

# Connect Stars

England & Wales · Charity number 1104934

## Details

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Other names	HORN STARS
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	<a href="#">04921997</a>
Registered	2004-07-16
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** A. TO ADVANCE EDUCATION INCLUDING PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CAPABILITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVEDB. TO RELIEVE POVERTY BY THE PROVISION OF ADVICE AND INFORMATION ABOUT HEALTH, WELFARE HOUSING AND SOCIAL BENEFITS AND BY PROVIDING TRAINING FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUNG PEOPLE

**Activities:** Community advice and guidanceSummer and School holidays play activitiesFootball Training programmeMentoringConsultancyFamily mediation

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

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- Djibouti
- Kenya
- Somalia
- Throughout London

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£225,470	£207,803	-	-
2024-03-31	£267,044	£272,041	-	-
2023-03-31	£328,754	£321,763	-	-
2022-03-31	£341,283	£354,148	-	-
2021-03-31	£203,512	£193,316	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>ABDIKARIM FARAH</b>	Chair	2024-04-01
Ahmed Jama		2018-04-28
Ahmed Musa		2014-10-17
Ayan Ali		2020-03-23

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

2024 – 2025

## Connect Stars

Presented:

Connect Stars Annual General Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Safari Restaurant

135 High Street

London NW10 4TR

**'Empowering the Next Generation'**

**Connect Stars Annual Report**

**2024 – 2025**

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## **Chair's Report**

Mr Farah welcomed the participants of the meeting and conveyed how good it is seeing everyone in person and checking how everyone was keeping and thanking all with regards to the outstanding work and commitment for the past year. The chairman also mentioned that there were extra copies of the previous minutes and accounts and if anybody needed them, they can be electronically sent again. Mr Farah has stepped up as the Chairman for the second year running and has a long standing of the operations of the charity as a user all the way to becoming a chairman.

The chairman informed the gathering that the organisation was developing and improving its prospects of attracting funding, and this year has been a rewarding one for the charity.

Connect Stars have been re branding itself for some time now and this has improved the public image of the organisation, using social media effectively.

I would like to thank for all of those of you that have taken their time to come and be with us here tonight and also Connect Stars volunteers and staff in whom without their support we wouldn't be here. A big thank you to Muna Yusuf who is stepping down as a trustee after 5 years of dedication and drive in the organisation.

Abdikarim Farah

Chairman

## Treasurer's Report

### **Introduction**

The 2024/25 financial year has improved drastically from last financial year and this was due to the core funding we have received.

The report from the treasurer should be read in conjunction with the Accounts and Trustees Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### **Finance**

The treasurer is satisfied with the Financial Statements that accompany this report. The following are some of the highlights:

#### **Balance Sheet**

The balance sheet is quite healthy.

The general reserve was £44,911 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. That figure has been an improvement from last year and our auditor's advice that we should have a cash reserve equal to about three months operating expenditure has been achieved with careful planning. Connect Stars is now aiming at to sustain the general reserve to that recommended level, though it is known to be a difficult task due to some funding coming to an end.

Unless we make our provision for community advice and guidance funded projects Connect Stars will continue to stress its resources and burden its operating costs.

#### **Income**

The total income for the year is **£225,470** which came from our grant givers and donors.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure was in line with budgets of the projects under implementation which was relatively good this year as its slightly dropped from last financial year due to some projects coming to an end. Most of the expenditure was focuses on projects to be implemented and the core costs of the charity in relationship to its growing activities. The activities included After schools activities, youth engagements, career focused initiatives in additional further funding were secured for leadership projects.

Expense included operating costs, salaries, rent and utilities, adverts and promotion, volunteer expenses, sundries and repairs, and others such as printing, postage and stationery.

### **Cash flow**

As the funding decreased, we had less problems with incoming cash flow and this has decreased the tensions we faced the previous years the difficulties with cash flow is getting better, but we had to maintain a rigorous expenditure in par to available in-hand funds.

### **Financial Issues**

It's been a good financial year and no long-term financial issue that face the organisation:

Ahmed Jama

The treasurer

# **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

## **I AM Brent Programme**

### High-Level Activity Summary

During the financial year April 2024 to March 2025, Connect Stars played a key delivery role within the I AM Brent (MyEnds) programme, a place-based violence reduction initiative funded by the London Violence Reduction Unit (VRU). The programme focused on early intervention, prevention, and harm reduction for children and young people living in identified high-need areas across Brent, including Chalkhill, Church Road, Harlesden, Stonebridge, and St Raphael's.

### **Purpose and Approach**

Connect Stars' delivery aimed to:

- Reduce young people's exposure to violence and harm
- Increase access to positive opportunities and trusted adult relationships
- Strengthen youth voice and engagement in community decision-making
- Support emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships, and safer behaviours

Delivery combined open-access youth provision, targeted mentoring, sports-based interventions, befriending and outreach, and youth forums, working closely with schools, families, and consortium partners.

### **Key Activities Delivered**

Across the year, Connect Stars delivered a coordinated package of interventions including:

- Youth Clubs (Primary and Secondary)

Safe, structured spaces offering sports, group activities and wellbeing support for children and young people, particularly during after-school hours and school holidays.

- Mentoring at Youth Clubs

One-to-one and small-group mentoring for young people referred from youth clubs, schools and partner organisations, focused on emotional regulation, confidence, behaviour and trusted adult relationships.

- Safer Through Activity Together (STAT)

A structured, school-based programme for vulnerable Year 6 pupils, combining sports, mentoring, behaviour targets and regular feedback to schools and families to support healthy relationships and positive transitions.

- Befriending, Referral and Support

Street-based and community outreach targeting young people aged 16–25 experiencing isolation, disengagement or risk, offering immediate support, guidance and referrals to education, employment, housing and health services.

- Youth Forums

Facilitated forums enabling young people to express views on safety, community issues and service design, increasing youth voice and participation in local decision-making.

### **Impact and Outcomes**

Throughout the year, Connect Stars engaged hundreds of children and young people through I AM Brent interventions. Outcomes achieved included:

- Increased engagement in positive activities and community spaces
- Improved emotional regulation, confidence and peer relationships
- Stronger feelings of safety and trust in adults
- Reduced isolation and improved access to support services
- Enhanced youth voice and leadership, particularly among under-represented groups

Quantitative outcome data and qualitative case studies demonstrated progress against key VRU outcome areas, including harm reduction, positive opportunities, and healthy relationship behaviours.

