



IMPACT REPORT

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This year, Globe Community Project (GCP) entered its second year of transforming loneliness into connection among isolated people and under-served groups, in and around Tower Hamlets. Our devoted trustees, committed staff, passionate volunteers and supportive funders have grown our income by 66%, expanded our staff team, and reached almost twice as many people as last year through focussing on our mission.

We are delighted to have provided direct, long term transformational support to 287 people, which equates to a 92% increase on last year. Having identified eight loneliness hotspots across Tower Hamlets, we targeted everything we do towards those areas, making sure our support is felt where it is needed the most.

We welcomed Mohammed Kenawi as our Projects & Operations Officer, as part of a wider investment into our operations, financial management, monitoring and evaluation processes. We also welcomed Lucy Rix as our Touching Safe Ground Outreach Lead, enabling us to reach more refugee women and their children. Lucy has galvanised a team of over 12 volunteers to support us across our projects and core operations.

The Touching Safe Ground project reached more refugee and migrant women than ever before, as well as many of their infant and school-aged children. We thank the generous support of London Community Foundation for contributing to the pilot of a second weekly session of gentle bodywork and English at a local asylum hostel, as well as a homework club for refugee children. On top of this, we partnered with the Community Sauna Baths in Hackney providing free post-yoga sauna sessions for the women. Alongside these new initiatives, we continued to provide Easter and summer holiday activities at the Canal Club Community Garden, Christmas activities, toys and presents, and trips to local galleries, museums and nature sites.

A growing facilitator pool allowed us to expand the Wellbeing for Over 60s project this year. We were sad to say goodbye to Vijayacitta. We welcomed Dhinita and Supaksini to work alongside facilitator Vimoksini. Their work with qualified interpreter Sabekul Naher helped us to better reach older Bangladeshi people.

We significantly increased our ability to reach older men and have carried out research to further support this. We also created many new partnerships with community groups, health centres and housing associations, enabling us to reach areas and groups at particular risk of isolation. These included Tower Hamlets Carers Centre, Ocean Regeneration Trust, XX Place Health Centre, the Bow Geezer's Club, Sonali Gardens, Toynbee Hall and Poplar Harca. We thank volunteer Timothy Mweemba, who generously offered his time to support operations and events, conduct research and contribute valuable ideas and suggestions.

Listening to and learning from the people we serve was a top priority this year. We ran new co-design activities and forums for our 'experts by experience,' which have been the foundation for growth in our programmes. The people that we serve have suggested new areas and activities, refined promotional materials and pushed us to work harder to reach the most isolated in our communities.

We thank volunteer Tom Elliott, who assisted our financial management and was shortlisted for Volunteer of the Year at the Voluntary and Community Sector Awards. We also thank global law firm Dentons for continuing to provide expert pro-bono support. The Tower Hamlets Minority Ethnic Trustees onto Boards programme helped us to welcome two new trustees, Funmi Ayorinde and Kiki Michaelidou. I thank current and former board members for their generosity of time, skills and expertise in steering GCP to enhance the charity's capability in improving the lives of more people experiencing loneliness and isolation in our local area.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our projects, shared skills, time, grants or donations, or showed interest in our work.

Together, we transform loneliness into connection across Tower Hamlets.



Lily Wong Le

Chair of the Board of Trustees



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Our mission



To transform loneliness into connection among isolated people and under-served groups in and around Tower Hamlets.

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Our aims

To **promote the benefit of local people**, by involving them in a common effort to enhance education, and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation and leisure occupations, with the object of improving the quality of life for those in the local area.

To **provide access** to a wide range of **cultural, educational, physical, social and artistic activities** that will act as a vehicle and motivator to develop actual and transferable skills for people of all ages from childhood up.


To **encourage interaction** among people of different ages and **social and ethnic groups** within the community through the medium of arts and other activities and to **encourage the growth of the imagination, self-expression, clear communication and health and wellbeing** of participants.

The broad objects of the charity as stated in our governing document are: "To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Globe Town, Tower Hamlets and surrounding areas, by associating together with inhabitants and sometimes including the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations, in a common effort to enhance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare, recreation and leisure occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants."

Touching Safe Ground responds to social isolation, disorientation and low wellbeing experienced by newly-arrived women migrants and asylum seekers.

Wellbeing for Over 60s is designed to enhance support for the high proportion of older residents in our borough who experience social isolation, poor mental health or low wellbeing.

Our projects are designed to respond to some of the most pressing needs in Tower Hamlets, and provide access to social connection alongside specialist, tailored wellbeing education, providing long term support and new skills to manage and enhance their personal and social wellbeing.



In setting our objectives and planning our activities, our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.



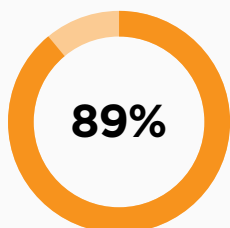
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people received in-depth support
for up to 48 sessions.

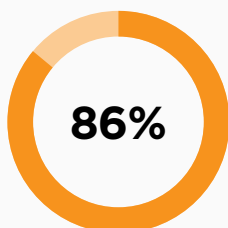


Safe space for refugee & migrant women

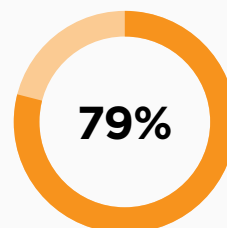
164 refugee and migrant women and children supported



reported
improved sense
of community
and belonging



reported increased
confidence,
self-esteem and
resilience

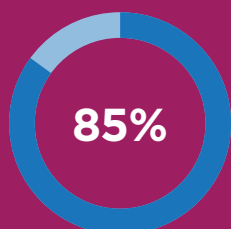


reported
improved mental
health and
wellbeing

Bringing joy, friendship and new skills to lonely older people

123 older people at risk of loneliness and isolation supported

After Level 1 course:



