping us to bring more of the male population into the centre. Our partnership with Epoch Fitness grew, with the provision of subsidised places for local residents in receipt of a means-tested benefit, and reformer Pilates tasters and nutrition talks at our quarterly *Wellness Days*.

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***All's Well***

One of the most impactful developments of the year was the launch of *All's Well*, a multi-year project funded through the Compassionate Communities Fund from Public Health Westminster. This programme brings together several strands for which we delivered 132 hours of activity across 29 sessions + 2 full days to approximately 115 people in 2024: the *Healthy Eating on a Budget* course, quarterly *Wellness Days*, our *Fitz Foodies* after-school cooking club, and two *Health Outreach Worker* posts (recruitment for these is ongoing). We also began planning *Dine With Us*, a monthly community meal to launch in Spring 2025, giving participants from our cooking courses the opportunity to help prepare meals for the wider community and share food together. The meals are open to everyone, with encouragement given to people who are socially isolated.

The *Healthy Eating on a Budget* course, delivered by our partner FEAST With Us, has been especially popular. Their model combines practical cooking skills with budgeting and nutrition, and all participants gained Level 2 Food Hygiene certificates. One participant went on to volunteer in later courses and is now employed as a sessional support worker in our after-school programme - a powerful case study of how participation at FCC can lead to new opportunities and progression.

Our *Wellness Day* in October brought together partners to provide tasters ranging from Pilates to sound therapy, alongside free health checks and vaccinations offered by UCLH's mobile health team.

**Seniors' Services**

Our older people's services remained popular and numbers grew significantly this year, making the over 50s our second largest age group. We attribute this increase largely to word of mouth and were pleased to see members bringing along their friends, spreading the love and growing the FCC family. We were surprised to find a good number of our seniors travel from across

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London to attend the Centre. One of our oldest members, a 92-year-old woman travels from Kingston 3 times a week, where she moved during the pandemic, to be near her children!

***Strictly Seniors***

*Strictly Seniors* ballroom dance grew steadily thanks to word of mouth. The class now includes a broader mix of participants, including more men, and has become an important weekly fixture for many. Alongside *Dance Exercise* and *Zumba Gold*, these sessions continue to improve health and reduce isolation. In 2024 we delivered 54 hours across 36 sessions to 36 people.

*Digital Skills* drop-ins with Age UK Camden also proved invaluable, particularly as more services move online. Demand now exceeds capacity, and we are actively exploring how to expand these sessions. Our priority is to help older residents build confidence in accessing online services - from healthcare and banking to energy bills - and to provide support as the cost-of-living crisis continues to affect many households.

**Reflections and Learning**

Not everything went smoothly. Our summer Holiday Activities and Food programme received complaints about catering and staffing. We listened carefully to parents and worked with the delivery partner to make improvements, and by the winter holidays the scheme ran smoothly with excellent feedback.

Another challenge has been the non-start of the volunteer-led *Life Admin* project, which was to be delivered by our partner, Connecting Boroughs. The project intended to help residents keep on top of paperwork and bills. The project aimed to build capacity amongst the volunteers at Connecting Boroughs, however, being a volunteer-led organisation with no paid staff, resource issues prevented the project from getting off the ground.

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## **Partnerships**

Partnerships remained at the heart of FCC's work. Key developments included:

- New delivery collaborations with FEAST With Us and Certitude.
- Ongoing relationships with Camden Adult Learning, Age UK Camden, Open Age and Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association.

### ***Corporate partners***

- A new partner this year, Lewis Moberly worked with us to create a high-quality room hire brochure using new photography to support the generation of valuable unrestricted income.
- Atomico continued to provide funding for two of our core services and Christmas gifts for local families.
- G-Research volunteers ran the weekly Whizz Kids coding club.
- Vynamic volunteers came twice - first to give the Centre a spring clean, then again to plant winter bulbs in the Secret Garden.
- The team at Arup created designs for a proposed redevelopment of the ground floor of the Centre. We consulted with the community on the project and whilst there was much enthusiasm for the project, questions were also raised about the need for it. We have designs on hold until we have better support from the community. For now, we will prioritise engaging with the hardest to reach and ensuring continuity of all successful activities.

### ***Local authorities***

We were delighted to be recognised by both Camden and Westminster Councils, who each awarded FCC multi-year core funding. This is a landmark achievement: at the start of our 2021 strategy, FCC had virtually no relationship with either council. Securing their investment now is

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testament to the progress we have made in service delivery, governance and community impact.

## **Strategic Developments**

At the October 2024 Strategy Away Day, Trustees and staff reflected on FCC's achievements against the 2021-24 Strategy and agreed a refreshed strategic aim and outcomes, continuing on the same path and building on previous work. Wording was refined slightly to encompass a broader beneficiary group, namely anyone who considers themselves part of the community of Fitzrovia.

### ***Revised Aim***

*Improved wellbeing for the community of Fitzrovia*

### ***Revised Outcomes***

- *Stronger community connection*
- *Increased sense of belonging*
- *Improved physical and mental wellbeing*
- *Greater opportunities to learn and develop.*

The group recognised the Centre's growth and impact, while also acknowledging challenges around limited staff capacity (only 3.5 FTEs), the need for more sustainable income, and pressures on the building. Key focus areas for the next strategy include diversifying funding, investing in team capacity, refining the programme to balance quality and quantity, improving data systems, and deepening understanding of target audiences. There was consensus that FCC should remain ambitious yet realistic, building on its strengths, sustaining core services, and keeping community needs at the heart of all future plans.

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## **External Factors**

We continue to operate in a challenging environment. The rising cost of living affects many of our service users directly, from affording food to managing rent and utilities. This has increased demand for both practical support (such as the advice sessions, cooking classes and Repair Cafe) and affordable activities that promote wellbeing.

The (upcoming) closure of local services, such as the Central YMCA on Tottenham Court Road, has also shaped the needs of local families. In response, we have adapted our programmes, strengthened our partnerships, and sought to fill gaps where possible.

On the political front, the change to a Labour government in 2024 brought a degree of cautious optimism in parts of our community: some saw the potential for renewed investment in public and community-based services. It also brought skepticism, with many people awaiting tangible signs of change, and uncertain whether promises would translate into sustained support.

Another major challenge was the number of trusts and foundations that paused their grant programmes during 2024, creating additional competition and pressure on the funds that remained open. This trend was echoed in discussions at our Strategy Day and has been felt across the voluntary sector, making our own success in securing multi-year core funding from Camden and Westminster Councils all the more significant.

## **Staffing and Capacity**

In May we welcomed Sylvia Tran as our Administrator/Receptionist, a role funded through our new Westminster core grant. Having served for 12 months as a volunteer, we were delighted when she was interviewed for and appointed as Receptionist/Administrator. Her appointment has strengthened our front desk operations and freed up other staff to focus on programmes and finance. We also recruited additional sessional workers for Children & Families, improving capacity and resilience.

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Volunteers continued to play a vital role across the Centre - from running sessions to supporting administration - and their contribution remains central to FCC's impact. Trustees adapted reporting requirements to focus more on data, which has improved our evidence base, while also reminding us to preserve narrative learning alongside statistics.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Numbers**

- 251 people attended FCC's core services and activities (this does not include large events like Fitzrovia Fete where we see around 1,000 people)
- 643 sessions were delivered across 23 services/activities
- Centre users made 6,743 attendances in total
- 15 volunteers regularly gave their time and skills to help us deliver activities, look after the garden and welcome visitors at reception
- 35 volunteers from corporate partners supported us at activities, events and carried out work in the Centre
- 22 community partners delivered activities and services at FCC, providing our local community with services around health & wellbeing, welfare advice, arts and culture, faith, education and addiction
- FCC's rooms were hired by 39 community groups/public bodies, 27 businesses, and 41 individuals, demonstrating the value of our facilities in the local area (130, 13, 38 in 2023)

### **Who We Supported in 2024**

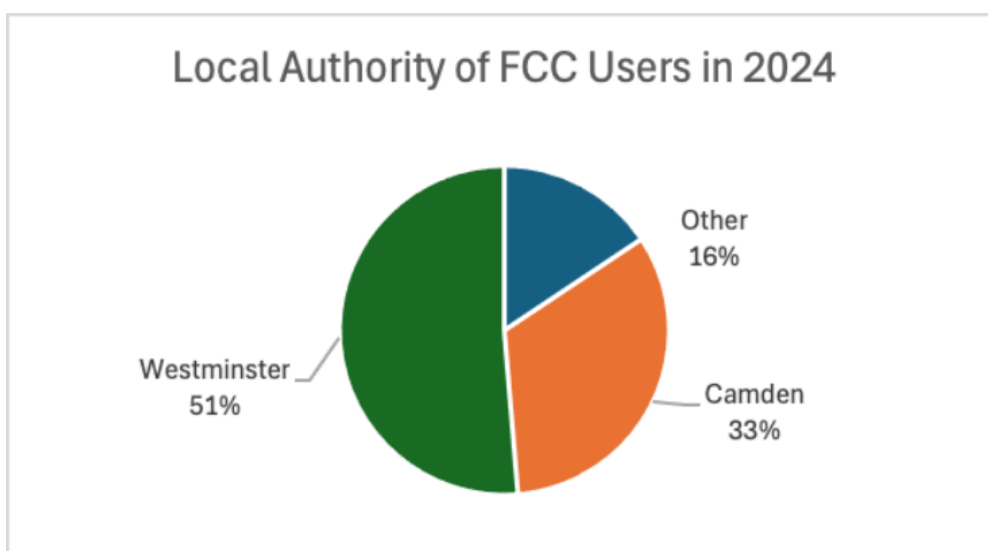
We collected information on all existing and new FCC users in 2024, though we are reporting only on the complete data we hold as some people choose not to share their full demographic information with us.

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## **Local Authority**

We are pleased to report most FCC users are residents of either Camden or Westminster, who are our priority. We strive for a 50/50 split across the two boroughs, accepting variance according to the services on offer at the time. The number of Camden residents we supported increased slightly in 2024, and we expect it to increase greatly in 2025 due to the new partnerships and outreach strategies we have developed across Camden in the past year. 13% of our userbase did not share their local authority information with us.

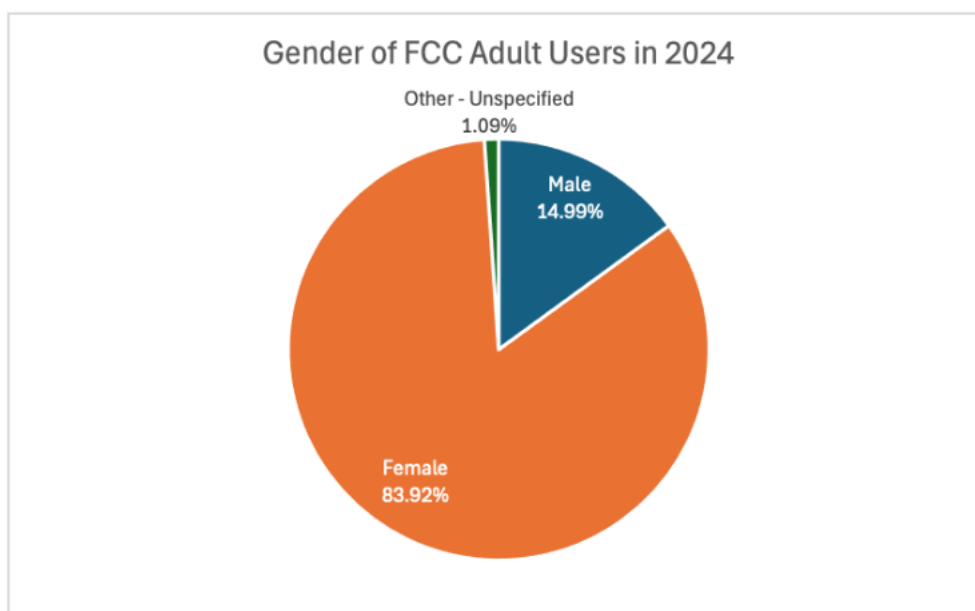
We have continued to be surprised this year to find users travelling from other parts of London to attend our services. Much of the news of our activities has spread via word-of-mouth, meaning that many local residents are inviting their friends from other boroughs. With a 30% increase in number of users in 2024 than in 2023, our focus remains on our priority audience as we grow: low-income, disadvantaged or vulnerable Camden or Westminster residents who live within one mile of the community centre.



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## **Gender**

The gender breakdown of users in 2024 is about the same as in 2023, which remains heavily weighted towards the female side. However, we secured funding in 2024 for a men-only class and other activities to help address the gender imbalance. As this is a new audience for us, building up the numbers has been an uphill battle, though steady progress is being made. 12% of our userbase did not share their gender identity with us.



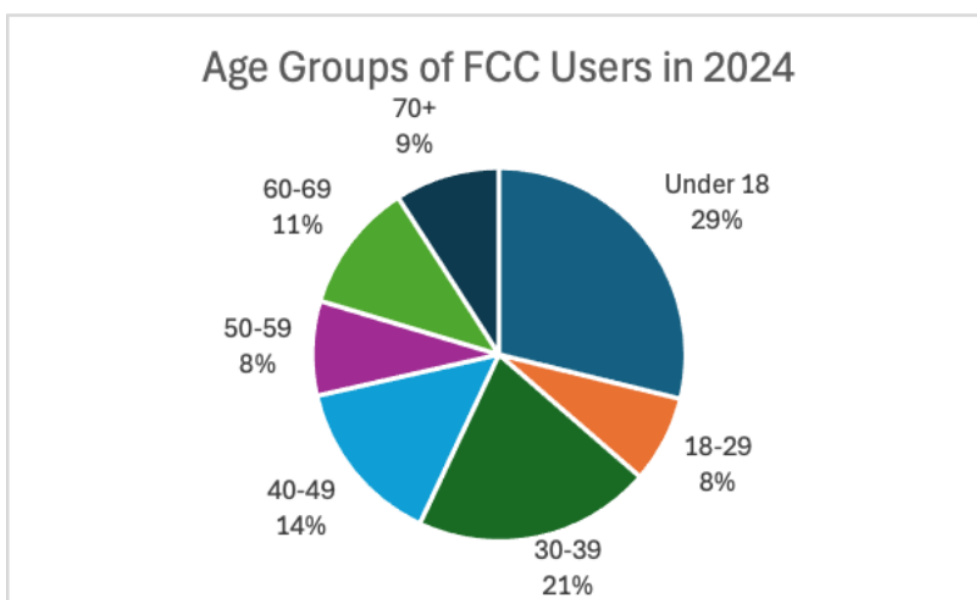
## **Ethnicity**

Of the users who shared their demographic information with us in 2024, the vast majority were BAMER with 57% being from a broad range of ethnic identities. 35% identified as White - British which was our largest single group, followed by Asian/Asian British at 24%. A new entry into the top three was Black/Black British at 10%, with Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups and White - Other which includes Eastern & Western European at 8% each. 26% of our userbase did not share their ethnicity with us.

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**Age groups**

The largest segment of our userbase is children under 18, mostly under 5, but this has dropped from last year's 40% to 29%, with all other age groups gaining numbers evenly across the groups. 2024 was the last year in our transition from paper forms to Salesforce for the Children and Families users, and we expect that this drop is due to those last growing pains and not entirely reflective of the actual child user numbers. We have a relatively even split among the other age groups, with nearly 30% consisting of over 50s, our second largest audience and users of our seniors' programme, up nearly 10% from the previous year. 29% of our userbase did not share their age with us.