### **Partnership Working**

Delivery was achieved through close partnership with:

- Local primary and secondary schools
- Sport at the Heart and other I AM Brent consortium members
- Families, carers and community stakeholders
- Brent Council and statutory partners

This collaborative approach ensured early identification of need, coordinated support pathways, and locally responsive delivery.

### **Governance and Learning**

Connect Stars maintained robust safeguarding, data collection and monitoring processes throughout the year. Learning from delivery informed service improvement, strengthened referral pathways, and contributed to consortium-wide evaluation led by the Innovation Unit.

## Conclusion

Connect Stars' I AM Brent delivery during 2024–25 contributed meaningfully to violence prevention, early intervention and community safety in Brent. The programme strengthened protective factors for children and young people while building trusted relationships, positive opportunities and safer community environments.

### D.I.V.A. Programme Progress and Impact

- The D.I.V.A. Programme has continued to make strong progress since the last reporting period, successfully bringing together girls from across Brent and benefiting from the ongoing support of dedicated Senior D.I.V.A. mentors.
- **Delivered a series of successful workshops, providing participants with:**
  - Opportunities for skills development and personal growth
  - A platform for peer connection and networking
  - A safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment where young people could build confidence and thrive
- **Programme delivery was strengthened through consistent support from Senior D.I.V.A.s, whose mentoring, leadership, and lived experience added significant value to each session.**
  - This ensured young people received tailored guidance and one-to-one support, helping them progress on their individual personal development journeys.
- **Organised and delivered a community food collection initiative in support of a local food bank, with participants:**
  - Collecting donation boxes
  - Designing and distributing promotional posters
  - Coordinating and managing the logistics of collecting and transporting donations
- **Successfully planned and delivered the D.I.V.A. Awards Ceremony, with participants taking responsibility for:**

- Selecting, preparing, and packing gift bags
- Visiting and preparing the venue
- Decorating the space and managing event set-up
- Senior D.I.V.A. leaders delegated specific roles to team members, promoting teamwork, leadership, and ownership, which contributed to a well-organised and successful event.
- Young people delivered individual presentations reflecting on their journey within the programme, demonstrating increased confidence, self-awareness, and the impact of their personal development to date.

### **Programme Delivery and Impact**

- Delivered a range of **holiday programmes**, including youth clubs, football tournaments, and activities delivered in partnership with local organisations, providing a holistic youth offer.
- Engaged approximately **350 young people annually** through youth clubs and sports festivals, including **NFL Flag** and holiday football festivals.

### **Leadership and Volunteering**

- Successfully delivered the **CALM Leadership Programme**, supporting **25 young people** to gain meaningful volunteering experience.
- Participants completed **skills-based workshops** and led social action projects, including:
  - Facilitating the **Summer Sports Festival**
  - Supporting the local food bank **Sufra**
  - Delivering community clean-up activities in **Stonebridge** and **Chalkhill**

### **Outreach and Detached Youth Work**

- Provided targeted **outreach and detached youth work** for young people at risk of, or involved in, gang-related activity across:
  - Stonebridge
  - Church Road
  - Wembley Civic Centre
  - Chalkhill
- Conducted extensive engagement in public spaces (street corners, alleyways, benches) during warmer months, and within residential blocks across three estates during winter months.

## **Young Adult Support (18–30)**

- Engaged **young adults aged 18–30** through sustained street-based outreach.
- Offered tailored support through:
  - Employment and enterprise pathways to support access to work
  - Referrals to specialist services, including **Addaction**, for substance misuse support
- Since its inception during lockdown, the project has highlighted significant inequalities affecting young adults, with ongoing weekly engagement providing consistent support.

## **Partnership Working and Safeguarding**

- Worked closely with **Brent Council's Community Safety Team**, housing associations, and the **Metropolitan Police**.
- Adopted a **multi-agency approach** to safeguarding, incident response, and community safety.
- Collaborated with statutory service providers to deliver **direct, coordinated support** to young people and young adults.

## **Community Advice & Guidance**

### **Advice and Support Services**

- Advice sessions were delivered at the Stonebridge Hub, with a shift in focus towards digital support, helping residents to access and use online systems provided by:
  - Housing providers (including Hyde and Peabody)
  - Government portals and websites
- Residents were supported to:
  - Report repairs and service issues
  - Update changes in circumstances
  - Report anti-social behaviour
- This represented a significant improvement on the previous year, when the service was delivered largely remotely and proved challenging for many residents.
- Increased the number of volunteers and professional advisers supporting the Monday and Friday advice surgeries, with skilled professionals giving their time on a flexible basis.

- Worked closely with Brent Hub support services, referring complex and high-need cases to specialist teams based at:
  - Harlesden Library
  - Willesden Library
  - Kilburn Library

### **Key Advice Areas**

The majority of advice sessions focused on the following issues:

- Utilities (gas, electricity, water, and telecommunications)
- Child Tax Credit
- Child Benefit
- State benefits, including:
  - Housing Benefit
  - Council Tax Support
  - Income Support
  - Jobseeker's Allowance
  - Employment and Support Allowance
  - Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- Employment applications and job search support
- Cost of Living crisis
- Food and energy poverty

### **Service Delivery and Reach**

- Advice sessions were delivered on Mondays and Fridays, with no appointment required on these days.
- For urgent cases outside these sessions, appointments were available on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Sessions were typically delivered by two advice officers, with a significant proportion of cases arising from communication breakdowns between service providers and residents.
- Over 40 individuals accessed the advice service during the year, with many returning for ongoing or follow-up support.

# **FUNDING AGENCIES 2024-2025**

STEP UP HUB

BRENT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

THE LONDON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

WEMBLEY STADIUM FOUNDATION

HYDE HOUSING

PEABODY

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES NETWORK

ARK ACADEMY

STREETGAMES

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

STREETGAMES

**PARTNERS 2024 - 2025**

Active Communities Network

Step Up Hub

Hilltop Circle

Young Brent Foundation

Sport at the Heart

London Youth



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## CONNECT STARS

Accounts and Trustees; Report  
For the year ended 31 March 2025



## **Connect Stars**

### **Legal and Administrative Expenses**

**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

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N.B. please note that the charity changed its name on 01.04.2024

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Company number: 4921997

Management committee:

Abdikarim Farah	-	Chairman
Ahmed Jama	-	Treasurer
Ayan Ali	-	Member
Ahmed Musa	-	Member

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Director/Chairman: Abdikarim Farah

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# **Connect Stars**

## **Trustees' Report**

**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

### ***Objective***

The objective of Connect Stars is to provide a holistic range of support services to the black and ethnic minorities and Refugee Communities in West London and contribute towards a positive and well-balanced integration with host community to access public services especially in education and recreation.