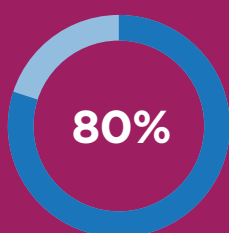
had better wellbeing overall



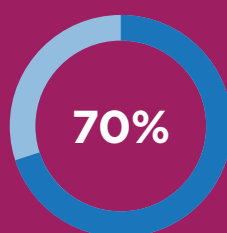
saw improvements to the existing relationships in their lives



improved their resilience



had better knowledge of spaces, activities and services they need and want



connected with or stayed in touch with people they'd met on the course

After Level 2 course:



further increased their resilience



were better able to appreciate the good things in life



felt more able to turn towards the topics of death and dying, and discuss them with others



had a support network in place and felt able to maintain the gains they'd made

Overview

Touching Safe Ground provides newly-arrived refugee and migrant women who have suffered trauma with wellbeing and English language tools. Our twice weekly service offers trauma-informed yoga integrated with English language learning, providing a safe space for rest, care, social connection and learning, supported by a creche for mums. We also provide a homework club for refugee children.

Who we helped

We supported 112 women, 14 children at homework club, and 38 babies, infants and children. Some experience the repeated threat of deportation. Three quarters of the women were asylum seekers with experience of fleeing war, gender-based violence and/or multiple human rights abuses. About half were single mums, some had been trafficked, and others exploited by traffickers on their way to the UK. Many sustained injuries on the journey. The women and children we supported came from 30 different countries.

Countries of origin

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gaza, Palestine, Georgia, Ghana, Honduras, Hong Kong, Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Namibia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine



What we delivered

- **51 gentle yoga and English** for wellbeing sessions
- **7 homework club** sessions
- **4 summer activity** sessions
- **2 spring activity** sessions
- **Easter egg hunt / Eid al Fitr festival** at Bethnal Green Nature Reserve
- **1 shared dinner** with the local community
- **Holistic health acupuncture** and craniosacral appointments
- **Visit to Whitechapel Gallery** to see exhibition by Brazilian artist Lygia Clark
- **Visit to the Young V&A** with special tour
- **Christmas party**
- **Group visit** to Stratford Community Sauna
- **Weekly provision of donated clothing** thanks to Lama's Pyjamas charity shop
- **Healthy snacks** including lots of fresh fruit and a cuppa each week
- **Coordinated donations** of food, Christmas cards and gifts



Nina, with a drawing of her home before it was bombed

Case study: Nina

Nina is a 79-year-old Ukrainian grandmother. She escaped to London in April 2022 after a 3-week wait at the Moldovian border. Her house was destroyed in a Russian missile attack.

I think of Ukraine all the time, I am not sleeping, my mind goes round and round. I get up most nights and do housework. I take sleeping pills after a night with only two hours sleep. It's not good.

I miss Odessa, I miss my home, so much of my country has been damaged. Bomb, bomb, bomb. I miss the people my age, my friends, my neighbours. My house is bombed. It's only eight minutes from the Black Sea, nine months of sunshine, two hours from London by plane. But it's a different world, very dangerous now. Bombing.

At least I have my daughter and granddaughter with me in London, but the young people are so busy working. I come to yoga every week - it helps me mentally and physically. I feel more positive and I meet people, this is very important. I love the community sauna when we go together after yoga - it helps my back pain. I was walking with a stick two years ago, now I can walk OK. The yoga on Wednesdays helped a lot; it's very important to keep moving.

I speak more English now because we practice in the group, and I met my very good friend Amina* from Uzbekistan there. We are in touch every day, with phone and messages. We meet and go to the supermarket together.

It's through the yoga and English on Wednesdays that I found the local church group for Ukrainians. Someone took me there and introduced me. We cook and eat Ukrainian food together and talk my language.

Case study: Khadija*

Khadija was born in Bangladesh, became a teacher and married a Rohingya man. Her husband is from a stateless, mainly Muslim group with a long history of discrimination and persecution by the Burmese military, culminating in genocide with more than a million Rohingya fleeing in the past decade. They have a five-year-old daughter and a three-and-a-half-year-old son, both born in London.

When I arrived here I was in shock. It was the worst time in my life. It was Covid time and my son was born and we were stuck in one room. We were moved 5 times before we were placed near the doctor's surgery where the Touching Safe Ground group meets. I was very depressed and forgetting everything all the time. Even now my husband has to meet me at the station because I may not remember where I live.

Where I've been moved now - Ilford - I know no one; it is really hard to speak to strangers just like that. We were moved here by the Home Office. We're new to England and to English and not everyone wants us here. We can't just go up to people and make friends. I live on a road with other Bangladeshi people too but we don't meet, talk, we don't have a way to come together.

Without my bigger 'family' here at the Wednesday group I don't know what I'd do. I can meet lots of people, it opens up another world. We share lots of feelings, it's very good to talk together, we feel the space is safe and we feel the trust that has been built up.

Otherwise I stay at home and feel bored, alone with my problems and depressed.

When I come to yoga I see different women and I see everyone has problems, some more serious than mine. So I am not alone. I have high blood pressure now because of all the stress, and diabetes too, and being here helps. I start to feel better. We come to yoga and we feel relaxed and free. The time goes very quickly, we see familiar faces and there's the WhatsApp group so we can message between sessions, and if we want, 1:1. It's good to stay connected. I see the changes. More belonging, more community, more wellbeing for all of us.

Yoga works slowly. It's not like antibiotics which work fast. Yoga changes our wellbeing for the long term. If you keep coming, things improve more. Real change comes gradually. It builds.

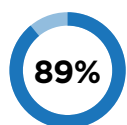
On the trips we learn so much, you can learn loads of things for mind and brain, it compliments the yoga for the body. Most of us don't know these places or things. We get good energy for all day and the next day too. For example at Kew we learnt what a greenhouse is - I never knew, we don't have them where I come from, we don't need them. It's the first time I see this new thing. And we saw beautiful things, I was so happy.