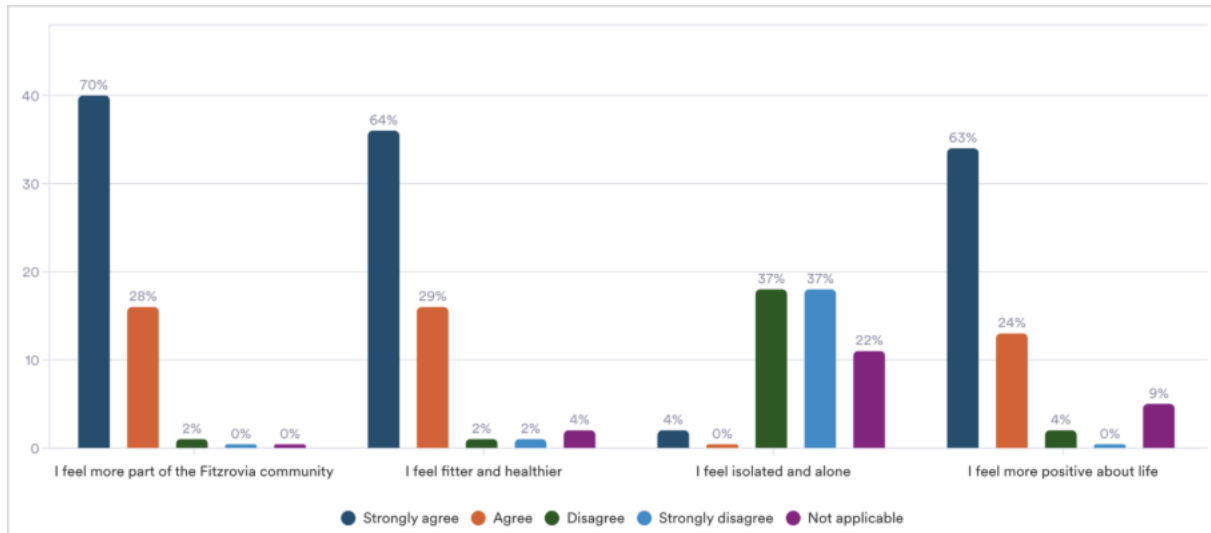


**2024 Evaluation of FCC users after attending activities for at least one term**

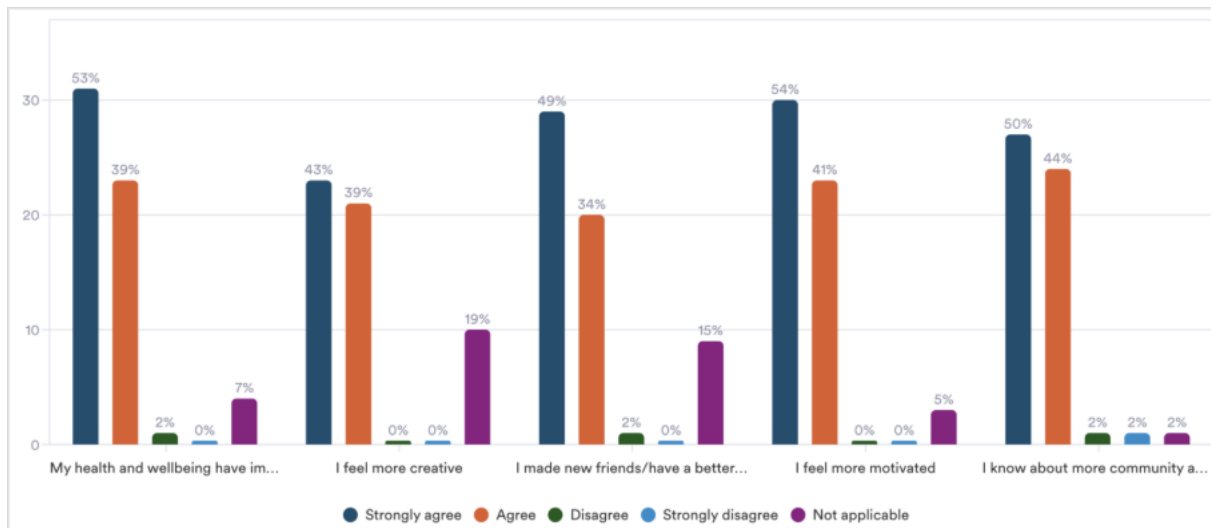
We evaluate our services at the end of each term to measure their impact on residents' lives. 98% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt more part of the Fitzrovia community as a result of attending our activities, with 93% feeling fitter and healthier (a 7% leap from last year), 74% less isolated and alone, and 87% feeling more positive about life - a 10% drop from last year. It is

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not clear what has caused this drop and it could be due external factors such as the continued cost-of-living crisis or the rise of the far-right, which no doubt is cause for concern for our majority-BAMER userbase.



92% of users felt their health and wellbeing had improved after coming to FCC activities in 2024, 82% felt more creative, 83% made new friends, 95% felt more motivated, and 94% felt they knew more about community activities and service locally.



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**A selection of quotes from the 2024 evaluation:**

*'These classes are fun and instantly make me feel more positive.'*

*'I improve my fitness which in turn improves my mental health - I feel less isolated.'*

*'Creative people inspire me and the FCC is a friendly and welcoming place to attend.'*

*'Art for Wellness is like a sanctuary to me. It's my one special thing that I carve time out for myself each week.'*

*'[Strictly Seniors: Ballroom Dancing] means a great deal. It is very good for my brain, in learning a new skill, meeting new people and the opportunity to socialise. It's extremely beneficial for my health and wellbeing. It is scientifically proven that it will delay the onset of dementia.'*

**Thanks to Our Funders, Supporters and Collaborators**

We would like to thank...

**Our funders:**

Atomico Foundation

Camden Council

City of Westminster Charitable Trust

Derwent London

HS2

Public Health Westminster

Westminster City Council

Young Camden Foundation

Young Westminster Foundation

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**Our supporters:**

Arup Group

Camden Adult Community Learning

Fitz West Neighbourhood Forum

G-Research

Lewis Moberly

Open Age

The Fitzrovia Partnership

**And our collaborators:**

C4 (Camden Community Centres' Consortium)

Epoch Fitness

Fitzrovia Arts Festival (Rebecca Hossack Gallery)

ProTouch SA CIC

Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association

All Souls CofE Primary School

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FINANCIAL REVIEW  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

## **Financial Review**

The results of the year's operation are set out in the attached financial statements. The net movement in funds for the year resulted in a deficit of £12,482 with a surplus of £23,885 for 2023. The retained reserves at 31 December 2024 amounted to £90,508 and £102,990 for 2023 respectively.

Included in the retained reserves above is unrestricted funds of £22,569 (£56,742 reported for 2023 / £65,966 restated – see Note 12). The Trustees have been aware of the need to comply with good practice guidelines on free reserves and FCC's policy is included in the notes to the accounts.

## **Risk Management**

The Trustees have examined the major risks which The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd faces and believe that maintaining our free reserves at a reasonable level, and a strong bank balance, combined with our annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of further adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which we face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

## **Funds Available**

The present level of funding, and the progress made in the first part of 2025, are adequate to support the continuation of the Charity operations for the medium term, and the Trustees consider the financial position of the Charity to be satisfactory.

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## **Reserves Policy**

The proposed value of the charity's reserves is six months' running costs, including closure costs, although we are currently running well below this at around 0.6 months'. This is driven by the lead time involved in securing long-term future funding.

Reserves are made up of unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds can be spent on the charity's general charitable objectives as needed. The reserves policy will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the annual financial statements.

## **Volunteers**

FCC recognises the significant contributions made by volunteers.

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

## **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year and of its financial activities during the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable standards and statement of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the project will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signed ..... *Fiona Clark* .....

Date ..... 30/12/2025 ..... 2025

Print Name            Fiona Clark

Position             Trustee & member of the Finance & Governance Subgroup

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 14 to 15.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The Company's Directors, who are also the charity's trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that although no audit is required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), they have nevertheless concluded that an independent examination is desirable.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 the 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**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to:

- keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Steve Wright* .....

Date: 30/12/2025 .....2025

S A Wright Accountants, Office 12, 19 Moorfield Road, Slyfield Industrial Estate, Guildford Surrey GU1 1RU

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	3-4	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies		1,495	0	1,495	2,414
Charitable Activities		18,750	196,616	215,366	230,223
Other trading activities		162,557	0	162,557	78,000
Other Income		10,198	0	10,198	13,244
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>193,000</b>	<b>196,616</b>	<b>389,616</b>	<b>323,881</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Charitable Activities		225,017	177,081	402,098	285,157
Governance		0	0	0	0
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>225,017</b>	<b>177,081</b>	<b>402,098</b>	<b>285,157</b>
<b>Net Income/Expenditure</b>		(32,017)	19,535	(12,482)	38,724
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	13	(11,380)	11,380	0	0
Extraordinary Items in 2023 written back	5				(14,839)
Net Movement in Funds		(43,397)	30,915	(12,482)	23,885
Total Funds Brought Forward	12	65,966	37,024	102,990	79,105
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>22,569</b>	<b>67,939</b>	<b>90,508</b>	<b>102,990</b>

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Current assets					
Debtors	9	3,211	-	3,211	17,191
Cash at bank and in hand	11	306,531	-	306,531	250,750
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>309,742</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>309,742</b>	<b>267,941</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	219,234	-	219,234	164,951
Net current assets		90,508	-	90,508	102,990
<b>Total net assets/liabilities</b>		<b>90,508</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90,508</b>	<b>102,990</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY FUNDS:</b>					
Restricted funds		-	67,939	67,939	46,248
Unrestricted funds		22,569	-	22,569	56,742
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>22,569</b>	<b>67,939</b>	<b>90,508</b>	<b>102,990</b>

**Audit exemption statement**

For the twelve months ending 31st Dec 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from 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 period in question in accordance with section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The Directors (Trustees) declare that they have approved the accounts above and signed on behalf of the Board of Directors/Trustees:

Signed ..... Fiona Clark .....

Date ..... 30/12/2025 .....2025

Print Name            Fiona Clark

Position              Trustee & member of the Finance & Governance Subgroup

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**1. Basis of Preparation**

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with: the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014; and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); and with the Charities Act 2011.

**1.2 Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

**1.3 Change of accounting policy**

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies adopted in note 2.0.

**2.0 Accounting policies**

**2.0 Income**

**Income recognition**

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)**  
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**Offsetting**

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

**Grants & donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP)

**Government grants**

The charity has received government grants in the reporting period.

**Donated goods**

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.

Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.

Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

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Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as income from donations when receivable.

**Donated services and facilities**

Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably

Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

**Support costs**

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

**Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**Income from interest, royalties and dividends**

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable, and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

**2.1 Expenditure and Liabilities**

**Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
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**Governance and support costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, e.g. allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

**Grants with performance conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

**Grants payable without performance conditions**

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

**Redundancy costs**

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

**Deferred income**

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

**Creditors**

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)**  
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**Provisions for liabilities**

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

**Basic financial instruments**

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

**2.2 Assets**

**Tangible fixed assets for use by charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least. They are valued at cost.

The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 14.

**Debtors**

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity.

Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

**3.0 Income**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	Total funds
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>funds</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
			<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Analysis of income</b>		-	-	-
Donations & legacies	1,495	-	1,495	2,414
Charitable activities - Grants	18,750	196,616	215,366	230,223
Other trading activities	162,557	-	162,557	78,000
Other income	10,198	-	10,198	13,244
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>193,000</b>	<b>196,616</b>	<b>389,616</b>	323,881

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**4.0 Incoming resources from activities to further the charity's objects**

<b>4.1 Government grants</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Camden Council Community Partnerships Fund (Unrestricted)	<b>18,750</b>	-
HS2 Meanwhile Fund	<b>3,434</b>	
Westminster City Council Core Funding	<b>22,500</b>	
Westminster City Council Culture & Communities Fund	<b>7,828</b>	
Westminster City Council Inside Out Fund	<b>10,000</b>	9,969
Westminster City Council NCIL		22,583
Westminster City Council Public Health Healthy Communities Fund	<b>40,000</b>	-
Young Camden Foundation (HAF)	<b>7,744</b>	7,040
Young Westminster Foundation (HAF)	<b>10,670</b>	7,040
	<b>120,926</b>	46,632

**4.2 Grants carried forward**

The following grants were partially recognised as income in 2023 with the balance carried over into 2024 as deferred income. The 2023 SOFA reflects the figures shown below, however Note 4 in the 2023 accounts shows the total grant received in that year. In 2024, we are recording the total grant where applicable, in line with SORP guidance.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Camden Council Cost of Living Fund	<b>12,500</b>	2,060
Camden Council Resilience Fund	<b>10,068</b>	4,772
London HQ	<b>3,209</b>	1,791
Westminster City Council Emergency Fund	<b>7,794</b>	7,206
Whitt's End	<b>4,191</b>	260
	<b>37,762</b>	16,089

**4.3 Trusts and Foundations**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Octavia Better Lives Community Fund	-	6,000
City of Westminster Charitable Trust	<b>12,496</b>	16,047
St Andrew Holborn Charitable Trust	-	3,535
Westminster Amalgamated Charities	-	4560
Young Westminster Foundation Brighter Futures Fund	<b>5,000</b>	6152
National Lottery Awards for All	-	3496
	<b>17,496</b>	39,791

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<b>4.4 Other</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
Atomico Foundation	<b>12,183</b>	14,949
Derwent London	<b>27,000</b>	27,000
	<b>39,183</b>	41,949
	<b>215,367</b>	144,461
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>215,367</b>	144,461

**5.0 Extraordinary Items**

<b>Description</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
In 2023 During the course of the accounts preparation an historic accounting error was found and this has been written off accordingly. There has been no impact on the Centre's funds or ability to continue.	-	(14,839)
	-	(14,839)

**6.0 Details of Certain Types of Expenditure**

<b>Description</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
Accounting & Independent examiner fees (2024 included 1400 related to 2023)	<b>3,380</b>	1,800
	<b>3,380</b>	1,800

**7.0 Paid Employees**

<b>Staff Costs</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
Salaries and wages	<b>122,869</b>	91,001
Social security costs	<b>4,055</b>	5,798
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	<b>10,287</b>	2,760
	<b>137,211</b>	99,559

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No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalent, was as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>Number</b>	Number
Centre Director	<b>1.0</b>	0.8
Programme delivery	<b>1.4</b>	0.8
Administration & Support	<b>2.3</b>	1.3
	<b>4.7</b>	2.9

**8.0 Defined Contribution Pension Scheme**

<b>Description</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
Contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense.	<b>10,287</b>	16,101
	<b>10,287</b>	16,101

**9.0 Debtors & Prepayments**

<b>Description</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
Trade debtors	<b>920</b>	16,101
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>2,291</b>	1,090
Other debtors	-	-
	<b>3,211</b>	17,191

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**10.0 Analysis of Creditors**

**10.1 Analysis of Creditors**

<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	<b>44,064</b>	42,998
Accruals	<b>101,975</b>	69,121
Taxation and social security	<b>4,055</b>	3,337
Other creditors	<b>4,004</b>	1,565
Deferred Income	<b>65,136</b>	47,930
	<b>219,234</b>	164,951

**10.2 Deferred Income**

<b>Description</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance at the start of the reporting period	<b>47,930</b>	76,516
Amounts added in current period	<b>103,980</b>	172,973
Amounts released to income from previous periods	<b>(86,774)</b>	(201,559)
	<b>65,136</b>	47,930

**11.0 Cash at Bank and in Hand**

<b>Description</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Short term deposits	<b>88,832</b>	85,499
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>217,699</b>	165,251
	<b>306,531</b>	250,750

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**12.0 Comparative statement of financial activities 2023**

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
Donations & legacies	2,414	-	2,414	6,005
Charitable activities	99,023	131,200	230,223	188,376
Other trading activities	78,000	-	78,000	95,315
Other income	13,244	-	13,244	8,436
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>192,681</b>	<b>131,200</b>	<b>323,881</b>	<b>298,132</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
Charitable Activities	180,401	104,756	285,157	256,591
Governance	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>180,401</b>	<b>104,756</b>	<b>285,157</b>	<b>256,591</b>
<b>Net Income/Expenditure</b>	12,280	26,444	38,724	41,541
Extraordinary Items in 2022 written back	(14,839)	-	(14,839)	
Net Movement in Funds	(2,559)	26,444	23,885	41,541
<b>Prior year adjustments</b>				
Total Funds Brought Forward	59,301	19,804	79,105	37,564
<b>Total Fund Carried Forward</b>	<b>56,724</b>	<b>46,248</b>	<b>102,990</b>	<b>79,105</b>

During the preparation of the 2024 financial statements, it was identified that the balances of certain funds in the 2023 accounts had been incorrectly classified as restricted or unrestricted funds. The opening fund balances for 2024 have been adjusted accordingly. There is no impact on total funds or net assets.

**13.0 Transfers between funds in the year**

During the year, transfers were made from unrestricted funds to restricted funds to correct the classification of grant income in prior periods and to reflect the specific purposes for which these funds are required to be applied. These transfers represent a reallocation between funds and have no impact on the total funds of the charity.