### ***Legal structure***

Connect Stars is a registered charity company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated October 2003.

### ***Financial statements***

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity company, submit their trustees' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### ***Policies:***

#### ***Reserve policy:***

The charitable company currently operates with minimal general reserves. The trustees are endeavouring to build up its donor base with a view to having sufficient reserves in order to continue its operations.

#### ***Risk(s) review:***

The trustees have recently reviewed the major risks faced by the charitable company. This has resulted in efforts to increase charity's donor base to build general reserves.

### ***Trustees Responsibilities***

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees oversee preparation of financial statements, select suitable accounting policies and make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent to give the true state of affairs of the charity.

## Connect Stars

### Trustees' Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company. They are elected and replaced as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### *Activities and Achievements*

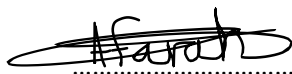
The charity is managed by elected trustee members, a Program Coordinator and a good number of volunteers, part-time youth worker and sports coaches. The office is open from Monday to Friday between 9.00 am and 4.00pm, and youth clubs in the evenings.

The core of the charity's work continues to be educational, youth engagement projects for junior teams and recreational development amongst young people from refugee communities and fighting against early offending and anti-social behaviour. Our plans for the short term include enhancing and building on the strong foundation already started and increasing initiatives and activities that compliments the needs of those who are at risk of offending, school exclusions, early dropouts and anti-social activities.

#### *Funding*

The charity is generously funded by Step Up Hub, John Lyons Charity, LB of Brent, Step Up Hub, Hyde Housing, Peabody, Wembley Stadium Foundation, The London Community Foundation, Lottery Funding, Active Communities Network, Ark Academy, London Sport and other organisations which made possible the initiation and continuation of this service to break the barrier for the children of Ethnic Minorities, young refugees and their families.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:



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Chairman

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Abdikarim Farah

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**Connect Stars**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**For the year ending 31 March 2025**

I have examined the accounts on pages 5 to 6 which have been prepared on the accruals basis.

***Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner***

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 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 the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities; have not been met

*Issa Associates*

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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## CONNECT STARS

### Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b><i>Income</i></b>				
<i>Grants and Donations</i>	28,170	197,300	225,470	267,044
	28,170	197,300	225,470	267,044
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Admin costs	-	-	-	2,098
Leadership programmes	-	5,850	5,850	18,910
Community awareness events	-	18,727	18,727	10,954
Youth, football & Outreach activities	-	51,574	51,574	53,776
Schools support activities	-	-	-	4,452
Employment and careers advice	-	23,096	23,096	20,500
Wages & salaries	13,033	37,059	50,092	89,367
Rent and facilities hire	-	6,363	6,363	12,700
Travel and subsistence	1,295	-	1,295	885
Holiday programme & events	-	30,552	30,552	32,725
Legal & Professional fees	1,776	-	1,776	852
Consultancy and Training	-	6,000	6,000	12,725
Telephone and internet charges	5,177	-	5,177	4,755
Printing, postage and stationery	3,111	-	3,111	3,338
Volunteer expenses	3,195	-	3,195	2,430
Marketing and promotion	702	-	702	660
Insurance	293	-	293	-
Depreciation charge	-	-	-	914
Total expenditure	28,583	179,220	207,803	272,041
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(412)	18,080	17,667	(4,998)
Fund balances at 1 April 2024	7,949	19,295	27,244	32,241
Fund balance as at 31 March 2025	7,537	37,374	44,911	27,244

## CONNECT STARS

### Balance Sheet


**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
<i>Fixed Assets:</i>					
Computers and equipment	3		-		-
			-		-
<i>Current Assets:</i>					
Debtors	4	17,102		12,640	
Cash in hand		28,408		15,204	
		45,511		27,844	
<i>Current liabilities payable within 1 year:</i>					
Creditors and accruals	5	(600)		(600)	
<i>Net Current Assets</i>			44,911		27,244
<i>Total Assets less current liabilities</i>			44,911		27,244
<i>Funds:</i>					
Restricted Funds			37,374		19,295
Unrestricted Funds			7,537		7,949
			44,911		27,244

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under s476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime. The financial statements on pages 1 to 6 were approved by the board and signed on their behalf by:

  
 .....  
 Treasurer  
 Ahmed Jama

Date: 11 December 2025

# CONNECT STARS

## Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and applicable accounting standards.

2 Accounting Policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year is set out below.

2.1 *Income and expenditure*

All income and expenditure is accounted for on accrual basis.

2.2 *Fund Accounting*

General funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by donors.

2.2 *Tangible Fixed assets and Depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost.

Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at an annual rate of 25% on straight line basis.

2.3 *Status*

The organisation is a registered charity & company limited by guarantee. The members are the trustees named on page 1. The liability in respect of the guarantee, as set out in the Memorandum, is limited to £1 per member of the company.

## CONNECT STARS

### Notes to the Accounts

**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

3	Tangible Fixed Assets		
		Office equipment	Total
	Costs	£	£
	At 1 April 2024	24,123	24,123
	Additions	-	-
	At 31 March 2025	24,123	24,123
	Depreciation		
	At 1 April 2024	24,123	24,123
	Charge for the year	-	-
	At 31 March 2025	24,123	24,123
	Net Book value		
	At 31 March 2025	-	-
	At 31 March 2024	-	-
4	Debtors	2025	2024
		£	£
	Other debtors	17,102	12,640
		17,102	12,640
5	Creditors and accruals	2025	2024
		£	£
	Other creditors	600	600
		600	600



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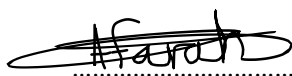
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This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:



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Chairman

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Abdikarim Farah

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**Connect Stars**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**For the year ending 31 March 2025**

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***Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner***