** Names changed to protect identities*

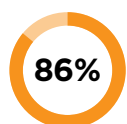


Successes

Impact data continued to show this project is having strong impact and meeting its objectives:



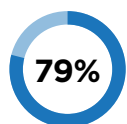
89% report improved sense of community and belonging



86% report improved confidence and self-esteem



80% report improvements in physical health



79% report improvements in mental health and wellbeing



Launched a second weekly session at a local asylum hostel, reaching more women, many with significant barriers to participation, than previously



Launched our homework club for refugee children needing extra support



Took part in East London Business Association's Christmas Toy Appeal, providing gifts and cards for the children



Partnered with Stratford Community Sauna, part of the Community Sauna Baths group



Partnered with the local Coop on Cambridge Heath Road and Lama's Pyjamas charity shop to provide nutritious food and regular donations of warm clothes.

Case study: Aziz*

Aziz is five years old, and he comes from Afghanistan. He has been coming to homework club since it started in March 2025.

Aziz comes to homework club every week and displays huge enthusiasm. He has autism, and although he wasn't yet able to use his own words to describe why he enjoys the club, his mother says she knows he loves coming because, every day after school, he asks if it is homework club, and always wants to run down to the classroom. Aziz is an incredible artist and loves drawing and painting, as well as cutting shapes out of paper. The club has given much-needed positive feedback for both Aziz and his



Aziz and his artwork*



Saada helps Aziz with his workbook

mother, building his confidence. Volunteer Saada, who has worked with him for several weeks, says "he's starting to understand basic maths and has already completed a maths workbook." Aziz also gets stuck into other activities, especially making slime, clay and painting. His mum says, "He loves homework club and he really enjoyed the party last week. It is some time where we are very happy because I can do yoga and talk to friends [whilst Aziz is at homework club]. Otherwise we are all so busy in our stressful lives waiting for our visa. Every day Aziz asks me when is homework club. Even if he is not feeling very well he does not want to miss homework club!"

** Names changed to protect identities*

Funders



**The Hilden
Charitable
Fund**



MRS SMITH & MOUNT TRUST



**London
Churches
Refugee Fund**

**The London
Community
Foundation**





Stretching out tension



"Before I came, I was feeling lonely. Now I feel supported, and more confident."

Amina, Uzbekistan



Birds fly free at homework club

Our first trip to Stratford Community Sauna





Visiting the Young V&A

"It has really helped me feel that I belong somewhere away from home. My mental health has improved and I love everything that the team is doing and the support."

Tamaylah, Namibia



Visiting the Bethnal Green nature reserve



1:1 time at homework club

"I am waiting to come here, is my new happy experience. I can feel your kindness in everything."

Luiza, Brazil

A helping hand to finish the masterpiece



Overview

This project supports older people at risk of loneliness and isolation with six-week wellbeing courses. Participants explore later life's benefits and disadvantages, how to manage negative thoughts, and get the chance to socialise, while building skills to develop and maintain connection, including active listening, boosting self-esteem and sharing stories.

Who we helped



123

older people at risk of loneliness and isolation¹



Participants faced a combination of factors linked to loneliness including low income, disability, sensory impairment, mobility issues, chronic illness, mild mental illness, bereavement, widowhood, and living alone.

What we delivered



- 8 x Level 1 courses



- 1 x Level 2 course



- 1 x Wellbeing Day



- 1 x follow-on course



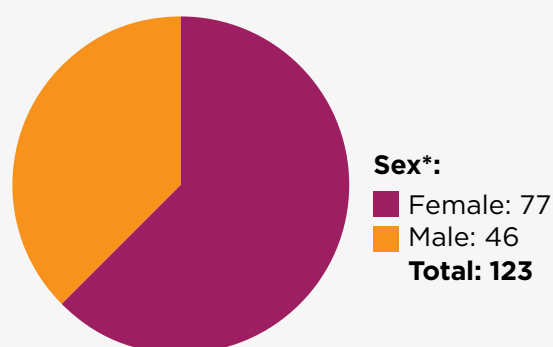
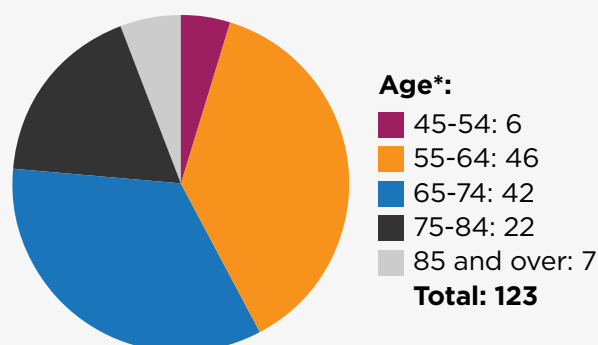
- 4 x steering group and co-design sessions