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1104135

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# Accounts

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**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

**REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Charity No. 1104135  
Company No. 04755140**

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**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

<b>Company number</b>	04755140	
<b>Charity number</b>	1104135	
<b>Registered office &amp; operational address</b>	2 Foley Street London, W1W 6DL	
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	David A Whittleton Jairo Ouko Bee de Soto Mark Linehan Fiona Clark	(Chair until October 2023) (Acting Chair from November 2023)  (Resigned September 2023)
<b>Senior Management Team</b>	Donna Yay Gaby Antonutto – Foi	Centre Director Programme & Volunteer Manager
<b>Bankers</b>	Unity Trust Bank Plc PO Box 7193 Planetary Road Willenhall WV1 9DG  Metro Bank One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA  Aldermore Bank Apex Plaza Forbury Road Reading, RG1 1AX	
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	S A Wright Accountants Office 12 19 Moorfield Road Slyfield Industrial Estate Guildford Surrey GU1 1RU	

## **THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Trustees of Fitzrovia Community Centre ("FCC") are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### **AIMS & OBJECTIVES**

#### **The Purposes of the Charity, as set out in its Memorandum & Articles of Association:**

1. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Fitzrovia (defined as people who live and / or work in Fitzrovia which is bounded by Oxford Street / New Oxford Street on the south, Gower Street on the east, Euston Road on the north and Great Portland Street on the west and its environs) of which the neighbourhood (hereinafter called the area of benefit) without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
2. To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

### **STRATEGIC AIM & OUTCOMES 2021-24**

#### **Overall aim**

Improved quality of life for all those who live, work and study in Fitzrovia.

#### **Outcomes**

1. The Fitzrovia community is more connected, with FCC and within itself
2. Increased sense of belonging within the local area
3. Increased physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of local people
4. Increased opportunity for all members of the community to grow and develop

### **ENSURING OUR WORK DELIVERS OUR AIM**

In March 2023, the Trustees and the Centre Director reviewed the charity's work against the 2021-24 aim and outcomes. This light touch review looked at the current programmes, service users, progress towards objectives and fundraising. Priorities were agreed for the remainder of the strategic period with a view to conducting a full review at the end. These priorities aimed to increase the diversity of users to reflect the community local to the centre, with a focus on those who had been hit the hardest through the cost-of-living crisis. A strategy day will be held in 2024

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for trustees and staff to agree future direction.

**HOW OUR WORK DELIVERS PUBLIC BENEFIT**

Our core programmes are:

- **Children & Families** – supporting the development of children aged 0-5 and providing affordable, educational and enriching opportunities for primary-aged children and their parents. Activities include Stay & Play, messy play, parenting support, speech & language support, afterschool clubs, holiday clubs, one-off events and daytrips.
- **Arts, Culture & Heritage** - encouraging creativity across all ages through high-quality artist-led classes and projects in arts & crafts, sewing, dressmaking, arts for wellbeing, cultural visits, exhibitions and events. In 2023 we took over delivery of the annual arts street party, Fitzrovia Fete from Pollock’s Toy Museum. We host community arts partners Camden Adult Learning, Fitzrovia Neighbourhood Association, Working Men’s College, London Life Drawing, Art in the Village, Mini Mozart and Fitzrovia Arts Festival.
- **Seniors’ Services** – improving physical and mental wellbeing through creative, fitness and social opportunities; including ballroom dancing, Zumba Gold, Open Age exercise class and an online poetry group.
- **Health & Wellbeing** – free and affordable opportunities to improve physical health, including healthy cooking, yoga, mindfulness, art for wellness, women-only and men-only fitness classes and quarterly wellness days. Our wellbeing partners offer discounted or free places to their classes.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Numbers**

- 794 people attended FCC’s services and activities – over double the number of users in 2022
- 679 sessions were delivered across 22 services/activities – over triple the number of sessions delivered in 2022
- Centre users made 4,631 attendances in total – nearly 1,300 more than the number of attendances in 2022
- 11 volunteers regularly gave their time and skills to help us deliver activities, look after the garden and welcome visitors at reception
- 24 volunteers from corporate partners supported us at activities, events and carried out work in the Centre
- 20 community partners delivered activities and services at FCC, providing our local community with services around health & wellbeing, welfare advice, arts and culture, faith,

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education and addiction

- FCC's rooms were hired by 30 community groups/public bodies, 13 businesses, and 38 individuals, demonstrating the value of our facilities in the local area

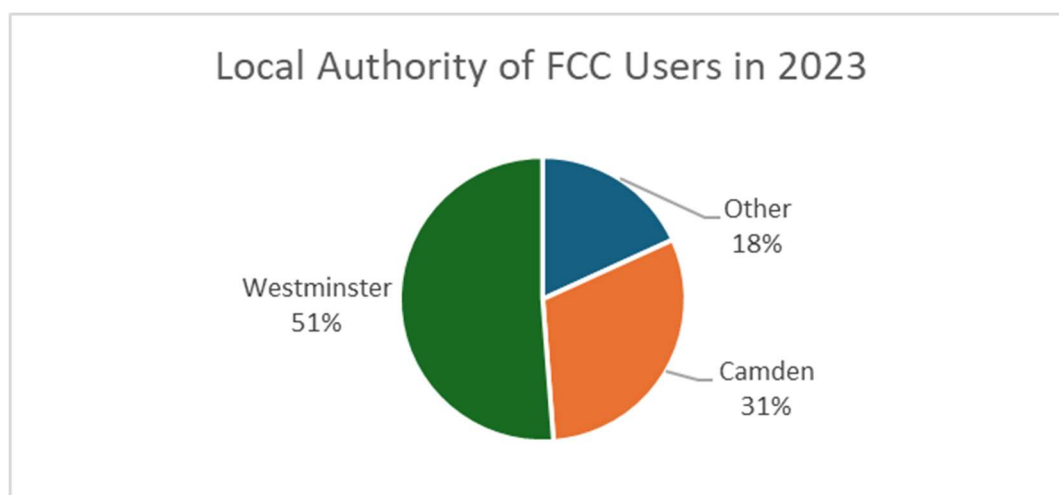
**Who we supported in 2023**

We collected information on all existing and new FCC users in 2023, which was the first year where all our data was collated and handled on our Salesforce system as opposed to the paper- and Excel-based systems in previous years. Please note, we are reporting only on the complete data we hold, as some people choose not to share their full demography information with us.

**Local Authority**

We are pleased to report most FCC users are residents of either Camden or Westminster, who are our priority. We strive for a 50/50 split across the two boroughs, accepting variance according to the programmes on offer at the time. The number of Camden residents we supported dropped in 2023, as our work with Afghan refugees in bridging hotels wound down. We expect this to increase again in 2024, to reflect new partnerships and networks within Camden Council and its VCS. 8% of our userbase did not share their local authority information with us.

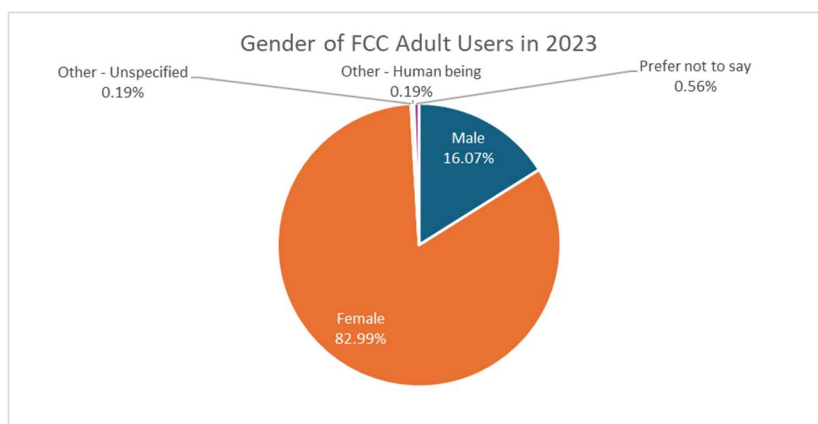
We have been surprised to find users travelling from other parts of London to attend our services. Much of the news of our activities has spread via word-of-mouth, meaning that many local residents are inviting their friends from other boroughs. With over double the users in 2023 than in 2022, our focus remains on our priority audience as we grow: low-income, disadvantaged or vulnerable Camden or Westminster residents who live within one mile of the community centre.



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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

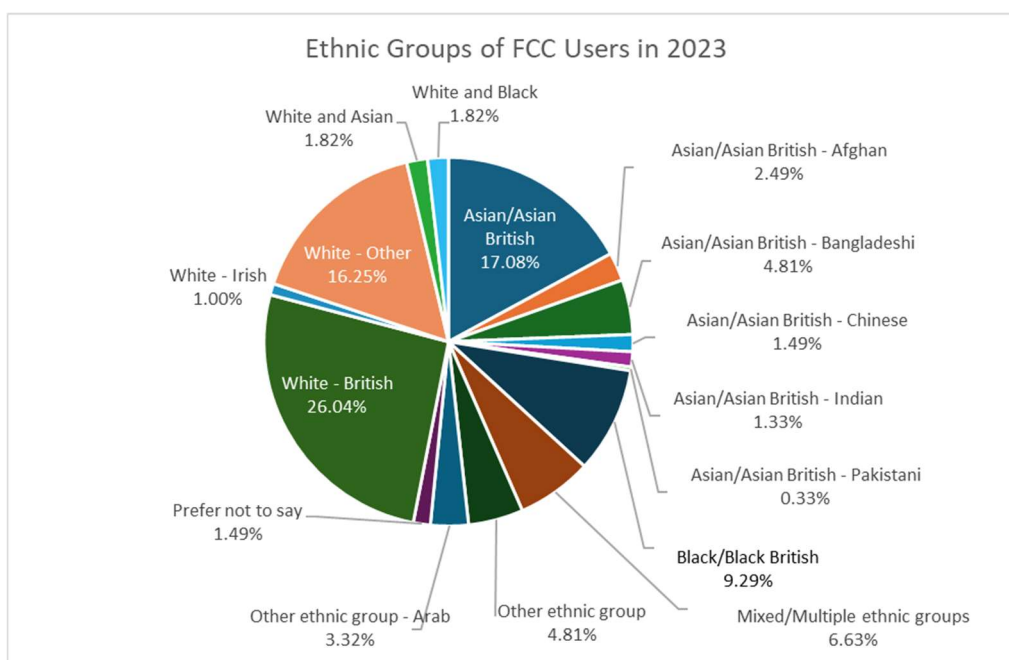
**Gender**

The gender breakdown of users in 2023 is about the same as in 2022, which remains heavily weighted towards the female side. However, after the pilot of our women’s programme in 2022-23, we have secured funding in 2024 for a men-only class and other activities which will help address the gender imbalance. 15% of our userbase did not share their gender identity with us.



**Ethnicity**

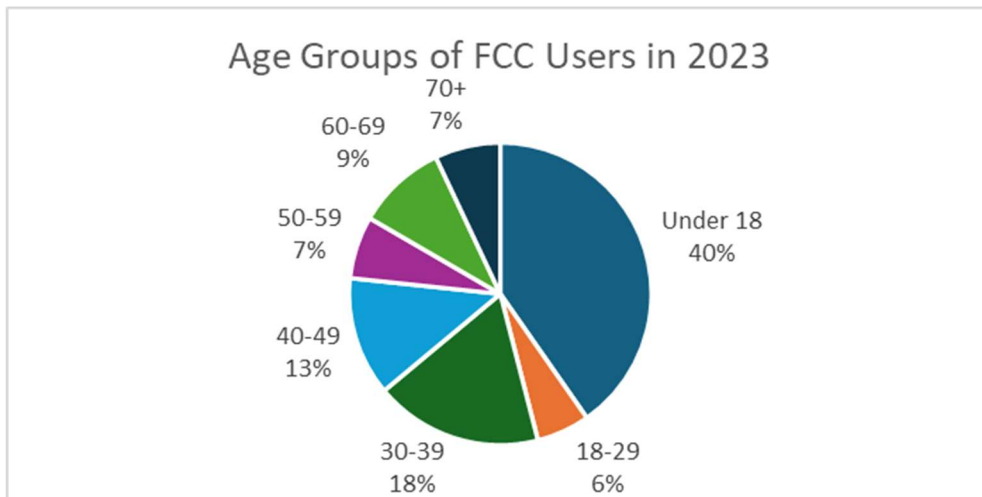
The vast majority of service users in 2023 were BAMER with 57% being from a broad range of ethnic identities. Just 26% identified as White - British. Our largest ethnic groups were Asian communities combined, at 33%, and after White - British, it was White – Other (16%) which includes Eastern & Western European. 24% of our userbase did not share their ethnicity with us.



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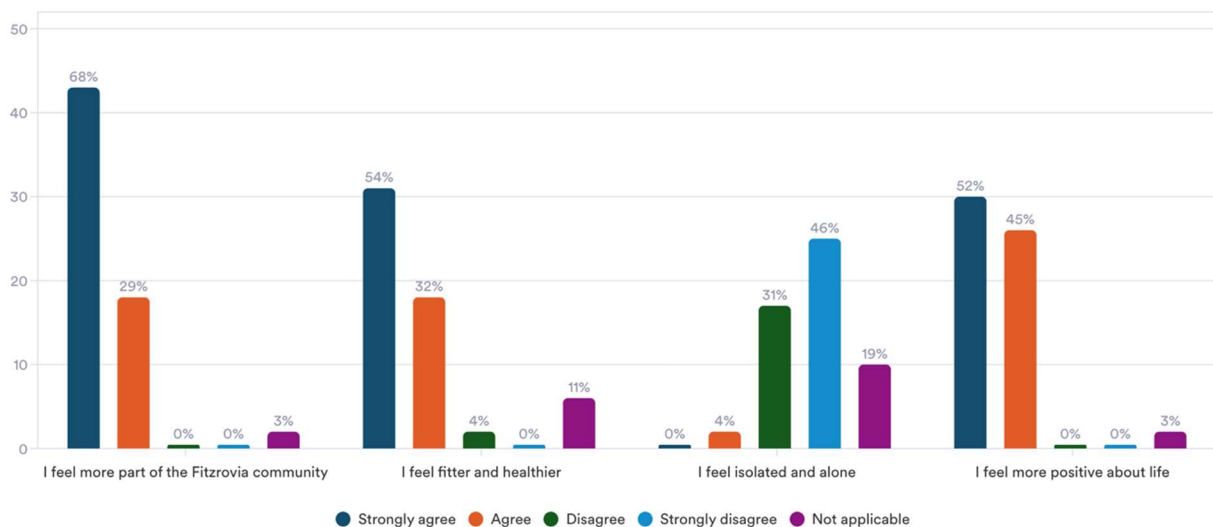
**Age groups**

The largest segment of our userbase are children under 18, mostly under 5. We have a relatively even split among the other age groups, with nearly 20% consisting of over 50s, our second largest audience and users of our seniors' programme. 20% of our userbase did not share their age with us.



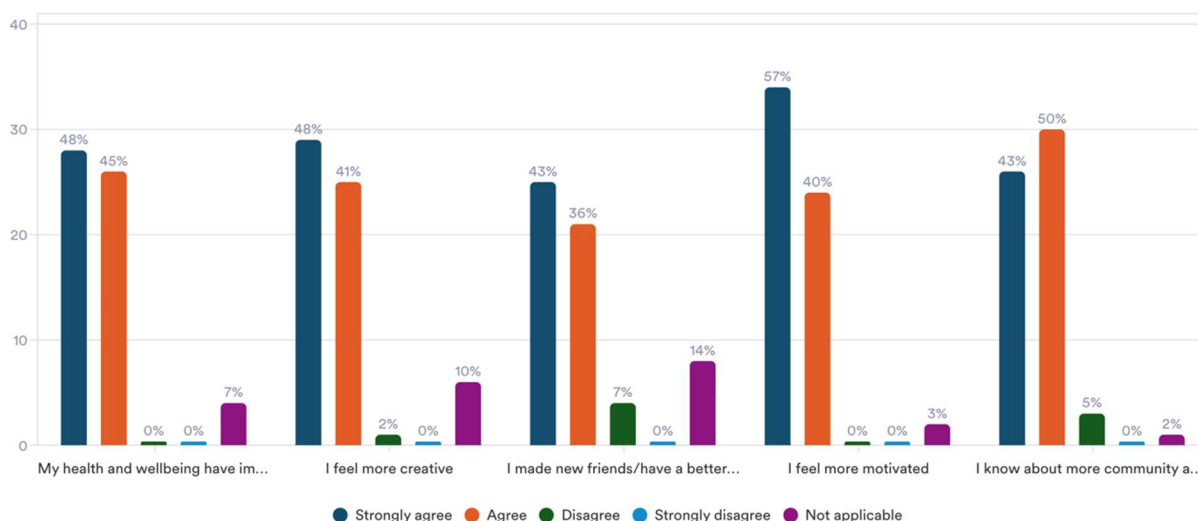
**2023 Evaluation of FCC users after attending activities for at least one term**

We evaluate our services at the end of each term to measure their impact on residents' lives. 97% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt more part of the Fitzrovia community as a result of attending our activities, with 86% feeling fitter and healthier, 77% less isolated and alone, and 97% feeling more positive about life.