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

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## CONNECT STARS

### Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b><i>Income</i></b>				
<i>Grants and Donations</i>	28,170	197,300	225,470	267,044
	28,170	197,300	225,470	267,044
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Admin costs	-	-	-	2,098
Leadership programmes	-	5,850	5,850	18,910
Community awareness events	-	18,727	18,727	10,954
Youth, football & Outreach activities	-	51,574	51,574	53,776
Schools support activities	-	-	-	4,452
Employment and careers advice	-	23,096	23,096	20,500
Wages & salaries	13,033	37,059	50,092	89,367
Rent and facilities hire	-	6,363	6,363	12,700
Travel and subsistence	1,295	-	1,295	885
Holiday programme & events	-	30,552	30,552	32,725
Legal & Professional fees	1,776	-	1,776	852
Consultancy and Training	-	6,000	6,000	12,725
Telephone and internet charges	5,177	-	5,177	4,755
Printing, postage and stationery	3,111	-	3,111	3,338
Volunteer expenses	3,195	-	3,195	2,430
Marketing and promotion	702	-	702	660
Insurance	293	-	293	-
Depreciation charge	-	-	-	914
Total expenditure	28,583	179,220	207,803	272,041
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(412)	18,080	17,667	(4,998)
Fund balances at 1 April 2024	7,949	19,295	27,244	32,241
Fund balance as at 31 March 2025	7,537	37,374	44,911	27,244

## CONNECT STARS

### Balance Sheet


For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
<i>Fixed Assets:</i>					
Computers and equipment	3		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
			-		-
<i>Current Assets:</i>					
Debtors	4	17,102		12,640	
Cash in hand		<u>28,408</u>		<u>15,204</u>	
		45,511		27,844	
<i>Current liabilities payable within 1 year:</i>					
Creditors and accruals	5	<u>(600)</u>		<u>(600)</u>	
<i>Net Current Assets</i>			<u>44,911</u>		<u>27,244</u>
<i>Total Assets less current liabilities</i>			<u>44,911</u>		<u>27,244</u>
<i>Funds:</i>					
Restricted Funds			37,374		19,295
Unrestricted Funds			<u>7,537</u>		<u>7,949</u>
			<u>44,911</u>		<u>27,244</u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under s476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime. The financial statements on pages 1 to 6 were approved by the board and signed on their behalf by:

  
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Treasurer  
Ahmed Jama

Date: 11 December 2025

# CONNECT STARS

## Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and applicable accounting standards.

2 Accounting Policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year is set out below.

2.1 *Income and expenditure*

All income and expenditure is accounted for on accrual basis.

2.2 *Fund Accounting*

General funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by donors.

2.2 *Tangible Fixed assets and Depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost.

Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at an annual rate of 25% on straight line basis.

2.3 *Status*

The organisation is a registered charity & company limited by guarantee. The members are the trustees named on page 1. The liability in respect of the guarantee, as set out in the Memorandum, is limited to £1 per member of the company.

## CONNECT STARS

### Notes to the Accounts

**For the year ended 31 March 2025**

3	Tangible Fixed Assets		
		Office equipment	Total
	Costs	£	£
	At 1 April 2024	24,123	24,123
	Additions	-	-
	At 31 March 2025	24,123	24,123
	Depreciation		
	At 1 April 2024	24,123	24,123
	Charge for the year	-	-
	At 31 March 2025	24,123	24,123
	Net Book value		
	At 31 March 2025	-	-
	At 31 March 2024	-	-
4	Debtors	2025	2024
		£	£
	Other debtors	17,102	12,640
		17,102	12,640
5	Creditors and accruals	2025	2024
		£	£
	Other creditors	600	600
		600	600

**Connect Stars**

England & Wales - Charity number 1104934

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

2023 – 2024

## Connect Stars

Presented:

Connect Stars Annual General Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Safari Restaurant

135 High Street

London NW10 4TR

**'Empowering the Next Generation'**

**Connect Stars Annual Report**

**2023 – 2024**

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## **Chair's Report**

Mr Farah welcomed the participants of the meeting and conveyed how good it is seeing everyone in person and checking how everyone was keeping and thanking all with regards to the outstanding work and commitment for the past year. The chairman also mentioned that there were extra copies of the previous minutes and accounts and if anybody needed them, they can be electronically sent again. Mr Farah has stepped up as the Chairman and has a long standing of the operations of the charity

The chairman informed the gathering that the organisation was developing and improving its prospects of attracting funding, and this year has been a rewarding one for the charity.

Connect Stars have been re branding itself for some time now and this has improved the public image of the organisation, using social media effectively.

I would like to thank for all of those of you that have taken their time to come and be with us here tonight and also Connect Stars volunteers and staff in whom without their support we wouldn't be here. A big thank you to Fawzi Mohammed who is stepping down as a trustee after 8 years of dedication and drive in the organisation.

Abdikarim Farah

Chairman

## Treasurer's Report

### **Introduction**

The 2023/24 financial year has improved drastically from last financial year and this was due to the core funding we have received.

The report from the treasurer should be read in conjunction with the Accounts and Trustees Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

### **Finance**

The treasurer is satisfied with the Financial Statements that accompany this report. The following are some of the highlights:

#### **Balance Sheet**

The balance sheet is quite healthy.

The general reserve was £27,244 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. That figure has been an improvement from last year and our auditor's advice that we should have a cash reserve equal to about three months operating expenditure has been difficult to achieve since our income has increased. Connect Stars is now aiming at to sustain the general reserve to that recommended level, though it is known to be a difficult task.

Unless we make our provision for community advice and guidance funded projects Connect Stars will continue to stress its resources and burden its operating costs.

#### **Income**

The total income for the year is **£267,044** which came from our grant givers and donors.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure was in line with budgets of the projects under implementation which was relatively good this year as its slightly dropped from last financial year due to some projects coming to an end. Most of the expenditure was focuses on projects to be implemented and the core costs of the charity in relationship to its growing activities. The activities included After schools activities, youth engagements, career focused initiatives in additional further funding were secured for leadership projects.

Expense included operating costs, salaries, rent and utilities, adverts and promotion, volunteer expenses, sundries and repairs, and others such as printing, postage and stationery.

### **Cash flow**

As the funding increased, we had less problems with incoming cash flow and this has decreased the tensions we faced the previous years the difficulties with cash flow is getting better, but we had to maintain a rigorous expenditure in par to available in-hand funds.