- Over 500 participant engagements through calls and message exchanges

- 85 assisted transport journeys to enable 10 participants to access sessions

Loneliness associative factors

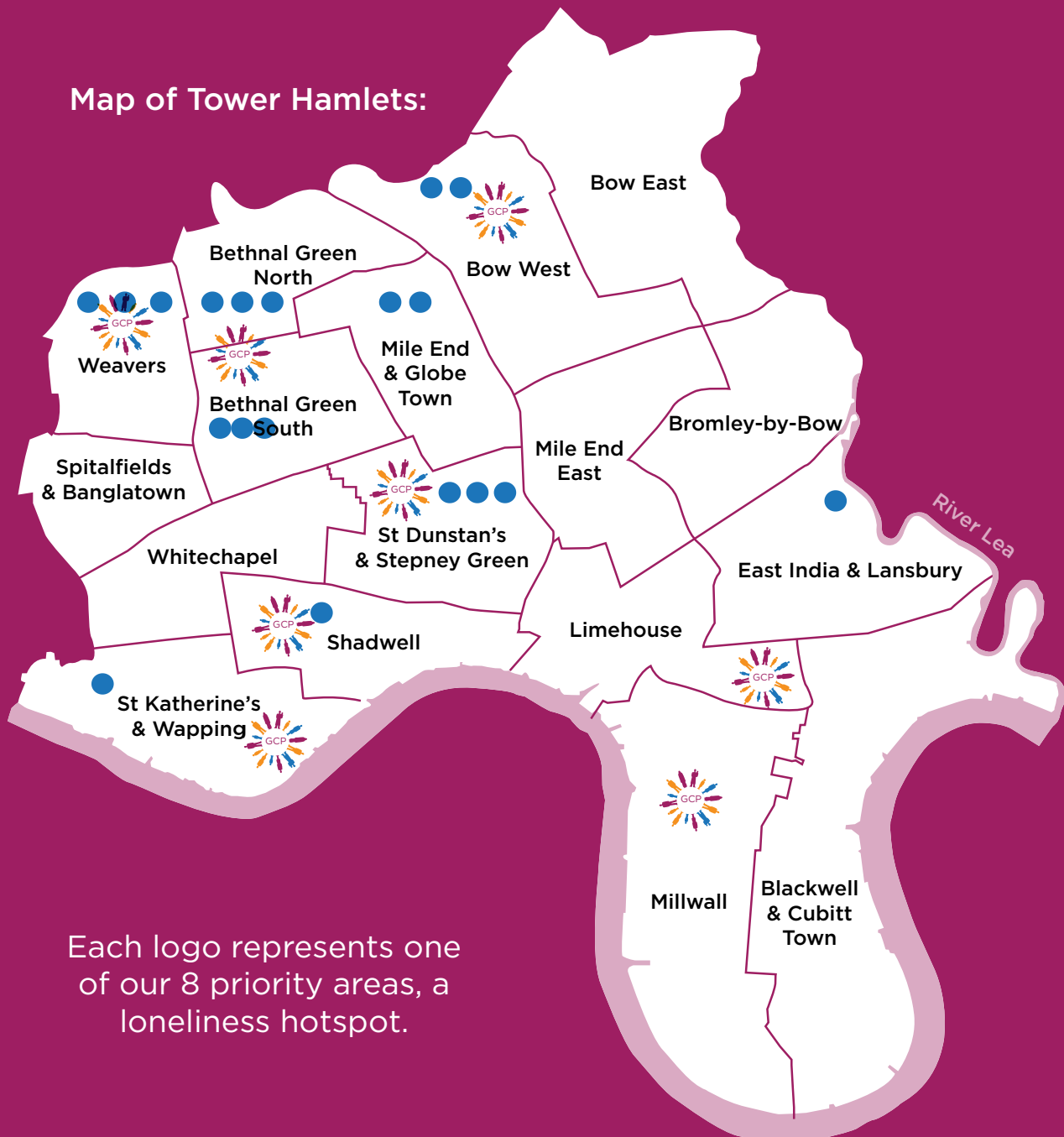
Low income	78%
Experiencing life changes	49%
Physical or mental health condition	42%
Single / live alone	40%
Have experienced prejudice/ felt different to others	27%
Deaf or disabled	27%
Carer	15%
New to London	1%



¹While we reached a total of 154 older people, and we believe people can benefit from even one session, the 123 counted here are those who either attended a day event, or came to 2 or more sessions of the Wellbeing for Over 60s course.

Where we worked

Map of Tower Hamlets:



Each logo represents one of our 8 priority areas, a loneliness hotspot.

Case study: Yasmeen

I feel more confident about myself. When people asked me something I would always say 'yes', but now I can more easily say 'no' when people asked me something and I don't want to do it. The other day I said 'no' to my close friend. I always go to her place and she asked me when I was going to come again, but this time I said 'no' I don't want to come to your place, you can come to mine. And she did. It felt good. I really enjoyed the course. I liked listening to everyone and to hear what everyone shared about themselves. I learned how to share more about myself. It felt good to share more about myself. I came to this course every week although my body felt very achy. I'm now able to do more things even when I feel low and depressed.

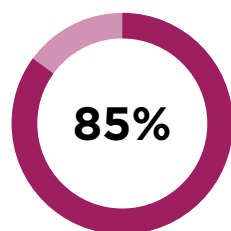


Case study: Ricky

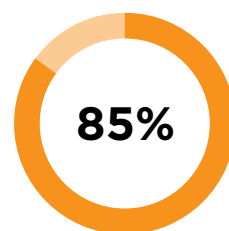


I have been off work with stress because of a work incident. This course has helped me not to see myself so much as a victim, I can help myself. It has also helped ease my pain about it. It has helped me focus on being able to do things differently and has also been calming when I have felt stressed. I don't always remember things from the week before but I think it goes in a bit, and I'm different. I like being in a group - I take away a bit of what everyone says. I'm thinking more about moving out of the comfort zone and taking risks. New things are always scary for me but I am trying now. I have been going to a new community centre and meeting new people at a lunchtime club. I sat with a woman and we really talked, we had things in common and I felt that I could talk to her, this is new.

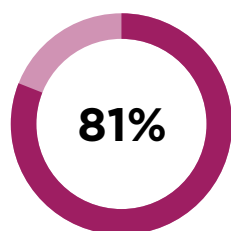
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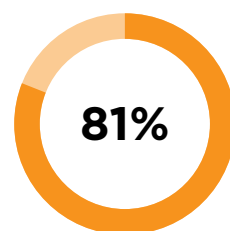
of participants reported better overall wellbeing



increased their psychological resilience



experienced increased high quality connection with others



had increased know-how to access spaces, services and activities they need

"The best thing about this course was being able to feel relaxed with people I have never met before."