**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**  
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93% of users felt their health and wellbeing had improved after coming to FCC activities in 2023, and 89% felt more creative, 79% made new friends, 97% felt more motivated, and 93% felt they knew more about community activities and services locally.



**A selection of quotes from the 2023 evaluation:**

*'This was the first session that I joined at the FCC after a bereavement. I now feel part of the community and as well as feeling creative again I have made friends with some great people.'*

*'I feel I had the opportunity to express myself, be myself, be free, be creative, I feel good and ready to get on with the rest of my week.'*

*'At my peak. I always leave with an increased sense of well-being. At the end of each class, I feel very positive.'*

*'I attended my first class 3 weeks ago, I didn't know anyone locally and had never participated in any group fitness classes beforehand. Since then I've socialised with the women in the group, which really helped my confidence and have continued exercising even at home. I've felt so motivated, so welcomed and extremely grateful all due to these classes every week. I'll be sure to continue in September and onwards.'*

*'It is the only space I can carve for myself. I feel better and more connected to Fitzrovia community.'*

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS, SUPPORTERS AND COLLABORATORS**

We would like to thank...

**Our funders:**

Action Funder  
Atomico Foundation  
Camden Council  
City of Westminster Charitable Trust  
Derwent London  
Edward Harvist Trust  
John Lyon's Charity  
London Community Foundation  
London HQ  
Octavia Foundation  
National Lottery Community Fund  
St Andrew Holborn  
Westminster Amalgamated Charities  
Westminster City Council  
Young Westminster Foundation

**Our supporters:**

Arup Group  
G-Research  
The Fitzrovia Partnership

**And our collaborators:**

C4 (Camden Community Centres Consortium)  
Camden Adult Community Learning  
Epoch Fitness  
Fitzrovia Arts Festival (Rebecca Hossack Gallery)  
Open Age  
ProTouch SA CIC

## **THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The results of the year's operation are set out in the attached financial statements. The net movement in funds for the year resulted in a surplus of £38,724 with a surplus of £41,541 for 2022. The retained reserves at 31 December 2023 amounted to £102,990 and £79,105 for 2022 respectively.

Included in the retained reserves above is unrestricted funds of £56,742. The trustees have been aware of the need to comply with good practice guidelines on free reserves and The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd policy is included in the notes to the accounts.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have examined the major risks which The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd faces and believe that maintaining our free reserves at a reasonable level, and a strong bank balance, combined with our annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of further adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which we face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

#### **FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The present level of funding, and the progress made in the first part of 2024, are adequate to support the continuation of the Company operations for the medium term, and the trustees consider the financial position of the Company to be satisfactory.

#### **RESERVES POLICY**

The proposed value of the charity's reserves is six months' running costs, including closure costs, although we are currently running below this. This is driven by the lead time involved in securing long-term future funding.

Reserves are made up of unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds can be spent on the charity's general charitable objectives as needed. The reserves policy will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the annual financial statements.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd recognises the significant contributions made by volunteers.

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS'/TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The Directors, who are also the Trustees of the Company, are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year and of its financial activities during the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable standards and statement of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the project will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors/Trustees:

27/09/2024

Signed ..... *Fiona Clark* .....

Date .....2024

Print Name Fiona Clark

Position Trustee & member of the Finance & Governance Subgroup

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 14 to 15.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The Company’s Directors, who are also the charity’s trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity’s trustees consider that although no audit is required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), they have nevertheless concluded that an independent examination is desirable.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 the 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**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to:

- keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*Steve Wright*  
Signed: .....

Date: 26/09/2024.....2024

S A Wright Accountants  
Office 12, 19 Moorfield Road, Slyfield Industrial Estate, Guildford Surrey GU1 1RU

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2023 Total Funds</b>	<b>2022 Total Funds</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	3-4				
Donations and Legacies		2,414		2,414	6,005
Charitable Activities		99,023	131,200	230,223	188,376
Other trading activities		78,000		78,000	95,315
Other Income		13,244		13,244	8,436
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>192,681</b>	<b>131,200</b>	<b>323,881</b>	<b>298,132</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Charitable Activities		180,401	104,756	285,157	256,591
Governance					
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>180,401</b>	<b>104,756</b>	<b>285,157</b>	<b>256,591</b>
<b>Net Income/Expenditure</b>		12,280	26,444	38,724	41,541
<b>Extraordinary Items</b>	7	-14,839		-14,839	
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		-2,559	26,444	23,885	41,541
Total Funds Brought Forward		59,301	19,804	79,105	37,564
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>56,742</b>	<b>46,248</b>	<b>102,990</b>	<b>79,105</b>

# THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	19	17,191		17,191	75,279
Cash at bank and in hand	24	178,801	71,949	250,750	177,027
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>195,992</b>	<b>71,949</b>	<b>267,941</b>	<b>252,306</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	139,250	25,701	164,951	173,201
Net current assets		<b>56,742</b>	<b>46,348</b>	<b>102,990</b>	<b>79,105</b>
<b>Total net assets/liabilities</b>		<b>56,742</b>	<b>46,348</b>	<b>102,990</b>	<b>79,105</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY FUNDS:</b>					
Restricted funds			46,248	46,248	19,804
Unrestricted funds		56,742		56,742	59,301
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>56,742</b>	<b>46,248</b>	<b>102,990</b>	<b>79,105</b>

### Audit exemption statement

For the twelve months ending 31st Dec 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from 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 period in question in accordance with section 476. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The Directors (Trustees) declare that they have approved the accounts above and signed on behalf of the the Board of Directors/Trustees:

Signed ..... *Fiona Clark* .....

Date .....2024

Print Name Fiona Clark

Position Trustee & member of the Finance & Governance Subgroup

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with: the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014; and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); and with the Charities Act 2011.

#### 1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies adopted in note 2.

### NOTE 2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 2.2 INCOME

##### Recognition of income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources;
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

##### Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

##### Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).

In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance

related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

**Government grants** The charity has received government grants in the reporting period.

**Donated goods** Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.

Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.

Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.

**Donated services and facilities** Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.

Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

**Support costs** The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

**Volunteer help** The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

**Income from interest, royalties and dividends** This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

## 2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

<b>Liability recognition</b>	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.
<b>Governance and support costs</b>	<p>Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.</p> <p>Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.</p>
<b>Grants with performance conditions</b>	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
<b>Grants payable without performance conditions</b>	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.
<b>Redundancy cost</b>	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.
<b>Deferred income</b>	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.
<b>Creditors</b>	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date
<b>Basic financial instruments</b>	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

## 2.4 ASSETS

<b>Tangible fixed assets for use by charity</b>	<p>These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least.</p> <p>They are valued at cost.</p> <p>The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 14.</p>
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**Debtors** Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

### NOTE 3 INCOME

Analysis of income	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
			£	£
Donations & Gifts	2,414		2,414	6,005
Charitable activities	99,023	115,886	214,909	188,376
Premises rent	78,000			95,315
Interest income	1,565			
Other	11,679			8,436
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,681</b>	<b>115,886</b>	<b>308,567</b>	<b>298,132</b>

### NOTE 4 INCOMING RESOURCES FROM ACTIVITIES TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS

#### 4.1 Government Grants

Description	2023	2022
	£	£
Camden Council Afghan Support		3,000
Camden Council Cost of Living Fund	2,053	
Camden Council Resilience Fund	11,090	15,000
HAF Westminster City Council (DfE)	7,040	
	1,320	
HAF Young Camden Foundation (DfE)	7,040	
	880	
Westminster City Council Emergency Fund	15,000	
Westminster City Council Inside Out Fund	10,000	
Westminster City Council NCIL	22,583	
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,006</b>	<b>18,000</b>

## 4.2 Trusts & Foundations

<b>Description</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Arts Council England via London Community Foundation		9,708
Atomico Foundation	16,000	
John Lyon's Charity		3,700
London HQ via Action Funder		5,000
Octavia Better Lives Community Fund	6,000	
St Andrew Holborn		4,932
Westminster Amalgamated Charities		8,000
Westminster Community Contribution Fund		19,810
Young Westminster Foundation		8,888
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>60,038</b>

## 4.3 Other

<b>Description</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Derwent London	27,000	27,000

## NOTE 7 EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

<b>Description</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
During the course of the accounts preparation an historic accounting error was found and this has been written off accordingly. There has been no impact on the Centre's funds or ability to continue		
	14,839	0

## NOTE 10 DETAILS OF CERTAIN TYPES OF EXPENDITURE

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other fees paid to the independent examiner	1,800	1,160

## NOTE 11 PAID EMPLOYEES

### Staff Costs

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries and wages	91,001	73,886
Social security costs	5,798	6,379
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	2,760	2,757
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>99,559</b>	<b>83,022</b>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

The average number of employees during the year, calculated on the basis of full-time equivalent, was as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Centre Director	0.8	0.8
Programme Delivery	0.8	1.4
Administration & support	1.3	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>

## NOTE 12 DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PENSION SCHEME

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	2,760	2,757

## NOTE 19 DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade debtors	16,101	58,682
Prepayments and accrued income	1,090	1,758
Other debtors		14,839
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,191</b>	<b>75,279</b>

## NOTE 20 CREDITORS & ACCRUALS

### 20.1 Analysis of creditors

<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	42,998	40,041
Accruals and deferred income	117,051	128,272
Taxation and social security	3,337	2,494
Other creditors	1,565	2,394
<b>Total</b>	<b>164,951</b>	<b>173,201</b>

### 20.2 Deferred income

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance at the start of the reporting period	76,516	72,868
Amounts added in current period	172,973	103,177
Amounts released to income from previous periods	- 201,559	- 99,529
<b>Balance at the end of the reporting period</b>	<b>47,930</b>	<b>76,516</b>

## NOTE 24 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Short term deposits	85,499	
Cash at bank and on hand	165,251	177,027
<b>Total</b>	<b>250,750</b>	<b>177,027</b>

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1104135

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# Accounts

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**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Charity No. 1104135**  
**Company No. 04755140**

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

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**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

<b>Company number</b>	04755140	
<b>Charity number</b>	1104135	
<b>Registered office</b>	John Astor House 2 Foley Street London W1W 6DL	
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	David A Whittleton	(Chair)
	Jairo Ouko	
	Bee de Soto	
	Matthew Long	(Resigned December 2022)
	Mark Linehan	(Appointed July 2022)
	Fiona Clark	(Appointed July 2022)
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## **THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The Trustees of Fitzrovia Community Centre (“FCC”) are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### **ABOUT FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Based in London’s West End, Fitzrovia Community Centre is a community hub which brings together local residents, businesses, public services and community organisations to share skills, talents and ideas. It provides high quality, fully accessible facilities on two floors, including a courtyard garden and a commercial standard kitchen. Our garden is an oasis of calm in an area which suffers high traffic, pollution and a lack of green space.

We aim to improve the quality of life of those who live, work and study in Fitzrovia and surrounding areas. We provide a range of health, educational, cultural, recreational and social opportunities which strengthen social links and break down barriers within and between communities. We support all members of the Fitzrovia community, prioritising those with the greatest need.

Our core programmes are:

- Children and Families - supporting early years and primary aged children and their parents;
- Seniors' Services;
- Health & Wellbeing; and
- Arts, Culture & Heritage.

Many of our users are vulnerable and isolated with no family living locally and a limited support network. We provide enriching opportunities which improve the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of our residents, and bring together people of all backgrounds. In addition to our in-house services, the Centre is host to a range of other services and activities provided by local charity partners, businesses and individuals. We are a hub for the plethora of skills and talents found in our area, for example our links with local businesses enhance our offer through specialist corporate volunteers.

We are resident-led; 84% of our staff, Trustees and volunteers live within 1.5 miles of the Centre and we have a track record in upskilling and developing local people.

We offer high quality community facilities and our rooms are available for hire by the general public for events and private parties.

### **FCC STRATEGY 2021-24**

In 2022 we continued to work towards our 2021-24 strategy, which had been co-produced by Trustees, staff and volunteers.

#### **Vision**

Happy and healthy Fitzrovians are valued for the part they play in their community.

#### **Mission**

We are a hub that brings together people, organisations and businesses to share, learn and contribute to a brighter, more connected Fitzrovian future.

## **THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

#### **Values**

We are:

- Welcoming
- Connecting
- Community-led and -focused
- Positive
- Nurturing

#### **Overall aim**

Improved quality of life for all those who live, work and study in Fitzrovia.

#### **Outcomes**

1. The Fitzrovia community is more connected, with FCC and within itself
2. Increased sense of belonging within the local area
3. Increased physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of local people
4. Increased opportunity for all members of the community to grow and develop

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

2022 began slowly, with the world still battling the COVID-19 pandemic. The Centre had closed early for the 2021 Christmas break due to the Omicron variant, and people were still hesitant to come back in. This presented a challenge not only for FCC's own services but also those of the organisations that deliver from the Centre.

By 24<sup>th</sup> January we had 12 weekly sessions, which equated to just 17% capacity of our rooms. Thanks to grant funding secured in 2021, we were able to rebuild our programmes, run some pilot projects and respond quickly to meet needs. Some pilots were more successful than others – Messy Explorers, initiated by one of our Children & Families sessional workers was popular from the outset, and has continued into 2023, with funding from a new corporate partner, Atomico, starting in September 2022.

We made two attempts at establishing a café. The first was Fitz Friends, a low-cost café aimed at isolated residents on a low-income, which began in December 2021. We continued until February but demand did not increase. The second pilot, Soul in a Bowl, was driven by Trustees, with the aim of raising commercial income to support FCC's community services. The project suffered a number of setbacks prior to starting up and the project was wound down very soon after its launch. Valuable lessons were learnt and the idea of a café has been shelved for the time being, although we have had some very useful design and costing work done by one of our corporate supporters, and we are considering how implementation can be funded over a period of time.

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

As agreed in the 2021-24 Strategy, FCC had already begun reverting to its registered name, 'Fitzrovia Community Centre', from 'Fitzrovia Centre'. In May 2022, we officially rebranded, with a new logo, new website and public profile. We installed signage



outside the Centre to celebrate and advertise the fact that we are a community space. The rebrand was met with wholly positive feedback from both our community and partners.



*Residents dancing to live music by a Fitzrovian jazz band at FCC's 10th Anniversary Garden Party*

In the summer came a flurry of activity, leading up to FCC's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June. There were a number of arts projects under the banner of 'Renewal', intended as a positive response to the ending of the pandemic, encouraging people to reconnect with their communities. There were children's and adults' art workshops, an art exhibition, children's carnival, poetry anthology published, and a 'birthday party' at FCC which saw over 150 guests in the Centre and garden to enjoy live music, dancing, a toy theatre show and workshops.

Sadly, we said goodbye to the Westminster Council Children's Centre staff whom FCC had been hosting since the closure of the West End Children's Centre in 2014. Numbers had dropped significantly and as we recovered from the pandemic, we had to make some decisions about best use of our limited resources for the benefit of our community.

**Project case study – Afghan refugee women support**

Afghan refugee women staying in bridging hotels in Camden had approached a volunteer local to their hotels about the need for facilities to cook their own cuisine, which was proving a significant consequence of their displacement. Not only was it causing a loss of cultural identity, with the women normally spending the majority of their lives in the home, they had been stripped of their personal identities as care givers. Living in the hotels, their food was provided, their laundry was done, the rooms were cleaned. We were approached by the volunteer, who knew our Centre through her work, and since we still had large gaps in our timetable,



*An Afghan woman cooking traditional food to share*

## THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

we were more than happy to help. Large numbers of the women and their children began coming weekly to cook and share their food, with the men occasionally coming after Friday prayers.