### **Financial Issues**

It's been a good financial year and no long-term financial issue that face the organisation:

Ahmed Jama

The treasurer

# **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

## **Youth engagement and after school projects**

Connect Stars launched an impactful initiative focused on improving employment opportunities for young Somali men in the Brent area, who despite their qualifications face one of the highest unemployment rates among young people. This collaborative effort involves partnerships with local businesses, community centres, and educational institutions aimed at equipping these young men with necessary employability skills and securing job opportunities.

Young Somali men in Brent have historically experienced high unemployment rates, a concern consistently highlighted by community leaders and local organizations. In response, Connect Stars developed a strategic project to address and ameliorate this issue through direct community engagement and skills development.

The initiative specifically targets young Somali men aged 16-24 residing in Brent, with a goal to engage 50 participants within the first project year, enhancing their employability and facilitating their integration into the workforce. Connect Stars adopted a comprehensive approach combining digital and physical outreach strategies. A CRM system was employed to effectively manage interactions and monitor participant engagement. The project utilized local mosques, cafes, and sports venues for outreach, ensuring a broad and integrated community approach. Conducted in collaboration with Thames Water, Deloitte, HS2, and LinkedIn, these workshops provided practical skills training in CV writing and interview techniques, alongside direct employer interactions. Each participant was paired with a mentor from the community, offering personalized support to navigate their career path effectively. Leveraging digital tools to maintain engagement and track progress, ensuring a wide-reaching impact.

The project aimed to engage 50 young Somali men, successfully exceeding this target by engaging 55 individuals. It also surpassed its job placement target, achieving 17 successful job placements against a target of 16.

Addressing high unemployment in this demographic involved overcoming challenges such as resource constraints and the complex dynamics of systemic unemployment. These were effectively mitigated through meticulous planning, ongoing evaluations, and robust local partnerships.

The Connect Stars initiative has demonstrated a proactive and effective approach to reducing unemployment among young Somali men in Brent. By providing tailored support and fostering strong community and business connections, the project has not only achieved but exceeded its goals, contributing significantly to the community's economic and social health during the reporting period of April 2023 to March 2024.

The D.I.V.A. programme has been making remarkable strides since our last reporting period in bringing together girls from Brent and being supported by our dedicated senior D.I.V.A.'s. So far we have managed to deliver and achieve the following:

- Run successful workshops. Our workshops have provided the girls a platform for skills building, personal development, networking and creating a safe and fun space for the young people to thrive
- Been supported throughout by senior D.I.V.A.s. The guidance, mentoring and experience from our programme leader and senior D.I.V.A. girls have added immense value to the sessions, ensuring that all young people receive tailored support during the workshop sessions to support their journey towards personal growth
- Took girls on a social trip. We recently treated the girls to a social trip to ice skating in Queensway - West London. This trip provided all the girls with the opportunity to be in a relaxed environment and strengthen friendship over shared experiences.
- YP carried out individual presentations about their journey so far on the programme. The girls through a planned workshop session by programme leader were encouraged to reflect on their personal journey so far in the programme. This allowed us to see and hear of participants' growth, accomplishments and aspirations.
- Team bonding exercises. We have carried out both one-on-one and group mentoring sessions, allowing us to offer and provide tailored guidance and support throughout to the girls.
- Highly engaged social media profile of the group and their journey. An area of real success has been how we have captured and documented the

journey of the group through our social media platforms.

The after-school projects is progressing well with over 200 young people engaged the referrals to the Saturday football is mainly from schools and self-referrals, schools include Ark on Fridays where we conduct an afterschool football programme and Safer together through sport programme which involved, Stonebridge, Mitchell Brook and Brentfield primary schools.

The programme has worked well and at times was difficult to get it off the ground due to different timetables of the schools and parents having different schedules for the young people after schools, but the young people really enjoyed the programme and worked hard during the sessions.

Holiday programmes involved youth clubs, football tournaments and partnership with local groups to deliver a holistic youth programme that consists of 400 young people annually engaging in youth clubs, sports festivals such as the NFL flag and the holiday football festivals.

The CALM Leadership programme has continued to work really well enabling 20 young people to gain valuable volunteering experiences, do workshops, execute a social action by facilitating the summer sports festival and supporting the local foodbank Sufra and clearing their local communities in Stonebridge and Chalkhill.

Providing outreach and detached work for those at risk or involved in gang activity in Stonebridge, Church Road, Wembley Civic Centre and Chalkhill.

Extensive outreach/detached work to engage the young people in the corners, alley ways and benches during the warmer months and in some blocks in those 3 estates during the winter months. This initiative would enable young adults from 18–30-year-olds to have a conversation with our team and where possible would be supported by our employment and enterprise into finding work and or substance misuse services like Addaction. This project has highlighted so much inequalities since it's inception during the lockdown and at teams we work with local statutory service providers to provide direct services to the young adults we see weekly.

We work closely with the community safety team in Brent council and the Housing association along with the Metropolitan Police to safeguard the community and troubleshoot any particular incidents in a multi partner approach.

## **Community Advice & Guidance**

The advice sessions took place in the Hub in Stonebridge, and it has become more of a digital training the residents on how to use the online tools through Hyde, Peabody and government portals and websites to report defaults, change of circumstances and reporting anti-social behaviours, following on from last year where this service was mainly done remotely and was very challenging to conduct.

We increased the number of volunteers who assist with the Monday and Friday Surgeries, with more professionals given up their time as and when they can.

We have worked and have referred some challenging cases to the Brent Hub support services mainly the ones situated in Harlesden Library, Willesden Library and Kilburn.

The bulk of the advice session fall upon these areas:

- Utilities (gas, electricity, water and telephones)
- Child Tax Credits
- Child Benefit
- State Benefits including – Housing, Council Tax, Income support, Job Seeker Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance and Pension credits)
- Support with employment applications
- Universal credit
- Cost of Living crisis
- Food and energy poverty

The advice sessions take place on Mondays and Fridays, and one doesn't need an appointment on these two days but if it's an urgent case that can't wait these two days he or she has to book an appointment either on Wednesday or Thursday in order to be seen. The two advice sessions are mainly conducted by two officers on both days and most of the cases seem to be originating the lack of communication between the service provider and the person accessing it.

This year more than 50 people have accessed this service with many of them attending more than once.

We also started last year a women's only exercise classes on a Friday to support the single mothers that access the advice sessions and we've added a Monday to these sessions in which we get 15 women on a weekly basis.