Ami

"Since Level 2, I have been going out more."

Clonel



Tea break chats

Case study: Rokeya



I am 63 years old, and I wanted to do this course to learn to keep my mind fresh and healthy. I've learned a lot, and I understand more about myself. I learned a lot about how to be more confident and kind to myself. I also feel that I share more about myself with my children and the women here. I feel very happy that I came to this course. I knew most women here but I didn't know everyone well. Now I feel that I got to know some of the women here better and I have talked with more women outside this course. My mind feels fresh and more relaxed.

²Sample size, 120 people. We succeeded in capturing pre-course data for 147 participants, and both pre- and post-course data for 120 participants.

Successes



Held our first ever co-designed activity; a bus tour planned and organised by the steering group, attended by 25 people. Booking out within 24 hours, it showed that co-design really does work!



Held our first ever men's course, in partnership with the Bow Geezer's Club.



Completed further, volunteer-led research on the wellbeing of older men, how they interact with our programme, and how we can better reach them.



Held our first ever interpreter-supported course for older Bangladeshi women.

Funders



"I like coming to the course because I feel lonely at home. I like us learning from each other, with different ideas. Thinking positive, not negative, good for mental health"

Primla

Primla shares her wedding photo



"It's taught me to listen rather than of thinking of what to say next."

Alan

"Since Level 1, I have joined a coffee morning, an exercise group and a walking group."

Shefah



The Bow Geezers at our first ever course for older men

To measure our impact we use a combination of methods:

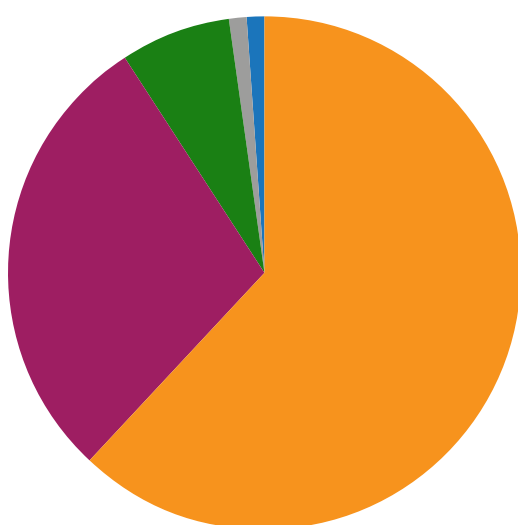
- gathering quantitative data on attendance at activities,
- collecting baseline data on the area of health or wellbeing we're seeking to improve, then checking scores at the end of activities,
- collating case studies which give insights into the lives of those we work with, and how our support is meeting them,
- conducting in-depth interviews with some participants across each project,
- documenting activities with photographs and video, where this is appropriate,
- asking people's informed consent to share their words or any images of them.

We don't calculate data on what academic course providers call 'retention,' as this would be a poor measure of impact or outcomes when working with participants facing multiple barriers to attending sessions. For example, at times a newly-arrived woman seeking asylum may need to care for a child or sick relative, attend health and immigration appointments, or feel too disoriented and overwhelmed to leave her accommodation. But despite missing a session or two, she continues to attend. Or, somebody may attend every week for 12 weeks, then be moved to a different area. Isolated older participants often have sensory impairments, disabilities, and health appointments which can hamper attendance.



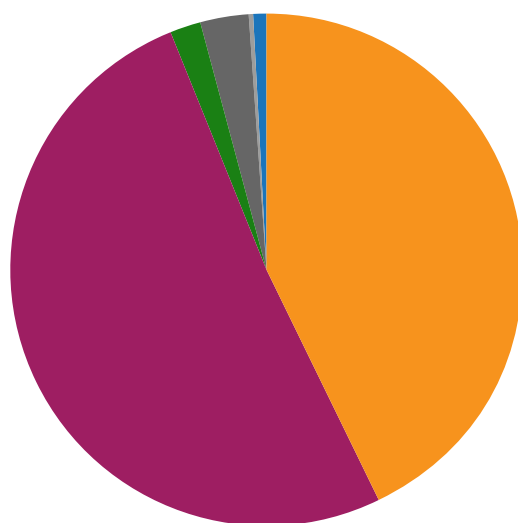
How you gave

2025 Total £206,387



Trusts & foundations	£128,774
Government & public institutions	£59,903
Donations	£13,572
Rental and other income	£263
Investments	£2,761
Gift Aid	£1,114

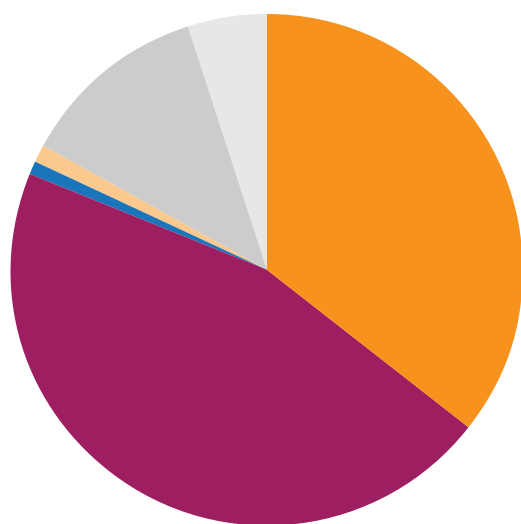
2024 Total £124,850



Trusts & foundations	£54,138
Government & public institutions	£63,348
Donations	£2,349
Rental and other income	£3,150
Investments	£544
Gift Aid	£1,321