Although we were a 15 minute away from their hotels, the women would come in force and FCC staff and volunteers built relationships with them and became a trusted organisation. They began to tell us of their other needs, at first for physical items, and later for targeted support. It was a surprise to all the



*Afghan families queuing up outside FCC to collect donated items in March 2022*

organisations supporting this particular community when they began to ask for second-hand, donated items, because of the cultural stigma surrounding it. Yet when we organised 2 large-scale donation days of essential items like suitcases, toiletries and baby items, there were over 100 people each time. One particular donation drive was covered by Camden New Journal, which attracted much publicity and helped us to secure a large number of good quality donated items as well as generous financial donations.

Later, their needs became more specific, such as safeguarding concerns over a family overcrowded in one hotel room and girls not being permitted to attend a mixed-gender school. Relying on partners for specialist support, through this project we reconnected with Camden Council and voluntary organisations. By the end of 2022 we were recognised as a key Camden community centre covering the southwest part of the borough.

### Post-Pandemic Recovery

We were pleased with our achievements in fundraising and earned income this year. A total of £97,519 in was raised in grants, £18,000 of which was from statutory sources and the rest from Trusts & Foundations. These were largely in the form of small, restricted grants with the aiming of building a track record of grant management in FCC's accounts and developing relationships with funders, in order to apply for larger amounts, core funding and unrestricted grants in the future. We developed a new relationship with UCL Hospitals, who's Occupational Health staff began hiring FCC's rooms for staff mediations and training. This has brought in valuable unrestricted income for the Centre, which not only contributes towards overheads but has also helped to rebuild our reserves.

£15,000 was received from Camden Council's Resilience Fund, to aid organisational recovery post-pandemic. This was of huge value to FCC, as it went entirely towards core costs and overheads, and enabled us to achieve some key milestones such as the rebrand and launch of the new website.

In July, we appointed two new Trustees: Mark Linehan, CEO of The Abbey Centre, another community centre in Westminster; and Fiona Clark, Practice Director of Fitzrovia-based David Miller Architects, and a long-standing supporter of FCC's work. Matthew Long stepped down from the Trustee Board towards the end of the year, having served for just over 18 months.

## **THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

#### **Staffing changes**

In January, Gaby Antonutto-Foi and Minh Trang Le moved into new roles, as part of an organisational restructure following the strategic review. They became Programme & Volunteer Manager and Finance & Centre Administrator respectively. Ecre Karadag moved into the new role of Impact Officer, leaving the Marketing & Communications Officer role vacant. The position will be advertised in 2023.

In November, Gouri Deb, Senior Families Practitioner, took early retirement after 10 years of service at Fitzrovia Community Centre (formerly as an employee of Westminster City Council). She is succeeded by Kadidiata Choi, who has been working at the Centre for a number of years as a freelance. She will be Children & Families Manager on an interim basis until the role is fully established in 2023, as it is an amalgamation of Gouri's post and other management tasks.

During 2022, we increased our pool of sessional workers, both for children's and adults' activities, to respond to our growing programme.

#### **Summary of Achievements in 2022:**

- Rebranded back to 'Fitzrovia Community Centre'
- Launched a new website and logo
- Celebrated 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Increased capacity, knowledge and skills of the Trustee Board
- Rebuilt relationships with key partners including Camden Council and ARUP
- Developed new corporate partnerships
- Supported the Afghan refugee community
- Developed a community arts programme
- Increased staff capacity
- Completed an organisational restructure

#### **Numbers**

- 342 people attended FCC's services and activities
- 276 sessions were delivered across 15 services/activities
- Centre users made 3,305 attendances in total —over double the number of attendances in 2021
- 18 volunteers gave their time and skills to help us deliver activities, look after the garden and welcome visitors at reception
- 13 community partners delivered activities and services at FCC, providing our local community with services around health & wellbeing, welfare advice, arts and culture, faith, education and addiction

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**  
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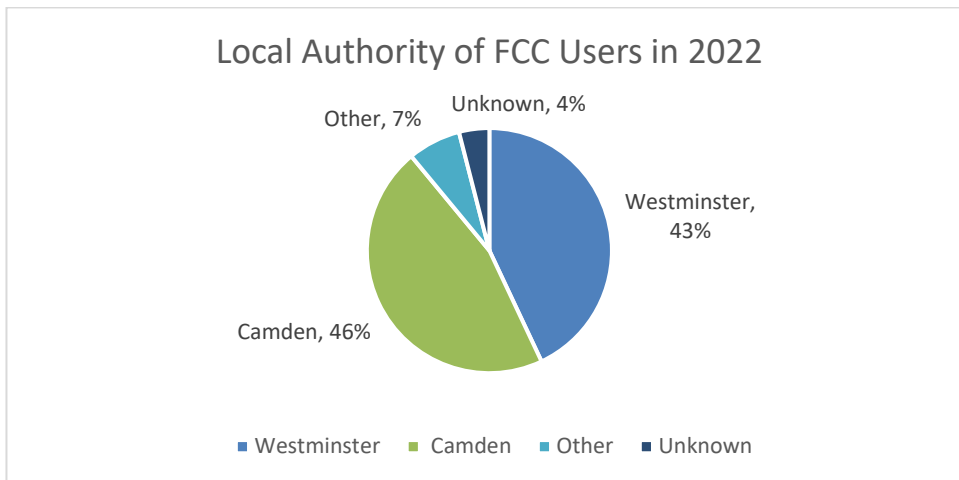
- **FCC’s rooms were hired by 28 community groups/public bodies, 15 businesses, and 13 individuals, demonstrating the value of our facilities to the local area**

**WHO WE SUPPORTED IN 2022**

We collected information on all existing and new FCC users in 2022, which was also the year that we began the move away from our old paper and Excel register and membership form system to Salesforce. The move occurred during Summer 2022, meaning the highest-quality data is from the Autumn 2022 term. We have accurate numbers from the Spring and Summer 2022 terms, but need to report on these sets separately as the overlap isn’t accounted for when aggregated.

**Local Authority**

We are very pleased to report the nearly 50/50 divide between FCC users from Camden and Westminster. We saw a large increase in Camden residents through our work with Afghan refugee families. Whilst we continued to support a smaller number from that community into 2023, the majority had left London by the end of the year. The hotel whose residents we had the strongest relationship with was Radisson Blu, which was closed down as a bridging hotel in September and families moved out to other parts of the country.



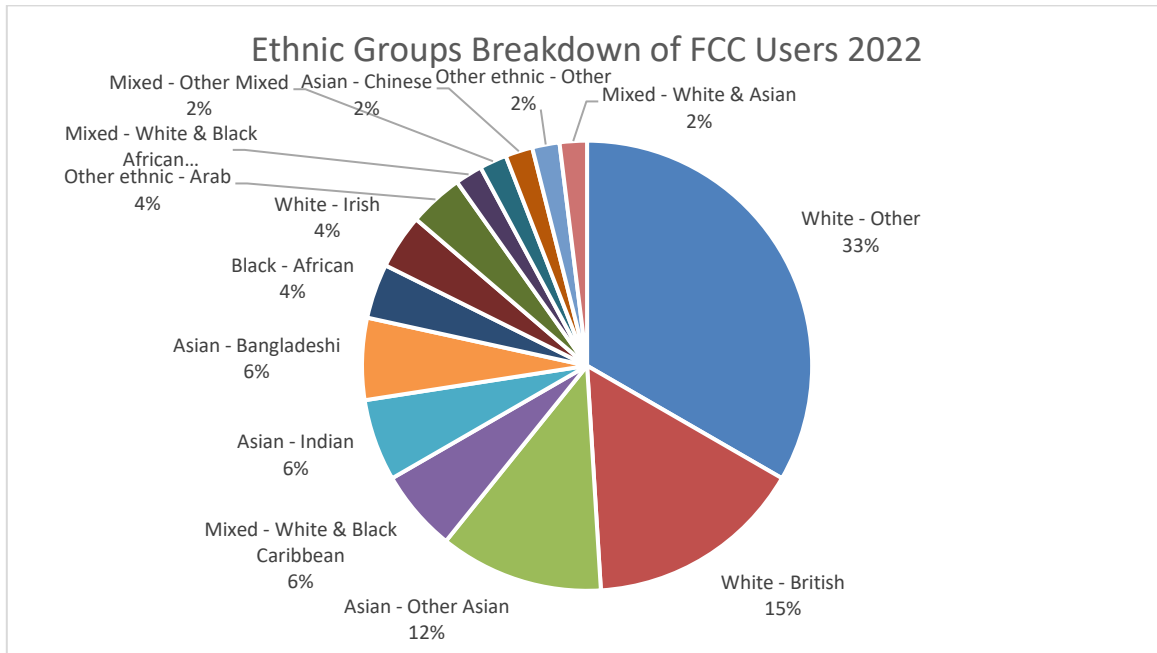
**Gender**

The gender breakdown of users in 2022 is more evenly balanced than in 2021, with 73% female and 27% male, however, it is still far from being equal. This was also the year we launched our women’s program in Autumn and supported Afghan women, which had an influence on figures.

**Ethnicity**

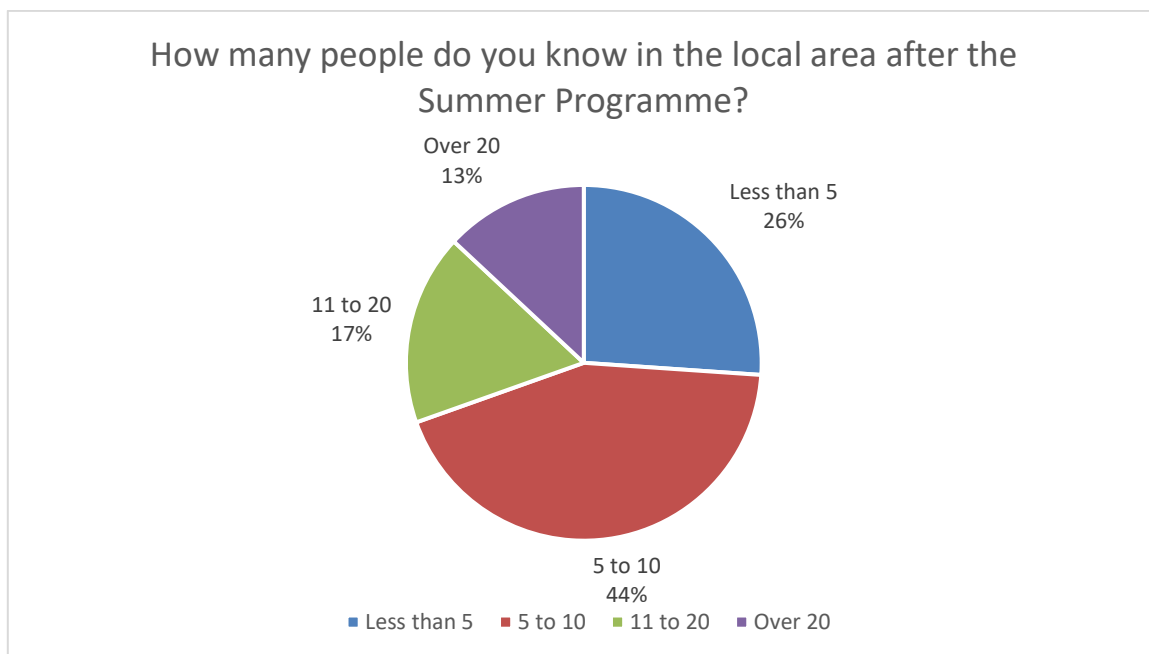
The vast majority of service users in 2022 were BAMER with 85% being from a broad range of ethnic identities. Just 15% identified as White British. Our largest ethnic groups were White Other (33%) which includes Eastern & Western European and Irish. Asian communities made up the second largest group combined, at 26%.

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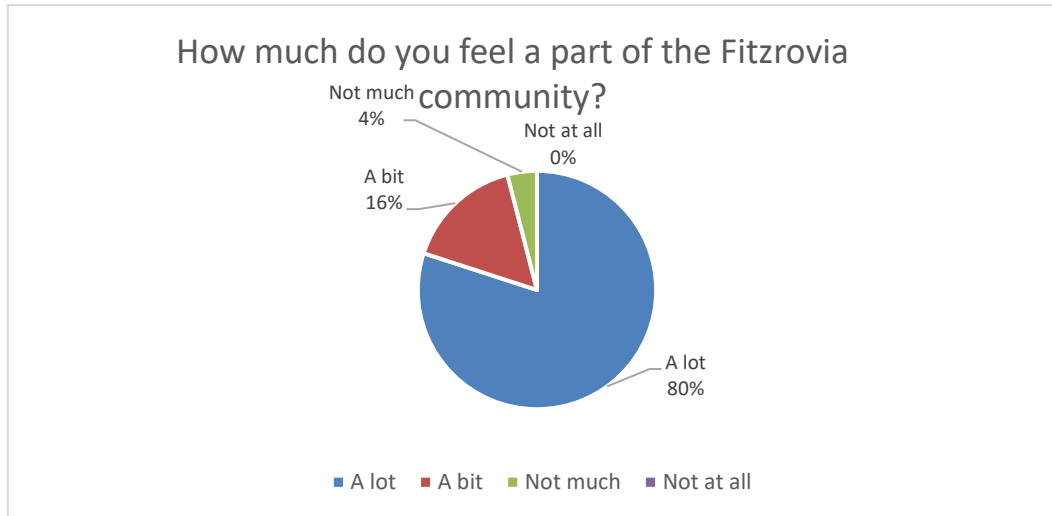


**Sense of belonging**

For our Summer programme for families in 2022, we targeted low-income and Afghan refugee families. We took families to local parks for free and to London attractions including London Zoo and Kew Gardens. As part of the evaluation we asked them how many new friends they had made after the series of trips over the summer, and we are pleased that only a quarter reported 'less than 5', and only 4% of attendees felt they were "not much" part of the Fitzrovia community, with none stating "not at all".



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A selection of quotes from the Summer Programme:

*'We bonded as a family and with the community. My daughter saw many animals and birds and we had a great time together. We saved these memories as snapshots. Thank you!'*

*'It was very enjoyable for us and being with family was good. I loved the reaction of my children when they saw animals that they haven't seen before.'*

*'London is very expensive with kids but today for a few pounds we had the best time ever during the holidays!'*

**Thanks to our funders, donors and supporters**

We would like to thank our funders:

- Action Funder
- Arts Council England
- Atomico Foundation
- Camden Council
- City of Westminster Charitable Trust
- Derwent London
- Edward Harvist Trust
- John Lyon's Charity
- London Community Foundation
- London HQ
- National Lottery Community Fund



*Children enjoying the giant lily pads at Kew Gardens*

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

St Andrew Holborn  
Westminster Amalgamated Charities  
Westminster Council  
Young Westminster Foundation

**Our donors:**

Whitt's End Consulting Ltd  
Arup Group

**Our supporters:**

G-Research  
Fitzrovia Partnership  
LendLease  
Navig8  
SCS Railways

**And our collaborators:**

Camden Adult Community Learning  
Fitzrovia Arts Festival (Rebecca Hossack Gallery)  
Open Age  
Pollock's Toy Museum  
Soul in a Bowl  
Westminster Children's Centres

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The results of the year's operation are set out in the attached financial statements. The net movement in funds for the year resulted in a surplus of £41,541, with a deficit of £(108,198) for 2021. The retained reserves at 31 December 2022 amounted to £79,105 and £37,565 for 2021 respectively.

Included in the retained reserves above is unrestricted (General) fund of £59,301 surplus. The trustees have been aware of the need to comply with good practice guidelines on free reserves and The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd policy is included in the notes to the accounts.

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have examined the major risks which The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd faces and believe that maintaining our free reserves at a reasonable level, and a strong bank balance, combined with our annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of further adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which we face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

**FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The present level of funding, and the progress made in the first part of 2022, are adequate to support the continuation of the Company operations for the medium term, and the trustees consider the financial position of the Company to be satisfactory.

**RESERVES POLICY**

The proposed value of the charity's reserves is six months' running costs, including closure costs, although we are currently running below this. This is driven by the lead time involved in securing long term future funding.

Reserves are made up of the unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds can be spent on the charity's general charitable objectives as needed. The reserves policy will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the annual financial statements.

**VOLUNTEERS**

The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd recognises the significant contributions made by volunteers.