# **FUNDING AGENCIES - 2023-2024**

MTVH

BRENT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

THE LONDON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

WEMBLEY STADIUM FOUNDATION

HYDE HOUSING

PEABODY

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES NETWORK

ARK ACADEMY

STREETGAMES

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

YOUNG BRENT FOUNDATION

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

STREETGAMES

**PARTNERS 2023 - 2024**

Active Communities Network

Step Up Hub

AFC Wembley

Hilltop Circle

Young Brent Foundation

Sport at the Heart

The Jason Roberts Foundation

Muslim Council of Britain

Council of Somali Organisations –CSO (London)

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## CONNECT STARS

Accounts and Trustees Report  
For the year ended 31 March 2024



## **Connect Stars**

### **Legal and Administrative Expenses**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

Status: The organisation is a registered charity and limited company by guarantee, incorporated on 6 October 2003.

N.B. please note that the charity changed its name on 01.04.2024

Charity number: 1104934

Company number: 4921997

Management committee:

Abdikarim Farah	-	Chairman
Muna Yusuf	-	Secretary
Ahmed Jama	-	Treasurer
Ayan Ali	-	Member
Ahmed Musa	-	Member

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Director/Chairman: Abdikarim Farah

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Bankers Barclays Bank  
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# **Connect Stars**

## **Trustees' Report**

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

### ***Objective***

The objective of Horn Stars is to provide a holistic range of support services to the black and ethnic minorities and Refugee Communities in West London and contribute towards a positive and well-balanced integration with host community to access public services especially in education and recreation.

### ***Legal structure***

Horn Stars is a registered charity company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated October 2003. As of April 2024 the legal name is Connect Stars in both Charity Commission and Companies house.

### ***Financial statements***

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity company, submit their trustees' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

### ***Policies:***

#### ***Reserve policy:***

The charitable company currently operates with minimal general reserves. The trustees are endeavouring to build up its donor base with a view to having sufficient reserves in order to continue its operations.

#### ***Risk(s) review:***

The trustees have recently reviewed the major risks faced by the charitable company. This has resulted in efforts to increase charity's donor base to build general reserves.

### ***Trustees Responsibilities***

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees oversee preparation of financial statements, select suitable accounting policies and make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent to give the true state of affairs of the charity.

## Connect Stars

### Trustees' Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company. They are elected and replaced as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### *Activities and Achievements*

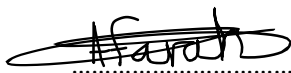
The charity is managed by elected trustee members, a Programme Coordinator, sessional workers and a good number of volunteers, part-time youth worker and sports coaches. The office is open from Monday to Friday between 9.00 am and 4.00pm, and youth clubs in the evenings.

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This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:



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Chairman

Abdikarim Farah

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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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## CONNECT STARS

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<i>Grants and Donations</i>	41,068	225,976	267,044	328,754
	41,068	225,976	267,044	328,754
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Admin costs	640	1,458	2,098	3,900
Leadership programmes	-	18,910	18,910	18,220
Community awareness events	-	10,954	10,954	4,119
Youth, football & Outreach activities	-	53,776	53,776	58,237
Schools support activities	-	4,452	4,452	31,904
Employment and careers advice	-	20,500	20,500	16,250
Wages & salaries	32,007	57,360	89,367	88,253
Rent and facilities hire	-	12,700	12,700	17,274
Travel and subsistence	885	-	885	633
Holiday programme & events	-	32,725	32,725	60,403
Legal & Professional fees	852	-	852	1,151
Consultancy and Training	-	12,725	12,725	5,000
Telephone and internet charges	4,755	-	4,755	4,699
Printing, postage and stationery	3,338	-	3,338	5,343
Volunteer expenses	2,430	-	2,430	3,040
Marketing and promotion	660	-	660	2,187
Depreciation charge	914	-	914	1,149
	46,481	225,560	272,041	321,763
Total expenditure				
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(5,413)	416	(4,998)	6,991
Fund balances at 1 April 2023	13,362	18,879	32,241	25,250
Fund balance as at 31 March 2024	7,949	19,295	27,244	32,241

## CONNECT STARS

### Balance Sheet

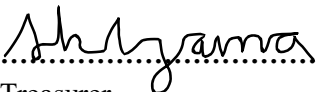
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<i>Fixed Assets:</i>				
Computers and equipment	3		<u>-</u>	<u>914</u>
			-	914
<i>Current Assets:</i>				
Debtors	4	12,640	-	
Cash in hand		<u>15,204</u>	<u>32,127</u>	
		27,844	32,127	
<i>Current liabilities payable within 1 year:</i>				
Creditors and accruals	5	<u>(600)</u>	<u>(800)</u>	
<i>Net Current Assets</i>			<u>27,244</u>	<u>31,327</u>
<i>Total Assets less current liabilities</i>			<u>27,244</u>	<u>32,241</u>
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Restricted Funds			19,295	18,879
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Treasurer  
Ahmed Jama

Date: 28 November 2024

# CONNECT STARS

## Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2024

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## CONNECT STARS

Accounts and Trustees Report  
For the year ended 31 March 2024



## **Connect Stars**

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**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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N.B. please note that the charity changed its name on 01.04.2024

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Company number: 4921997

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Muna Yusuf	-	Secretary
Ahmed Jama	-	Treasurer
Ayan Ali	-	Member
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**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

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The trustees, who are also directors of the charity company, submit their trustees' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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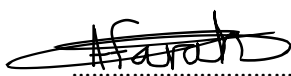
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This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:



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Chairman

Abdikarim Farah

6 Hillside

London

NW10 8BN

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Connect Stars**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**For the year ending 31 March 2024**

I have examined the accounts on pages 5 to 6 which have been prepared on the accruals basis.

***Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner***

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## CONNECT STARS

### Statement of Financial Activities

**For the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b><i>Income</i></b>				
<i>Grants and Donations</i>	41,068	225,976	267,044	328,754
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<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Admin costs	640	1,458	2,098	3,900
Leadership programmes	-	18,910	18,910	18,220
Community awareness events	-	10,954	10,954	4,119
Youth, football & Outreach activities	-	53,776	53,776	58,237
Schools support activities	-	4,452	4,452	31,904
Employment and careers advice	-	20,500	20,500	16,250
Wages & salaries	32,007	57,360	89,367	88,253
Rent and facilities hire	-	12,700	12,700	17,274
Travel and subsistence	885	-	885	633
Holiday programme & events	-	32,725	32,725	60,403
Legal & Professional fees	852	-	852	1,151
Consultancy and Training	-	12,725	12,725	5,000
Telephone and internet charges	4,755	-	4,755	4,699
Printing, postage and stationery	3,338	-	3,338	5,343
Volunteer expenses	2,430	-	2,430	3,040
Marketing and promotion	660	-	660	2,187
Depreciation charge	914	-	914	1,149
	46,481	225,560	272,041	321,763
Total expenditure				
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(5,413)	416	(4,998)	6,991
Fund balances at 1 April 2023	13,362	18,879	32,241	25,250
Fund balance as at 31 March 2024	7,949	19,295	27,244	32,241

## CONNECT STARS

### Balance Sheet

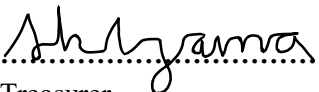
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Computers and equipment	3		<u>-</u>		<u>914</u>
			-		914
<i>Current Assets:</i>					
Debtors	4	12,640		-	
Cash in hand		<u>15,204</u>		<u>32,127</u>	
		27,844		32,127	
<i>Current liabilities payable within 1 year:</i>					
Creditors and accruals	5	<u>(600)</u>		<u>(800)</u>	
<i>Net Current Assets</i>			<u>27,244</u>		<u>31,327</u>
<i>Total Assets less current liabilities</i>			<u>27,244</u>		<u>32,241</u>
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Unrestricted Funds			<u>7,949</u>		<u>13,362</u>
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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime. The financial statements on pages 1 to 6 were approved by the board and signed on their behalf by:

  
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Ahmed Jama

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**Connect Stars**

England & Wales - Charity number 1104934

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

2022 – 2023

## Horn Stars

Presented:  
Horn Stars Annual General Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Safari Restaurant  
135 High Street  
London NW10 4TR

**'Empowering the Next Generation'**  
**Horn Stars Annual Report**

**2022 – 2023**

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## **Chair's Report**

Mr. Jama welcomed the participants of the meeting and conveyed how good it is seeing everyone in person and checking how everyone was keeping in these testing times with the pandemic almost behind us but now the cost of living crisis, then stating that there was a quorum for the meeting and declared that the meeting was open for business.

The chairman informed the gathering that the organisation was developing and improving its prospects of attracting funding and this year has been a rewarding one for the charity.

Horn Stars have been rebranding itself for some time now and this has improved the public image of the organisation. During the rebranding a name change has been suggested and designs of a new logo has been commissioned as the organisation has to evolve with the changing times and climates. The name Connect Stars has been approved and will be implemented as the operating name.

I would like to thank for all of those of you that have taken their time to come and be with us here tonight and also Horn stars volunteers and staff in whom without their support we wouldn't be here.

**Ahmed JAMA – The Chair**

## Treasurer's Report

### **Introduction**

The 2022/23 financial year has improved drastically from last financial year and this was due to the core funding we have received.

The report from the treasurer should be read in conjunction with the Accounts and Trustees Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### **Finance**

The treasurer is satisfied with the Financial Statements that accompany this report. The following are some of the highlights:

#### **Balance Sheet**

The balance sheet is quite healthy.

The general reserve was £32,241 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. That figure has been an improvement from last year and our auditor's advice that we should have a cash reserve equal to about three months operating expenditure has been difficult to achieve since our income has increased. Horn Stars is now aiming at to sustain the general reserve to that recommended level, though it is known to be a difficult task.

Unless we make our provision for community advice and guidance funded projects Horn Stars will continue to stress its resources and burden its operating costs.

#### **Income**

The total income for the year is **£328,754** which came from our grant givers and donors.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure was in line with budgets of the projects under implementation which was relatively good this year as it slightly dropped from last financial year due to some projects coming to an end. Most of the expenditure was focused on projects to be implemented and the core costs of the charity in relationship to its growing activities. The activities included

After schools activities, youth engagements, career focused initiatives in additional further funding were secured for leadership projects.

Expense included operating costs, salaries, rent and utilities, adverts and promotion, volunteer expenses, sundries and repairs, and others such as printing, postage and stationery.

### **Cash flow**

As the funding increased, we had less problems with incoming cash follow and this has decreased the tensions we faced the previous years the difficulties with cash flow is getting better, but we had to maintain a rigorous expenditure in par to available in-hand funds.

### **Financial Issues**

It's been a good financial year and no long-term financial issue that face the organisation:

Fawzi Muse Mohammed  
The treasurer

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

### **Youth engagement and after school projects**

The Hyde funded youth enterprise has worked really well with engaging with 80 young people engaged and 10 of them looking for work or apprenticeships.

The after school projects is progressing well with over 200 young people engaged the referrals to the Saturday football is mainly from schools and self-referrals, schools include Ark on Fridays where we conduct an afterschool football programme and Safer together through sport programme which involved, Stonebridge, Mitchell Brook and Brentfield primary schools.

The programme has worked well and at times was difficult to get it off the ground due to different timetables of the schools and parents having different schedules for the young people after schools, but the young people really enjoyed the programme and worked hard during the sessions.

Holiday programmes involved youth clubs, football tournaments and partnership with local groups to deliver a holistic youth programme that consists of 400 young people annually engaging in youth clubs, sports festivals such as the NFL flag and the holiday football festivals.

The CALM Leadership programme has continued to work really well enabling 20 young people to gain valuable volunteering experiences, do workshops, execute a social action by facilitating the summer sports festival and supporting the local foodbank Sufra.

The DIVA project involved 40 girls in training, capacity building, residential and social action programme aged 14-17, from Black, Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds in the London Borough of Brent. The programme will built confidence, motivation and inspired the young girls to push beyond their comfort zones and supported the girls to be the best version of themselves.

## **Outcomes**

- 40 BAME girls from the Wembley and Harlesden neighbourhoods engage and completed the DIVA project
- 70% of participants report having increased confidence and continue to make informed decisions
- 65% of participants received a non- accredited Developing Skills for Employment certificate
- 85% of the participants have a greater understanding and knowledge of accessing careers
- 75% of the participants will join a local project or attend local projects as an exit strategy
- Improved employability skills and job prospects - 30% progressing to interviews with 20% in employment
- 85% of participants understand the advantages of living a healthier and more active lifestyle by continuing playing sport after completion of the Starlet programme.