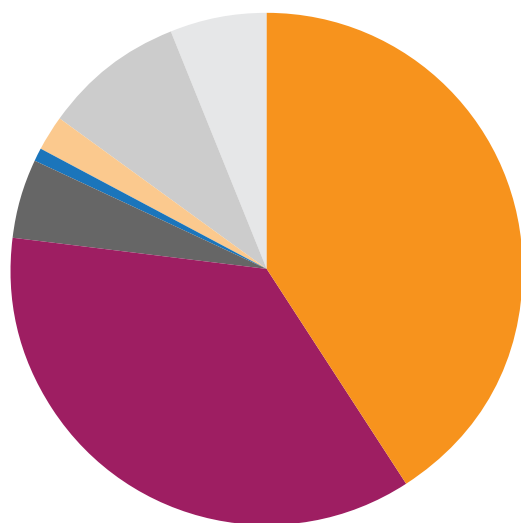
How we used the money

2025 Total £176,077



Staff costs:	£63,642
Project delivery:	£81,217
Monitoring & evaluation:	£0
Administration & finance:	£1,209
Governance:	£1,663
Office rent & costs:	£20,368
Fundraising:	£7,978

2024 Total £68,330



Staff costs:	£27,674
Project delivery:	£24,734
Monitoring & evaluation:	£3,190
Administration & finance:	£1,019
Governance:	£1,033
Office rent & costs:	£6,253
Fundraising:	£4,427

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Thank you

For being part of the local community and uniting to create positive change for the people who need it most.

To each of our individual supporters. Your donations not only provide the material support to keep our work going, but they show we are not alone in our vision, and that the desire to see more and more connection, creativity and cohesion inspires you too.

To Anna Chabrelie, Zanita Rubens and Sam Kemp of Dentons law firm, for your expert guidance in ensuring that various aspects of our operations are compliant.

To the trusts, foundations, institutions and companies which have generously supported us this year:

- Barchester's Charitable Foundation
- City Bridge Foundation, the funding arm of the City of London Corporation's charity, Bridge House Estates
- Foyle Foundation
- GSK Community Health Programme Award
- Henry Smith Charity
- Hilden Charitable Fund
- London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Mayor's Community Grants Programme
- London Churches Refugee Fund
- London Community Foundation
- Mrs Smith & Mount Charitable Trust
- Rook Irwin Sweeney
- Postcode Society Trust - Players of People's Postcode Lottery
- SD Estates
- Sport England
- The Albert Hunt Trust
- Wakefield & Tetley Trust
- Plus one further Trust which wishes to remain anonymous

To St Margaret's House for being so much more than the building which houses our office. We greatly appreciate all the opportunities for networking, support and friendship.



MRS SMITH & MOUNT TRUST



To our designer Alex Keating for helping us communicate the impact of our work - and making it look beautiful.

Globe Community Project

Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 30 April 2025

Current year

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2025 Total £
Income from:				
Donations	2	5,867	2,979	8,846
Charitable activities				
Grants	3	41,000	147,677	188,677
Fundraising event		–	5,840	5,840
Other trading activities	4	263	–	263
Investments		2,761	–	2,761
Total income		49,891	156,496	206,387
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	–	7,978	7,978
Charitable activities	5	19,352	148,747	168,099
Total expenditure		19,352	156,725	176,077
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	6	30,539	(229)	30,310
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		10,620	57,109	67,729
Total funds carried forward	14a	41,159	56,880	98,039

Prior year

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £
Income from:				
Donations		3,670	–	3,670
Charitable activities				
Grants	3	–	117,486	117,486
Other trading activities	4	3,150	–	3,150
Investments		544	–	544
Total income		7,364	117,486	124,850
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	459	3,968	4,427
Charitable activities	5	–	63,903	63,903
Total expenditure		459	67,871	68,330
Net income for the year	6	6,905	49,615	56,520
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		3,715	7,494	11,209
Total funds carried forward	14b	10,620	57,109	67,729

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 14 to the financial statements.

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Balance sheet

Company no. 04992627

As at 30 April 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Current assets:					
Debtors	11		10,716		840
Cash at bank and in hand			92,382		96,796
			103,098		97,636
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12		(5,059)		(29,907)
Total net assets			98,039		67,729
The funds of the charity:	14a				
Restricted income funds			56,880		57,109
Unrestricted income funds:					
Designated funds		14,767		–	
General funds		26,392		10,620	
Total unrestricted funds			41,159		10,620
Total charity funds			98,039		67,729

The opinion of the directors is that the company is entitled to the exemptions conferred by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge the following responsibilities:

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

Approved by the trustees on 16 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Lily Wong Le

Lily Wong Le
Chair

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Notes to the financial statements

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1 Accounting policies

a) Statutory information

Globe Community Project is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is incorporated in England.

The registered office address and principal place of business is St Margaret's House, 21 Old Ford Road, London, E2 9PL.

b) Basis of preparation

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

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the trustees have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The nature of the estimation means the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. Any significant estimates and judgements affecting these financial statements are detailed within the relevant accounting policy below.

c) Public benefit entity

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

d) Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the next 12 months.

e) Income

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

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

g) Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering projects to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i) Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

k) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has 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 due.

l) Pensions

The charity offers a defined contribution scheme to its employees. The costs of contributions are recognised in the year they are payable.

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2 Income from donations and legacies

	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 £	2024 £
Donations – individuals	–	2,493	2,493	2,349
Donations – corporate	2,239	3,000	5,239	–
Gift aid	740	374	1,114	1,321
	2,979	5,867	8,846	3,670

All income in the prior year was unrestricted.