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS'/TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

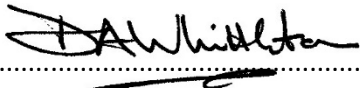
The Directors, who are also the Trustees of the Company, are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year and of its financial activities during the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable standards and statement of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the project will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors/Trustees

Signed ..........

Date ..... 11 October .....2023

Print Name      David Arthur Whittleton  
Position        Chair of the Board of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 16 to 17.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The Company's Directors, who are also the charity's trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that although no audit is required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), they have nevertheless concluded that an independent examination is desirable.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 the 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**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to:

- keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: .....

Date: .....13-10-2023

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**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2022 Total Fund £	2021 Total Fund £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Donations and Legacies	1	3,469	2,536	6,005	2,318
Charitable Activities	2	88,180	100,196	188,376	31,406
Rent and Room Hire		95,315		95,315	65,500
Other Income		8,436		8,436	1,521
Job Retention Scheme					10,170
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>195,400</b>	<b>102,732</b>	<b>298,132</b>	<b>110,915</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Charitable Activities		173,975	82,616	256,591	219,425
Governance					0
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>173,975</b>	<b>82,616</b>	<b>256,591</b>	<b>219,425</b>
Net Movement In Funds		21,425	20,116	41,541	-108,510
Total Funds Brought Forward		37,876	-312	37,564	146,074
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b>59,301</b>	<b>19,804</b>	<b>79,105</b>	<b>37,564</b>

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Income Funds £	Total this year 2022 £	2021 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	3	75,279		75,279	16,449
Cash at bank and in hand		99,747	77,280	177,027	171,493
		<b>175,026</b>	<b>77,270</b>	<b>252,306</b>	<b>187,942</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	115,725	57,476	173,201	150,377
Net current assets		<b>59,301</b>	<b>19,804</b>	<b>79,105</b>	<b>37,565</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			19,804	79,105	37,565
		59,301			
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>59,301</b>	<b>19,804</b>	<b>79,105</b>	<b>37,565</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY FUNDS:</b>					
Restricted funds			19,804	19,804	0
Unrestricted funds		59,301		59,301	37,565
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>59,301</b>	<b>19,804</b>	<b>79,105</b>	<b>37,565</b>

**Audit exemption statement**

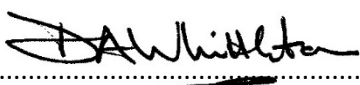
For the twelve months ending 31st Dec 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' responsibilities:**

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period 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 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The directors (and charity trustees) declare that they have approved the accounts above and signed on behalf of the Directors and charity Trustees:

Signed  .....

Date 11 October .....2023

Chair of the Board of Trustees

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of listed investments which are included at their market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 and the 2006 Companies Act.

#### **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

#### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### **Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

#### **Investment income**

Interest is included when receivable by the charity.

#### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category: Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs. All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

**Taxation**

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions on the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

**Staff**

No member of staff was paid over £60,000. The average number of staff during the year was three FTE. The charity also employs sessional workers for classes and consultants for specialist tasks.

	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Grants received during 2022</b>	
Arts Council England via London Community Foundation	9,708
Atomico Foundation	15,670
Camden Council	18,000
Derwent London	27,000
John Lyon's Charity	3,700
London HQ via Action Funder	5,000
St Andrew Holborn	4,932
Westminster Amalgamated Charities	8,000
Westminster Community Contribution	19,810
Young Westminster Foundation	8,888
	<u>120,708</u>

**3. DEBTORS**

	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>
Sundry debtors	58,682
Other debtors	14,839
Prepayments and accrued income	1,758
	<u>75,279</u>

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**4. CREDITORS**

	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>
Sundry Creditors	40,041
Other taxes and social security	2,494
Other Creditors	996
Accruals	<u>129,670</u>
	<u><b>173,201</b></u>

**5. GOING CONCERN**

The directors/trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and have therefore used the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The trustees keep the income and expenditure of the charity under review and will change the operating model accordingly.

**6. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

**7. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT GOVERNANCE DOCUMENT AND CONSTITUTION**

The Charitable Company is established under the Companies Act and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. In all activities the Company is mindful of its statutory duties with regards to public benefit and adheres to the Charity Commission's General Guidance on the Public Benefit requirement.

The Centre's governance structure comprises an elected board of trustees, who are also its members, which is responsible for governing the association.

The systems operated within the Centre which are designed to provide mitigation and assurance against loss include:

- Strategic and operational plans subject to annual review
- Annual budget forecast
- Identification and management of risk
- Periodic review of policies

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

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**8. TRUSTEE SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT**

The Centre's board comprises Directors/Trustees including the Chair, who meet a minimum of four times per year, with the provision of additional meetings if necessary. The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring the organisation operates an appropriate system of controls financial or otherwise.

The Centre Director has overall responsibility for the Centre's day-to-day operations, including overall direction and development.

**9. CHARITABLE OBJECTS**

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Fitzrovia (defined as people who live and /or work in Fitzrovia which is bounded by Oxford Street/New Oxford Street to the South, Gower Street to the east, Euston Road to the north, and Great Portland Street on the west and its environs) of the neighbourhood (hereinafter called area of benefit) without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; To establish, or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with an authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the objects.

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1104135

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# Accounts

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**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**Charity No. 1104135**  
**Company No. 04755140**

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**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

<b>Company number</b>	04755140
<b>Charity number</b>	1104135
<b>Registered office</b>	John Astor House 2 Foley Street London W1W 6DL
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	David A Whittleton  Jairo Ouko  Bee de Soto  Matthew Long
<b>Bankers</b>	Unity Trust Bank Plc PO Box 7193 Planetary Road Willenhall WV1 9DG  Metro Bank One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	S A Wright Accountants Office 12 19 Moorfield Road Slyfield Industrial Estate Guildford Surrey GU1 1RU

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

The Trustees of Fitzrovia Community Centre (“FCC”) are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**ABOUT FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Based in London’s West End, Fitzrovia Community Centre is a community hub which brings together local residents, businesses, public services and community organisations to share skills, talents and ideas. It provides high quality, fully accessible facilities on two floors, including a courtyard garden and a commercial standard kitchen. Our garden is an oasis of calm in an area which suffers high traffic, pollution and a lack of green space.

We aim to improve the quality of life of those who live, work and study in Fitzrovia and surrounding areas. We provide a range of health, educational, cultural, recreational and social opportunities which strengthen social links and break down barriers within and between communities. We support all members of the Fitzrovia community, prioritising those with the greatest need.

Our core programmes are:

- Children and Families - supporting early years and primary aged children and their parents.
- Seniors' Services;
- Health & Wellbeing;
- Arts, Culture & Heritage.

Many of our users are vulnerable and isolated with no family living locally and a limited support network. We provide enriching opportunities which improve the mental, physical and emotional wellbeing of our residents, and bring together people of all backgrounds. In addition to our in-house services, the Centre is host to a range of other services and activities provided by local charity partners, businesses and individuals. We are a hub for the plethora of skills and talents found in our area, for example our links with local businesses enhance our offer through specialist corporate volunteers.

We are resident-led; 84% of our staff, Trustees and volunteers live within 1.5 miles of the Centre and we have a track record in upskilling and developing local people.

We offer high quality community facilities and our rooms are available for hire by the general public for events, weddings and parties.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

2021 began slowly, with the Centre still closed, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Staff had partially returned from furlough, but with no face-to-face services to operate, their work was much reduced. At the end of 2020 we said goodbye to Pat Tulloch, who had been Centre Director since FCC opened in its present location in 2012. While a new Centre Director was being recruited, FCC’s Facilities Manager took on additional duties to cover some of the more urgent work. A new Centre Director, Donna Yay, joined FCC in March 2021. Her 20 years’ experience in the voluntary and community sector (VCS) covers grant-making, capacity building, arts and young people.

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By April 2021, the government restrictions had eased somewhat, and it was possible to reopen the Centre, but social distancing measures remained in force, and numbers had to be kept low. This affected the type of activity FCC could restart, and room hirers were reluctant to return, since the low participant numbers made their activities unviable. Room hire was slow to pick up, and by September earned income had reached 87% that of pre-pandemic times. This had previously been one of FCC's main sources of income and this significant reduction meant that the organisation's reserves had to be used to keep the Centre open. Therefore, the main focus of effort in 2021 was on diversifying income. We are proud to report good success in fundraising during this year, through Trusts and Foundations as well as through revived relationships with key corporates based in, or with an interest in, Fitzrovia.

At the start of 2021 some of FCC's activities were delivered online, with a focus on Children & Families services to support the children's development while they were locked down and socially isolated. Our Be Heard poetry group continued to be popular, especially with older residents who were shielding. A total of 71 online sessions were delivered by staff and volunteers, reaching a total of 70 adults and 31 children.

After the Centre reopened in April we were able to provide small-scale activities for priority groups. We continued the 121 parenting support that had begun during the first lockdown for parents with specific issues such as domestic violence, or children with a special education need. As grant funding began to trickle in, we were able to restart more of our services and by Autumn we were offering a small range of activities for children, adults and older people. Having said that, the Omicron variant's arrival before Christmas did present its challenges.

**Summary of Achievements in 2021:**

- Recruited a new Centre Director
- Expanded the Trustee Board to 4 members
- Successfully reopened the Centre after lockdown in April 2021
- Conducted a strategic review and refined our core purpose and focus for the next 3 years
- Restarted 2 dormant programme strands – Seniors' Services and Arts, Culture & Heritage
- Piloted the Fitz Friends community café
- Hosted a Fitzrovia Arts Festival music concert in honour of the NHS
- Secured a total of £113,195 in restricted income through 8 grants - our first significant grants in 3 years. The majority of this funding will be received and expended in 2022 and subsequent years.

**Numbers**

- 358 people attended FCC's services and activities
- 190 sessions were delivered across 10 services/activities
- Centre users made 1,505 attendances in total; an average of 4.2 visits per person
- 11 volunteers gave their time and skills to help us deliver activities, look after the garden and welcome visitors at reception
- 7 community partners delivered activities and services at FCC, providing our local community with services around addictions, eating disorders, health & wellbeing, arts and culture, faith and education

## **THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

- FCC's rooms were hired by 17 community groups/public bodies, 8 businesses, and 9 individuals, demonstrating the value of our facilities to the local area

### **FCC STRATEGY 2021-24**

At our 2021 Strategy Day, held in April, we ran workshops for staff, volunteers and Trustees to review FCC's current position and the focus of its work.

#### **Vision**

Happy and healthy Fitzrovians are valued for the part they play in their community.

#### **Mission**

We are a hub that brings together people, organisations and businesses to share, learn and contribute to a brighter, more connected Fitzrovian future.

#### **Values**

We are:

- Welcoming
- Connecting
- Community-led and -focused
- Positive
- Nurturing

#### **Overall aim**

Improved quality of life for all those who live, work and study in Fitzrovia.

#### **Outcomes**

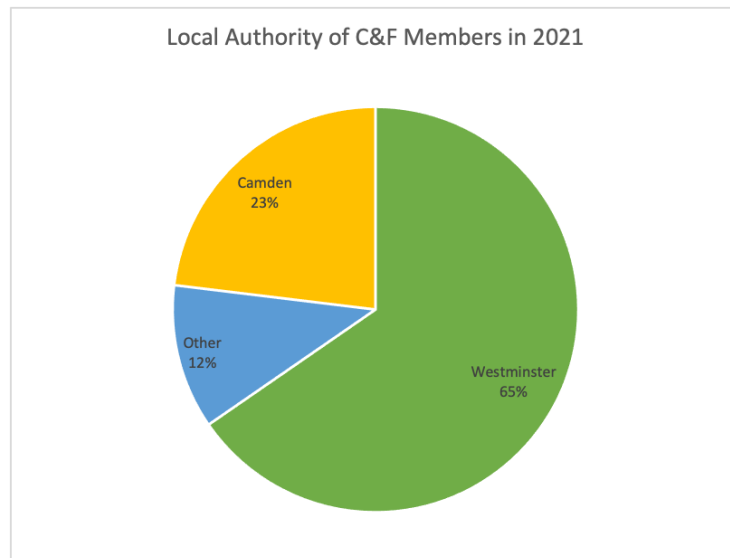
1. The Fitzrovia community is more connected, with FCC and within itself
2. Increased sense of belonging within the local area
3. Increased physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of local people
4. Increased opportunity for all members of the community to grow and develop

### **WHO WE SUPPORTED IN 2021**

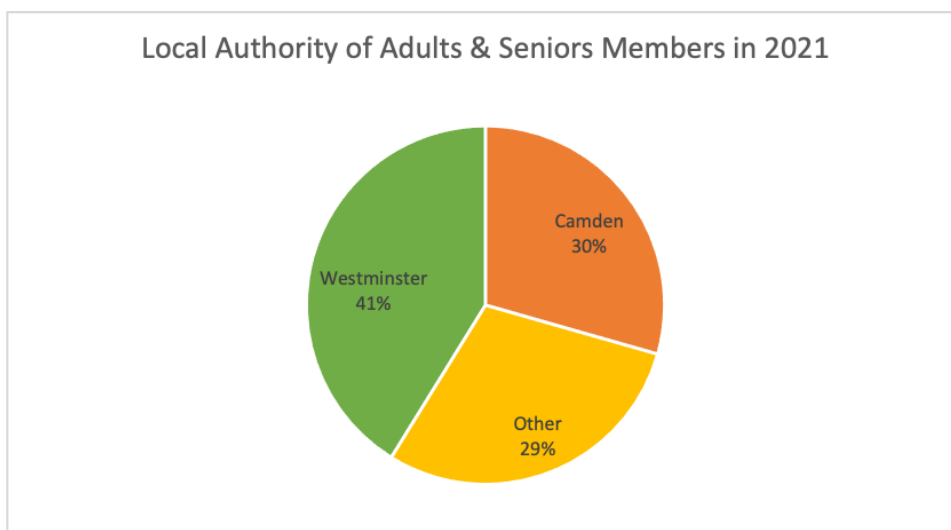
#### **Local Authority**

We collected information on all existing and new FCC users in 2021. We had a total number of 358 users, of which 70 were new users (not including their children). 65% of Children and Families users are based in Westminster, and only 23% are from Camden, which may be due to funding from Westminster Foundation and Westminster Council's West End ward budget. Previously we have seen higher numbers from Camden, so this is a good sign that we are getting more support from Westminster. However, as a Camden community centre, we recognise we need to increase outreach on the Camden side of Fitzrovia.

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By contrast, 41% of users who participated in our adults’ programmes were from Westminster, and 30% were from Camden, which is more closely aligned to FCC’s core purpose. We were surprised to see users travelling from as far as Kingston-upon-Thames.



**Gender**

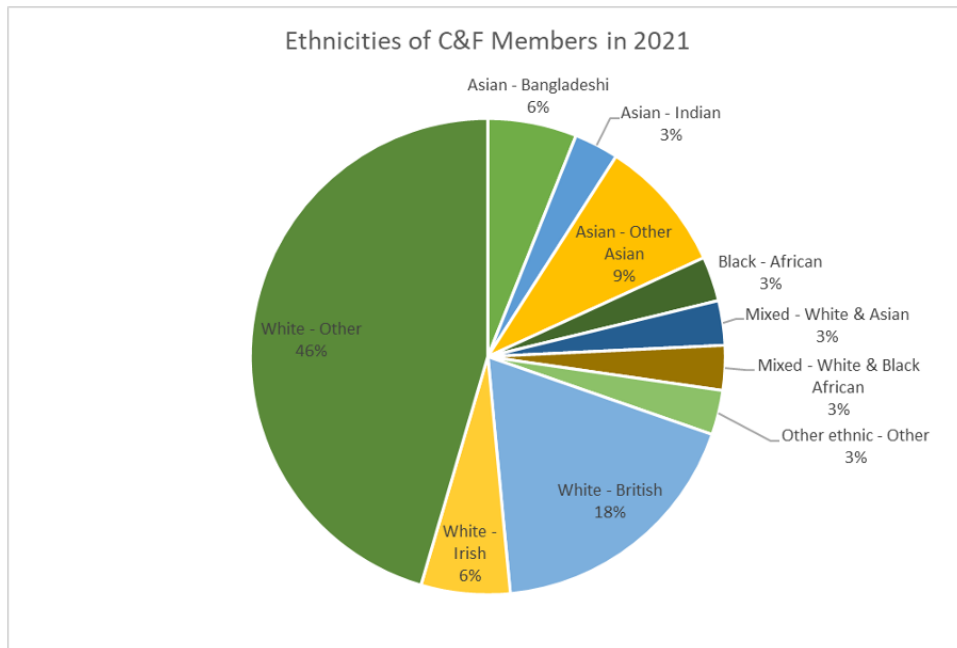
We were disappointed but unsurprised to find that the gender breakdown of centre users is heavily skewed towards women. Altogether, only 15% of our service users in 2021 were male, and 85% female. We have been continuing our work with local mothers but were hoping to address our lack of male-oriented services, for example through a dad’s group. Feedback from male voters at the two election days in 2021, where FCC was used as a polling station, was that the general feeling amongst men was that they had no ‘need’ to come to FCC, demonstrating a perception amongst our male residents that community centres provide services to those who need support. Whilst this is true, it does highlight the need for targeted marketing to better present the full range of services we provide.

**Ethnicity**

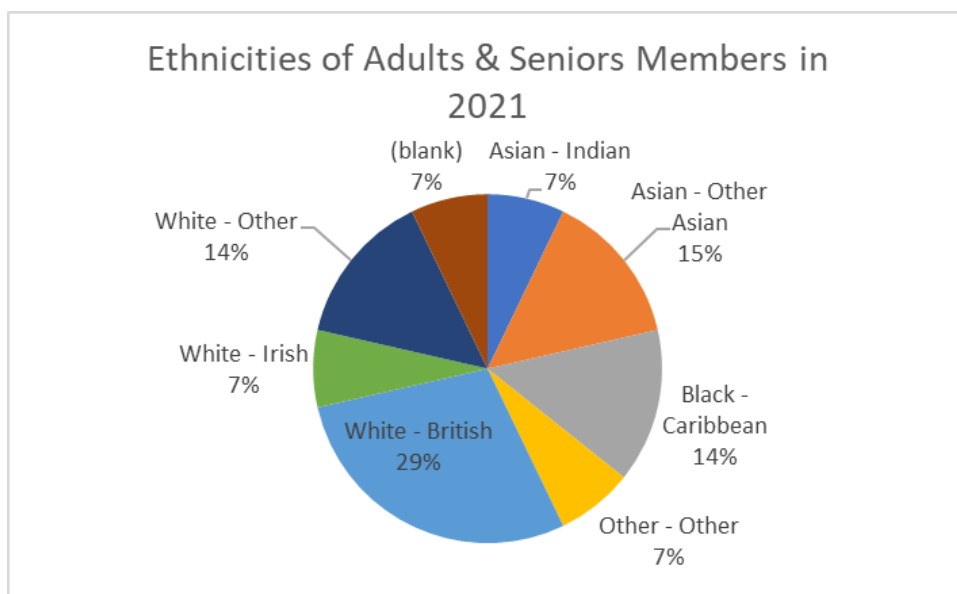
The breakdown of ethnicities of Children & Families service users is 82% BAME and 18% ‘White British’. The largest ethnic group is ‘White Other’, which includes white Eastern and Western Europeans. This is a good

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example of how having large ethnic group categories is not helpful, however we do use the same categories as ONS in the national census.



64% of users who attended our adult programmes in 2021 were BAME, with 29% White British and 7% not responding. Across all of our services, the number of Bangladeshi users was very low, compared with the local population.



**Socio-economic status**

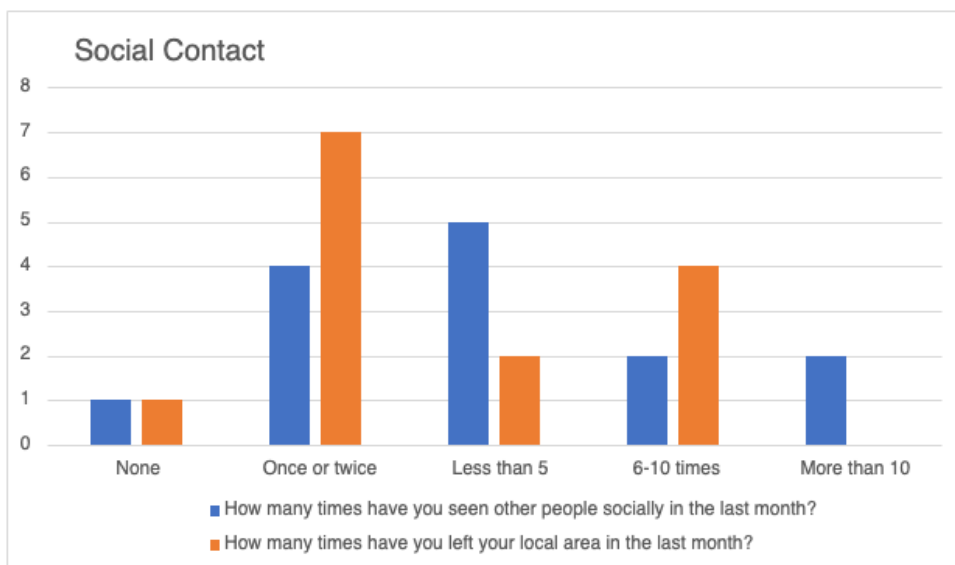
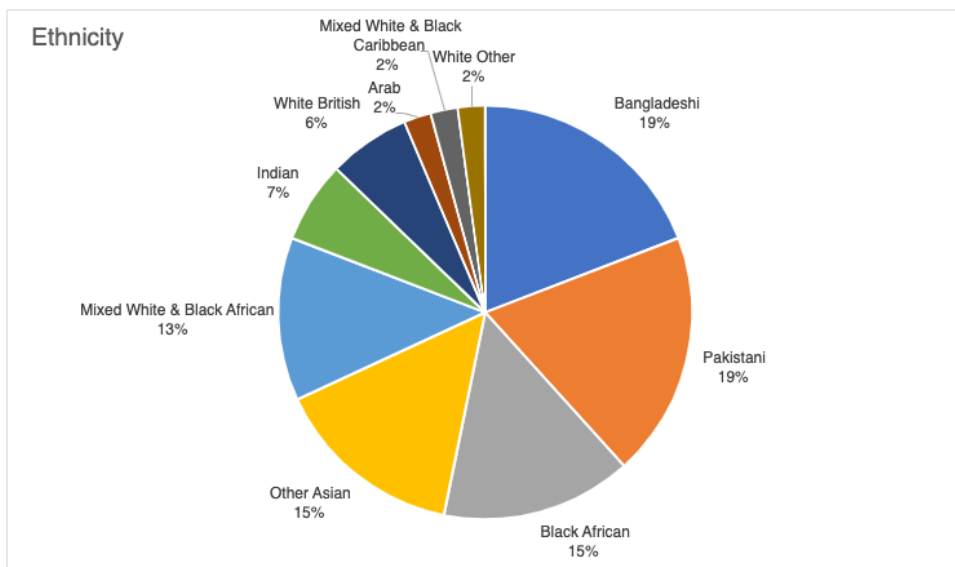
43.5% of our centre users were from the 40% most deprived areas in the UK. Just over half were from the 50% least deprived areas, demonstrating that FCC is successful in reaching a broad demographic, therefore going some way to achieving its mission to be the hub for all members of the community. There exists within Fitzrovia, stark contrasts within neighbourhoods between socio-economic groups, and even when a lower

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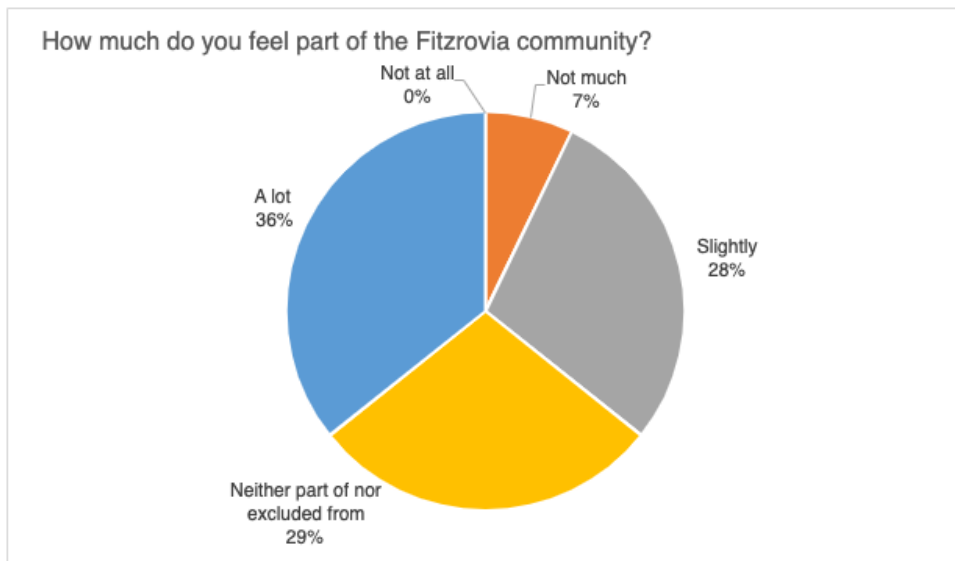
super output area (LSOA – the area used by the Indices of Deprivation based on an average of 1,500 residents) is rated as being fairly affluent, there can be pockets of deprivation within it. Anecdotally, we know that many of those who use our services struggle financially. We are making improvements to our data collection system in 2022 to record the number of users on a low-income (i.e. in receipt of a means-tested benefit).

**Detailed Analysis – Brighton Beach Trip August 2021**

For our Summer trip to Brighton in 2021, we received grant funding to target socially isolated low-income families and conducted more detailed monitoring and evaluation. 73% were on a low income, only 7% had a garden and only 20% used other community centres or services.



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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**  
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**Thanks to our donors and supporters**

We would like to thank our funders, the National Lottery Community Fund, St Andrew’s Holborn, Westminster Council and Edward Harvist Trust; our donors, Whitt’s End Consulting Ltd, Regent’s Place; our supporters, Arup Group, G-Research; and our collaborators, Open Age, Fitzrovia Arts Festival (Rebecca Hossack Gallery), Westminster Kingsway College, and Westminster Children’s Centres.

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**  
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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The results of the year's operation are set out in the attached financial statements. The net movement in funds for the year resulted in a deficit of £(108,198) and £(82,521) for 2020. The retained reserves at 31 December 2021 amounted to £37,876 and £146,074 for 2020 respectively.

Included in the retained reserves above is unrestricted (General) fund of £37,876 surplus. The trustees have been aware of the need to comply with good practice guidelines on free reserves and The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd policy is included in the notes to the accounts.

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have examined the major risks which The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd faces and believe that maintaining our free reserves at a reasonable level, and a strong bank balance, combined with our annual review of the controls over key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of further adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which we face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

**FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The present level of funding, and the progress made in the first part of 2022, are adequate to support the continuation of the Company operations for the ~~medium~~ term, and the trustees consider the financial position of the Company to be satisfactory.

**Reserves policy**

The proposed value of the centre's reserves is six months' running costs, including closure costs, although we are currently running below this. This is driven by the lead time involved in securing long term future funding.

Reserves are made up of the unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds can be spent on the charity's general charitable objectives as needed. The reserves policy will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the annual financial statements.

**VOLUNTEERS**

The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd recognises the significant contributions made by volunteers.

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS'/TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

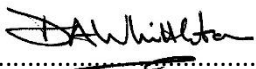
The Directors, who are also the Trustees of the Company, are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year and of its financial activities during the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable standards and statement of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the project will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors/Trustees

Signed  .....

Date 28/10/2022 .....

Print Name David Arthur Whittleton

Position Chair of the Board of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 14 to 15.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The Company's Directors, who are also the charity's trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that although no audit is required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), they have nevertheless concluded that an independent examination is desirable.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities 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 the 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**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to:

- keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  .....

Date: 27/10/.....2022

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THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2021 Total Fund £	2020 Total Fund £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Donations and legacies	1	2,318		2,318	0
Charitable Activities	2	28,237	3,169	31,406	61,699
Rent and Room Hire		65,500		65,500	4,520
Other Income		1,521		1,521	1,210
Job Retention Scheme			10,170	10,170	48,316
Investment income	1			0	0
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>97,576</b>	<b>13,339</b>	<b>110,915</b>	<b>115,745</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Charitable activities		205,774	13,651	219,425	171,967
Governance		0	0	0	26,299
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>205,774</b>	<b>13,651</b>	<b>219,425</b>	<b>198,266</b>
Net Movement In Funds		-108,198	-312	-108,510	-82,521
Total Funds Brought Forward		146,074	0	146,074	228,595
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>37,876</b>	<b>-312</b>	<b>37,564</b>	<b>146,074</b>

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	3	16,449	17,324
Cash and bank		171,493	225,775
		<b>187,942</b>	<b>243,099</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	150,377	97,025
Net current assets		<b>37,565</b>	<b>146,074</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		37,565	146,074
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>37,565</b>	<b>146,074</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY FUNDS:</b>			
Restricted funds		0	0
Unrestricted funds		37,565	146,074
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>37,565</b>	<b>146,074</b>

**Audit exemption statement**

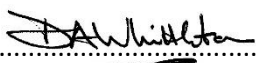
For the twelve months ending 31st Dec 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' responsibilities:**

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period 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 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The directors (and charity trustees) declare that they have approved the accounts above and signed on behalf of the Directors and charity Trustees:

Signed  .....

Chair of the Board of Trustees

Date 28/10/2022 .....

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of listed investments which are included at their market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 and the 2006 Companies Act.

#### **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

#### **Income and endowments**

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### **Donations and legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

#### **Investment income**

Interest is included when receivable by the charity.

#### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category: Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs. All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

## THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company 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 to charitable purposes.

#### Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity had a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts.

#### Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

## 2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNANCE COSTS

Those costs that relate to day-to-day charitable activities are now allocated under charitable activities. Governance costs include legal compliance including accountancy and independent examination, servicing the board and strategic management are now charged and included in the charitable activities.

## THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions on the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

#### Staff

No member of staff was paid over £60,000. The average number of staff during the year was three FTE. The charity also employs sessional workers for classes and consultants for specialist tasks.

### 3. DEBTORS

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
Sundry Customer Debtors	14,839
Prepayments and accrued income	1,610
	<u><b>16,449</b></u>

### 4. CREDITORS

	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>
Sundry Creditors	25,005
Other taxes and social security	2,644
Other Creditors	16,774
Deferred Income	72,688
Accruals	33,266
	<u><b>150,377</b></u>

### 5. GOING CONCERN

The directors/trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and have therefore used the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The trustees keep the income and expenditure of the charity under review and will change the operating model accordingly.

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The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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- Identification and management of risk
- Periodic review of policies

### **8. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to have a significant impact on the operations of the charity. Income has taken time to be re-established to former levels. The deficit at end 2020 has been repeated in 2021, but it is clear to the Trustees that 2022 will be a surplus year.

### **9. TRUSTEE SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT**

The Centre's board comprises Directors/Trustees including the Chair, who meet a minimum of four times per year, with the provision of additional meetings if necessary. The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring the organisation operates an appropriate system of controls financial or otherwise.

The Centre Director has overall responsibility for the Centre's day-to-day operations, including overall direction and development.

### **10. CHARITABLE OBJECTS**

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Fitzrovia (defined as people who live and /or work in Fitzrovia which is bounded by Oxford Street/New Oxford Street to the South, Gower Street to the east, Euston Road to the north, and Great Portland Street on the west and its environs) of the neighbourhood (hereinafter called area of benefit) without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; To establish, or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with an authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the objects.