3 Grants received

	2025 Restricted £	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Barchester's Charitable Foundation	1,000	–	1,000	–
City Bridge Foundation	40,715	–	40,715	31,066
GSK Community Health Programme Award	–	10,000	10,000	–
Henry Smith Charity	32,900	–	32,900	–
London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) – Mayor's Community Grants Programme	39,903	–	39,903	26,602
London Churches Refugee Fund	500	–	500	–
Postcode Society Trust	–	25,000	25,000	–
The Albert Hunt Trust	–	3,000	3,000	–
The Farthing Trust	–	3,000	3,000	–
The Hilden Charitable Fund	6,697	–	6,697	6,697
The London Community Foundation	20,000	–	20,000	14,024
Wakefield and Tetley Trust	5,962	–	5,962	1,875
London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) – Emergency Fund	–	–	–	7,747
London Catalyst	–	–	–	3,000
Mrs Smith and Mount Trust	–	–	–	4,000
Sport England Grant	–	–	–	14,975
The Foyle Foundation	–	–	–	7,500
	147,677	41,000	188,677	117,486

4 Income from other trading activities

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Rent received	263	3,150
	263	3,150

All income from other trading activities is unrestricted.

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5a Analysis of expenditure (current year)

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Governance costs £	Support costs £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (Note 7)	3,688	57,915	–	5,727	67,330	30,749
Project delivery	–	81,218	–	–	81,218	24,734
Monitoring and evaluation	–	–	–	–	–	3,190
Administration and finance	–	–	1,663	1,209	2,872	2,052
Office rent and costs	–	5,885	–	14,482	20,367	6,253
Raising funds	4,290	–	–	–	4,290	1,352
	7,978	145,018	1,663	21,418	176,077	68,330
Support costs	–	21,418	–	(21,418)	–	–
Governance costs	–	1,663	(1,663)	–	–	–
Total expenditure 2025	7,978	168,099	–	–	176,077	
Total expenditure 2024	4,427	63,903	–	–		68,330

5b Analysis of expenditure (prior year)

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Governance costs £	Support costs £	2024 Total £
Staff costs (Note 7)	3,075	21,524	–	6,150	30,749
Project delivery	–	24,734	–	–	24,734
Monitoring and evaluation	–	3,190	–	–	3,190
Administration and finance	–	–	1,033	1,019	2,052
Office rent and costs	–	20	–	6,233	6,253
Raising funds	1,352	–	–	–	1,352
	4,427	49,468	1,033	13,402	68,330
Support costs	–	13,402	–	(13,402)	–
Governance costs	–	1,033	(1,033)	–	–
Total expenditure 2024	4,427	63,903	–	–	68,330

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6 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2025 £	2024 £
Operating lease rentals payable:		
Property	3,404	3,246
Independent Examiner's Fee		
Independent Examination (excluding VAT)	650	650

7 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	63,223	29,886
Social security costs	5,665	2,451
Employment allowance	(5,665)	(2,451)
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	4,107	863
	<u>67,330</u>	<u>30,749</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2024: nil).

The total employee benefits (including pension contributions and employer's national insurance) of the key management personnel were £34,921 (2024: £27,656).

The charity trustees were neither paid nor received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2024: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024: £nil).

No trustee received any expenses during this year (2024: £nil)

8 Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was 1.4 (2024: 0.8).

9 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to disclose for this financial year.

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

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10 Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments	–	840
Accrued income	10,716	–
	10,716	840

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	5,059	1,907
Deferred income	–	28,000
	5,059	29,907

Deferred income comprises grants received in advance. £nil was deferred in the current year (2024: £28,000).

13a Analysis of net assets between funds (current year)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Net current assets	41,159	56,880	98,039
Net assets at 30 April 2025	41,159	56,880	98,039

13b Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Net current assets	10,620	57,109	67,729
Net assets at 30 April 2024	10,620	57,109	67,729

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14a Movements in funds (current year)

	At 1 May 2024 £	Income & gains £	Expenditure & losses £	At 30 April 2025 £
Restricted funds:				
Barchester's Charitable Foundation	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
City Bridge Foundation	21,647	40,715	(46,637)	15,725
Feasts for Friendship	-	6,580	-	6,580
Henry Smith Charity	-	32,900	(32,877)	23
London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) – Mayor's Community Grants Programme	14,273	39,903	(48,514)	5,662
London Churches Refugee Fund	-	500	(500)	-
Mrs Smith and Mount Trust	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
SD Estates	-	2,239	(656)	1,583
Sport England Grant	10,386	-	(10,386)	-
The Foyle Foundation	2,772	-	(2,772)	-
The Hilden Charitable Fund	4,031	6,697	(5,204)	5,524
The London Community Foundation	-	20,000	(4,179)	15,821
Wakefield Tetley Trust	-	5,962	-	5,962
Total restricted funds	57,109	156,496	(156,725)	56,880
Unrestricted funds:				
Designated Funds				
Postcode Society Trust	-	25,000	(13,233)	11,767
The Albert Hunt Trust	-	3,000	-	3,000
Total designated funds	-	28,000	(13,233)	14,767
General funds	10,620	21,891	(6,119)	26,392
Total unrestricted funds	10,620	49,891	(19,352)	41,159
Total funds	67,729	206,387	(176,077)	98,039

The narrative to explain the purpose of each fund is given at the foot of the note below.

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14b Movements in funds (prior year)

	At 1 May 2023 £	Income & gains £	Expenditure & losses £	At 30 April 2024 £
Restricted funds:				
City Bridge Foundation	–	31,066	(9,419)	21,647
The Foyle Foundation	–	7,500	(4,728)	2,772
The Hilden Charitable Fund	–	6,697	(2,666)	4,031
London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) – Emergency Fund	–	7,747	(7,747)	–
London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) Local Community Fund	1,474	14,024	(15,498)	–
London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) – Mayor's Community Grants Programme	–	26,602	(12,329)	14,273
Sport England Grant	–	14,975	(4,589)	10,386
Mrs Smith and Mount Trust	6,020	7,000	(9,020)	4,000
Wakefield Tetley Trust	–	1,875	(1,875)	–
Total restricted funds	7,494	117,486	(67,871)	57,109
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	3,715	7,364	(459)	10,620
Total unrestricted funds	3,715	7,364	(459)	10,620
Total funds	11,209	124,850	(68,330)	67,729

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Purposes of restricted funds

Fund name

The Foyle Foundation	Contribution to core costs.
Henry Smith Charity	Contribution towards three years' running costs.
Sport England Grant	Support for recently-arrived, female refugees who are not physically active.
Wakefield Tetley Trust	Contribution to salaries for project management costs.