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1104135

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# Accounts

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**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**Charity No. 1104135**  
**Company No. 04755140**

**LONDON ACCOUNTANCY PRACTICE**  
**SOJOURNER TRUTH COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**161 SUMNER ROAD**  
**LONDON SE15 6JL**

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**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

<b>Company number</b>	04755140
<b>Charity number</b>	1104135
<b>Registered office</b>	John Astor House 2 Foley Street London W1W 6DL
<b>Board of Trustees</b>	David A Whittleton (Chair)  Jairo Ouko  Bee De Soto (Resigned 23 January 2020)  Andrew Sherriff (Resigned 31 March 2020)  Esther Sonneveld Laveau (Resigned 30 September 2020)
<b>Bankers</b>	Unity Trust Bank Plc PO Box 7193 Planetary Road Willenhall WV1 9DG  Metro Bank One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	London Accountancy Practice Sojourner Truth Community Centre 161 Sumner Road London SE15 6JL

**THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**  
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

The Trustees of Fitzrovia Community Centre ("the Centre") are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Fitzrovia Community Centre aims to be an independent, robust and sustainable organisation that understands and provides for the needs of the community through providing a range of health, educational, cultural and social services which are categorised into three key areas:

- Arts, Heritage and Culture, promoting the wider social and economic value of community arts in Fitzrovia.
- Children & Families Service, improving life outcomes for the most vulnerable children through the provision of free, low cost and affordable activities and services to local families and children who are 0-5 living in Camden and Westminster.
- Community Facilities, creating an age friendly Centre to support healthy, active lifestyles for all ages and the provision of affordable room hire.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

**Summary of achievements**

2020 was an unprecedented year for everyone, with the coronavirus pandemic causing huge disruption to our way of life. The Centre closed in March 2020 and all staff were put on furlough. It remained physically closed for the duration of the year, although staff returned to work on flexible furlough in October. The achievements during the year were therefore vastly different from what has been reported in previous years; however, we are proud that the organisation continues to be in operation, with its staff team intact, without the need for rescue funding from the government or other funders. Sadly, this has not been the case for all of the voluntary and community sector.

**Achievements in quarter one of 2020:**

- 233 people attended FCC's services and activities
- 128 sessions were delivered across 14 services/activities
- Centre users made 649 attendances in total; an average of 2.8 visits per person
- 14 community partners delivered activities and services at FCC, providing our local community with services around addictions, eating disorders, health & wellbeing, arts and culture, faith and education
- 14 volunteers gave their time and skills to help us deliver activities, look after the garden and welcome visitors at reception
- FCC's rooms were hired by 23 community groups, 4 businesses, and 8 individuals, demonstrating the value of our facilities to the local area

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- An event was held on International Women’s Day in March 2020, an exhibition of the work of the Creative Women’s Hub, a group of creative local women that FCC has been supporting since its inception, from BAME and Muslim communities in particular
- FCC held a Family Day in February 2020, attended by 61 people who enjoyed a range of activities designed to increase social connection and encourage parents to participate in their children’s learning.

**During lockdown**

With the Centre being closed for three quarters of the year, all services had to be suspended, however we were able to set up volunteer-led online activities, thanks to our freelance Communications Consultant and our dedicated and talented volunteers. We ran 29 poetry and hand sewing sessions between July and December 2020, including one during the Christmas break for people who were not able to get together with family.

We launched the Keep Fitzrovia Warm campaign in December 2020 to collect and distribute winter clothing to our vulnerable and low-income Fitzrovians, thanks to the generous donations of their more fortunate neighbours. We were overwhelmed by the response, which demonstrated a real desire amongst our community to give back during this challenging time.



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**Diversity**

Our most recent annual snapshot of centre users conducted over one week, 18-24 November 2019, tells us who we were reaching before the pandemic. We are based just inside the border of Westminster, however the annual survey showed almost one third of our centre users are residents of Camden. We should note, however, that the same number of people chose not to disclose that information. 12% coming from other boroughs shows us that because we are based in Central London, people find it easy to travel to us, and often use the Centre as a handy location to meet friends or business associates from across London and beyond.

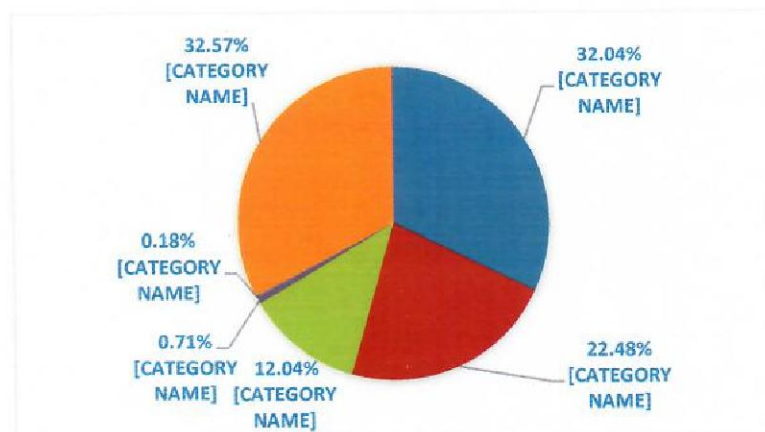


Fig 1: local authority of residence

Almost half of our centre users were aged 25-49; because the numbers include those who attend Epoch Fitness’s pilates classes, this is not fully representative of FCC’s own activities. Only 16% of visitors were children under 5, which is surprising, since FCC’s main service is Children & Families; this is only 1% higher than the number of visitors aged over 50. The chart below highlights the need to offer a more balanced programme of activities, which engages residents of all ages, without duplicating existing successful projects delivered by our community partners.

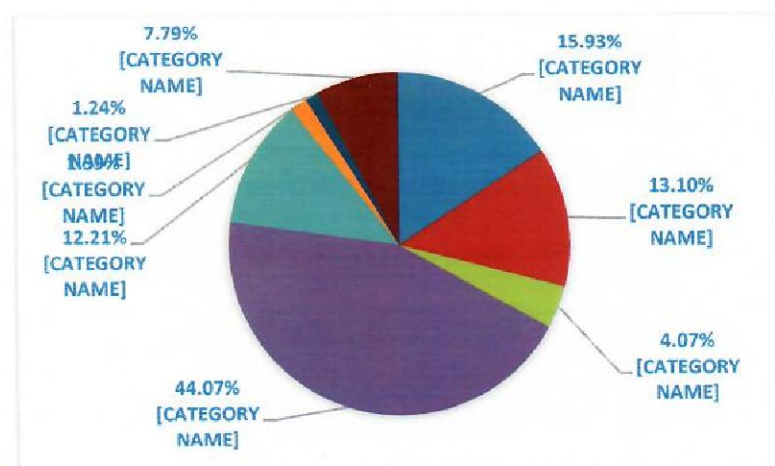


Fig 2: age

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The gender breakdown below is somewhat telling of the services provided at the Centre. A significant proportion of visitors were Epoch Fitness’s female clients, however it is true that our activities are focused on local mothers. We identified this as a key area to be addressed in 2021.

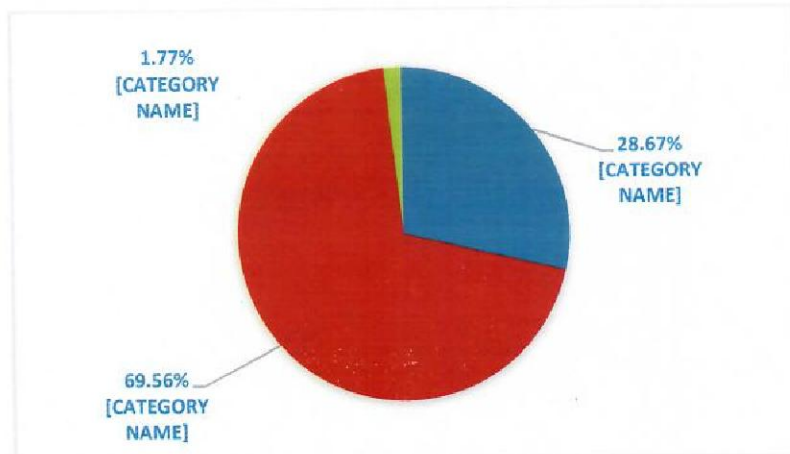


Fig 3: gender

39.5% of respondents were from BAME groups compared with 37.2% White – this is not broken down into subcategories of ‘White’ and this category includes White British, European, Eastern European, Irish, Gypsy and Traveller. The proportion of Asian or Asian British centre users is much lower than the local area demographic, which is roughly 25%, based on data from All Souls Primary School.

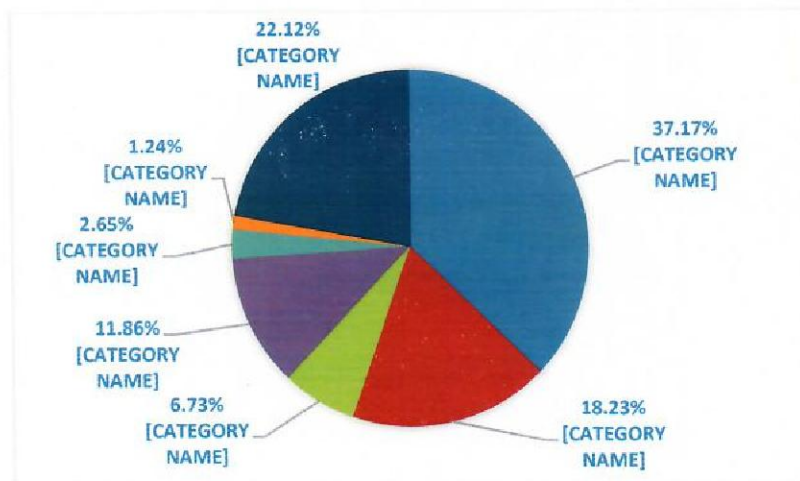


Fig 4: Ethnicity

**THE VISION**

**The overall direction of the organisation for the next three years has been defined:**

1. To grow the Centre, in terms of space, activities and turnover;
2. To double its current size, as measured by services and user numbers;

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3. To be better known and better used by the whole of the community;
4. To establish the Centre as an exemplar for this kind of charitable endeavour with the creation of social capital as the primary guiding purpose.

**Opportunities**

- Increasing the Advice and Information Services following community feedback.
- Increasing after school activities using space collaborations.
- Increasing take-up of all services and activities with highly targeted marketing activities through the newly appointed marketing outsource partner.
- Increasing room booking revenues through higher conversions achieved through an improved online booking process.
- Working with the older residents to encourage higher community engagement and use of services to reduce social isolation.
- Working collaboratively with key influencers in Fitzrovia such as The Fitzrovia Partnership and Fitzrovia Youth in Action.

**Thanks to our donors and supporters**

We would like to thank our donors, Derwent London and Hudsons; our collaborators, Westminster Children's Centres and Open Age; and our supporters, Arup and G-Research.

Throughout the year we received generous donations of children's books from Regent's Place, shopping vouchers and Christmas cards from New Diorama Theatre and winter clothing from our local community.

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The results of the year's operation are set out in the attached financial statements. The net movement in funds for the year resulted in a deficit of £(82,521) and £(20,853) for 2019. The retained reserves at 31 December 2020 amounted to £146,074 and £228,595 for 2019 respectively.

Included in the retained reserves above is unrestricted (General) fund of £142,980 surplus. The trustees have been aware of the need to comply with good practice guidelines on free reserves and The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd policy is included in the notes to the accounts.

**RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have examined the major risks which The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd faces and believe that maintaining our free reserves at a reasonable level, combined with our annual review of the controls over key financial systems will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which we face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

**TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

The Company keeps a register of fixed assets.

**FUNDS AVAILABLE**

The present level of funding is adequate to support the continuation of the Company operations for the medium term, and the trustees consider the financial position of the Company to be satisfactory.

**Reserves policy**

The proposed value of the centre's reserves is between six and twelve months' running costs. This is driven by the uncertainty over future funding and the lead time involved in securing long term future funding.

Reserves are made up of the unrestricted funds. Unrestricted funds can be spent on the charity's general charitable objectives as needed. The reserves policy will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the annual financial statements.

**VOLUNTEERS**

The Fitzrovia Community Centre Ltd recognises the very significant contributions made by volunteers.

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**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS'/TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

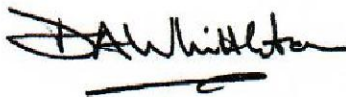
The Directors, who are also the Trustees of the Company, are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at the end of the year and of its financial activities during the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable standards and statement of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the project will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime as set out in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors/Trustees



Signed .....

Date 29 October 2021

Print Name      David Arthur Whittleton  
Position        Chair of the Board of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 12 to 13.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The Company's Directors, who are also the charity's trustees, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that although neither an audit nor an independent examination is required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), they have nevertheless concluded that an independent examination is desirable.

It is my responsibility to:

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

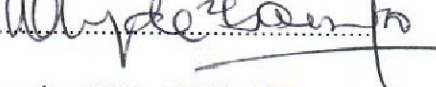
**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 the 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**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to:

- keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 29/10/2021

Ade Adebambo, MBA, ACMA, ACG  
London Accountancy Practice  
161 Sumner Road  
London SE15 6JL

THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	2020 Total Fund £	2019 Total Fund £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Voluntary Income	2	6,680		6,680	1,000
Charitable Activities		55,019		55,019	175,463
Rent and Room Hire		4,520		4,520	73,558
Fees		1,210		1,210	0
Job Retention Scheme			48,316	48,316	515
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>67,429</b>	<b>48,316</b>	<b>115,745</b>	<b>250,536</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Charitable activities		123,651	48,316	171,967	256,439
Governance		26,299	0	26,299	14,950
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>149,950</b>	<b>48,316</b>	<b>198,266</b>	<b>271,389</b>
Net Movement In Funds		-82,521	0	-82,521	-20,853
Total Funds Brought Forward		225,501	3,094	228,595	249,448
Transfer of Funds		3,094	-3,094	0	
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>146,074</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>146,074</b>	<b>228,595</b>

THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	4	17,323	23,070
Cash at bank and in hand		225,775	241,935
		<b>243,099</b>	<b>265,005</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	97,025	36,410
Net current assets		<u>146,074</u>	<u>228,595</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		146,074	228,595
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>146,074</u>	<u>228,595</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY FUNDS:</b>			
Restricted funds			3,094
Unrestricted funds		146,074	225,501
<b>Total funds</b>		<u>146,074</u>	<u>228,595</u>

**Audit exemption statement**

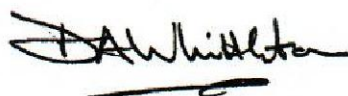
For the twelve months ending 31st Dec 2020, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' responsibilities:**

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period 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 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The directors (and charity trustees) declare that they have approved the accounts above and signed on behalf of the Directors and charity Trustees:



Signed .....

Date 29 October 2021

Chair of the Board of Trustees

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### Basis of preparation,

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of listed investments which are included at their market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice, applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS102 and the 2006 Companies Act.

#### Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

#### Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

#### Investment income

Interest is included when receivable by the charity.

#### Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category: Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

## **THE FITZROVIA COMMUNITY CENTRE LTD**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

#### **Charitable activities**

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### **Irrecoverable VAT**

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

#### **Taxation**

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company 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 to charitable purposes.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life at a rate of 15% using the reducing balance method.

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity had a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally

recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts.

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**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

**Operating leases**

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred over the term of the lease.

**2. VOLUNTARY INCOME**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Derwent London	5,000	1,000
Children & Families	1,180	-
Donations	500	-
	<u>6,680</u>	<u>1,000</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNANCE COSTS**

Those costs that relate to day-to-day charitable activities are now allocated under charitable activities. Governance costs include legal compliance including accountancy and independent examination, servicing the board and strategic management are now charged and included in the charitable activities

**Taxation**

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions on the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

**Staff**

No member of staff was paid over £60,000. The average number of staff during the year was three FTE. The charity also employs sessional workers for classes and consultants for specialist tasks.

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**4. DEBTORS**

	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>
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Prepayments and accrued income	—
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**5. CREDITORS**

	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>
Sundry Creditors	30,405
Licensees' deposits	21,206
Accountancy fees	1,300
Deferred Income	35,605
Accruals	8,119
Pension Fund	390
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- Periodic review of policies

## **9. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the operations of the charity. Income has been reduced, staff furloughed, and non-essential expenditure has been cut. These aim to mitigate the outflow of funds and the impact on the charity's funds in 2021 is uncertain but is likely to be negative. The services to the community have been curtailed under these restrictions.

## **10. TRUSTEE SELECTION AND MANAGEMENT**

The Centre's board comprises Directors/Trustees including the Chair, who meet a minimum of four times per year, with the provision of additional meetings if necessary. The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring the organisation operates an appropriate system of controls financial or otherwise.

The Centre Director has overall responsibility for the Centre's day-to-day operations, including overall direction and development.

## **11. CHARITABLE OBJECTS**

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Fitzrovia (defined as people who live and /or work in Fitzrovia which is bounded by Oxford Street/New Oxford Street to the South, Gower Street to the east, Euston Road to the north, and Great Portland Street on the west and its environs) of the neighbourhood (hereinafter called area of benefit) without distinction of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants; To establish, or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with an authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the objects.