Wellbeing for Over 60's

Wellbeing courses for older people at risk of loneliness and isolation.

Funded by:

Barchester's Charitable Foundation
City Bridge Foundation
London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) – Mayor's Community Grants Programme

Touching Safe Ground

A blended programme of trauma-informed yoga, ESOL and local orientation for refugee and migrant women.

Funded by:

Feasts for Friendship
The Hilden Charitable Fund
London Churches Refugee Fund
SD Estates
The London Community Foundation
Mrs Smith and Mount Trust

Purposes of designated funds

Postcode Society Trust	Contribution to Touching Safe Ground project.
The Albert Hunt Trust	Contribution to core costs, designated to support costs associated with the Touching Safe Ground project.

15 Operating lease commitments payable as a lessee

The charity's total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases is as follows for each of the following periods

	2025 £	2024 £
Property:		
Less than one year	1,378	1,378
	<u>1,378</u>	<u>1,378</u>

16 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £5.

The gross income for the year was £206,387, comprising £156,496 Restricted funds and £49,891 Unrestricted funds. Overall income increased by 66% compared with the previous year.

Unrestricted income rose sharply compared with the previous year, in line with our fundraising strategy. Unrestricted income comprised unrestricted grants from GSK Community Health Programme Award, Postcode Society Trust and The Albert Hunt Trust, regular donations, corporate donations from Rook Irwin Sweeney and SD Estates, return on investments and Gift Aid. The charity continued to improve income diversity, with 10 active project grants, 5 core grants and 2 corporate donations this year (YE2024: 7, 3, 0).

Restricted income also rose, again in line with our strategy and reflecting a good return for investing in our fundraising activities. Restricted income comprised ongoing grants from the City Bridge Foundation, LBTH Mayors Community Grants, Sport England, The Hilden Charitable Fund, The London Community Foundation and The Foyle Foundation, as well as new grants from Barchester's Charitable Foundation, Henry Smith Charity, London Churches Refugee Fund, Mrs Smith and Mount Trust, Postcode Society Trust and Wakefield Tetley Trust, as well as the funds from the Feasts for Friendship campaign, which raised £6,580 to support the Touching Safe Ground project.

Total expenditure was £176,077, including £156,725 Restricted funds, and £19,352 Unrestricted funds.

Spending of both Restricted and Unrestricted funds increased this year, as predicted, as our projects scaled up and our core function expanded to support them. We predict modest further growth throughout the next financial year.

We ended the year with total funds of £98,039, comprising £56,880 Restricted funds, £41,159 Unrestricted funds, and a surplus of £30,310.

While at the time of signing these accounts, the charity has been impacted by the global Covid-19 virus, the global economic impacts of the Russia-Ukraine war and the UK Cost of Living crisis, the trustees have reassessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date the accounts are approved, and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets (£0) and designated funds (£14,767) at the year end were **£26,392**, a significant increase on the £10,620 reserves with which we closed the prior year. While this increase is encouraging, reserves remain below the trustees' target of 3-6 months' operating costs. Trustees have a detailed plan to reach target levels by the year ended 2028 and are confident that this is comfortably achievable.

GCP has a Reserves policy and a Risk Management policy which includes the expectation that the Management Committee will review the year's financial risks at least once a year. The board of trustees aims to ensure that reserves remain at a reasonable proportion of overall turnover, and are able to cover any financial risks that have been identified. Reserves can be accessed, in line with the Reserves policy, in any circumstances in which the expected unrestricted funds fall short of being able to meet essential costs for the year.



Constitution

Globe Community Project is a company limited by guarantee and was formed on 11 December 2003. It is governed by a memorandum and articles of association as amended by special resolution dated 17 June 2004, 3 July 2015, 18 September 2019 and 12 January 2021. The liability of the members in the event of the company being wound up is limited to a sum not exceeding £5.

Charity number: 1104770
Company number: 04992627

Directors and trustees

The directors of the charitable company (“the charity”) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the trustees. The management committee is responsible for the day-to-day running of the Globe Community Project (GCP), and meets every three months. The trustees are all members of the management committee. There may also be members of this committee who are not trustees, who have time and/or particular skills to offer and are interested in supporting the work of the charity. These members may be co-opted onto the committee during the year and then stand for re-appointment at the AGM.

Trustees

- Bethan Charnley
- Funmi Ayorinde (appointed March 2025)
- Julian Haxby, Company Secretary
- Katherine Elizabeth Pumphrey (appointed September 2024, following a period as an adviser)
- Kyriaki (Kiki) Michaelidou (appointed March 2025)
- Lily Wong Le

- Lui Marie Goldie (appointed September 2024)
- Ripon Shamsul Ray
- Anna-Paulina Norbury (resigned March 2025)
- Arslan Hussain (resigned December 2024)
- Robert Tame (resigned March 2025)
- Roisin Kavanagh, Treasurer, (resigned September 2024)

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Investment powers

Under its Memorandum and Articles of Association, the charity has the power to make any investments, which the trustees see fit.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and UK Accounting Standards.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards 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 the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (Charities SORP (FRS102)), and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

Independent Examination

In line with Charity Commission requirements, an independent examination of our accounts has been commissioned. The report of the Independent Examiner is on page XX. GCP is exempt from audit as our gross income falls below £1,000,000.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees



Lily Wong Le
Chair
Globe Community Project

16 September, 2025

To the members of Globe Community Project,

I report on the financial statements of Globe Community Project (the charity) for the year ended 30 April 2025, which are set out on pages ** to **

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Wendy H Smith

Wendy H Smith

16 September 2025

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