Providing outreach and detached work for those at risk or involved in gang activity in Stonebridge, Church Road and Chalkhill.

Extensive outreach/detached work to engage the young people in the corners, alley ways and benches during the warmer months and in some blocks in those 3 estates during the winter months. This initiative would enable young adults from 18–30-year-olds to have a conversation with our team and where possible would be supported by our employment and enterprise into finding work and or substance misuse services like Addaction. This project has highlighted so much inequalities since it's inception during the lockdown and at teams we work with local statutory service providers to provide direct services to the young adults we see weekly.

## **Community Advice & Guidance**

The advice sessions took place in the Hub in Stonebridge and it has become more of a digital training the residents on how to use the online tools through Hyde website to report defaults, change of circumstances and reporting anti-social behaviours, following on from last year where this service was mainly done remotely and was very challenging to conduct.

Also most local authorities use a my account feature in their websites. This service has now been well used and most families we support are well versed on the digital training and more advocacy is provided.

We increased the number of volunteers who assist with the Monday and Wednesday Surgeries, with more professionals given up their time as and when they can.

We have worked and have referred some challenging cases to the Brent Hub support services mainly the ones situated in Harlesden Library, Willesden Library and Kilburn.

The bulk of the advice session fall upon these areas::

- Utilities (gas, electricity, water and telephones)
- Child Tax Credits
- Child Benefit
- State Benefits including – Housing, Council Tax, Income support, Job Seeker Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance and Pension credits)
- Support with employment applications
- Universal credit
- Cost of Living crisis
- Food and energy poverty

The advice sessions take place on Mondays and Wednesdays and one doesn't need an appointment on these two days but if it's an urgent case that can't wait these two days he or she has to book an appointment either on Wednesday or Thursday in order to be seen. The two advice sessions are mainly conducted by two officers on both days and most of the cases seem to be originating the lack of communication between the service provider and the person accessing it.

Wednesdays is the digital training day.

This year more than 70 people have accessed this service with many of them attending more than once.

We also started last year a womens only exercise classes on a Friday to support the single mothers that access the advice sessions and we've added a Monday to these sessions in which we get 17 women on a weekly basis.

# **FUNDING AGENCIES - 2022-2023**

MTVH

BRENT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD

THE LONDON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

JOHN LYON'S CHARITY

HYDE HOUSING

PEABODY

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES NETWORK

ARK ACADEMY

STREETGAMES

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

YOUNG BRENT FOUNDATION

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

STREETGAMES

# **PARTNERS 2022 - 2023**

Active Communities Network

Step Up Hub

AFC Wembley

Hilltop Circle

Young Brent Foundation

Sport at the Heart

The Jason Roberts Foundation

Muslim Council of Britain

Council of Somali Organisations –CSO (London)

London Youth

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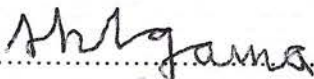
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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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F. Mohammed  
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Treasurer  
Fawzi Mohammed

Date: 17 November 2023

# HORN STARS

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**HORN STARS**  
**Accounts and Trustees Report**  
**For the year ended 31 March 2023**



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Ahmed Musa	-	Member
Hussein Ibrahim	-	Member

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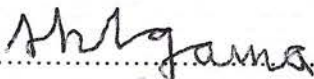
The charity is managed by elected trustee members, a Program Coordinator and a good number of volunteers, part-time youth worker and sports coaches. The office is open from Monday to Friday between 9.00 am and 4.00pm, and youth clubs in the evenings.

The core of the charity's work continues to be educational, youth engagement projects for junior teams and recreational development amongst young people from refugee communities and fighting against early offending and anti-social behaviour. Our plans for the short term include enhancing and building on the strong foundation already started, and increasing initiatives and activities that compliments the needs of those who are at risk of offending, school exclusions, early dropouts and anti social activities.

#### *Funding*

The charity is generously funded by Step Up Hub, John Lyons Charity, LB of Brent, Young Brent Foundation, Hyde Housing, Caring As One, Active Communities Network, LB of Lewisham, Ark Academy, London Sport and other organisations which made possible the initiation and continuation of this service to break the barrier for the children of Ethnic Minorities, young refugees and their families.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

  
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Chairman  
Ahmed JAMA  
6 Hillside  
London  
NW10 8BN

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## HORN STARS

### Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ending 31 March 2023

I have examined the accounts on pages 5 to 6 which have been prepared on the accruals basis.

#### *Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner*

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Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 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 the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently 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:

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.....Issa Associates.....

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## HORN STARS

### Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2023

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	£	£	£	£
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**Connect Stars**

England & Wales - Charity number 1104934

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# ANNUAL REPORT

2021 – 2022

## Horn Stars

Presented:

Horn Stars Annual General Meeting

18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Safari Restaurant  
135 High Street  
London NW10 4TR

**'Empowering the Next Generation'**  
**Horn Stars Annual Report**

**2021 – 2022**

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## **Chair's Report**

Mr. Jama welcomed the participants of the meeting and conveyed how good it is seeing everyone in person and checking how everyone was keeping in these testing times with the pandemic almost behind us but now the cost of living crisis, then stating that there was a quorum for the meeting and declared that the meeting was open for business.

The chairman informed the gathering that the organisation was developing and improving its prospects of attracting funding and this year has been a rewarding one for the charity.

Horn Stars have been rebranding itself for some time now and this has improved the public image of the organisation. During the rebranding a name change has been suggested and designs of a new logo has been commissioned as the organisation has to evolve with the changing times and climates. The name Connect Stars has been approved and will be implemented as the operating name.

I would like to thank for all of those of you that have taken their time to come and be with us here tonight and also Horn stars volunteers and staff in whom without their support we wouldn't be here.

**Ahmed JAMA – The Chair**

## Treasurer's Report

### **Introduction**

The 2021/22 financial year has improved drastically from last financial year and this was due to the core funding we have received.

The report from the treasurer should be read in conjunction with the Accounts and Trustees Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

### **Finance**

The treasurer is satisfied with the Financial Statements that accompany this report. The following are some of the highlights:

#### **Balance Sheet**

The balance sheet is quite healthy.

The general reserve was £25,250 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. That figure has been a significant improvement from last year and our auditor's advice that we should have a cash reserve equal to about four months operating expenditure has been achieved. Horn Stars is now aiming at to sustain the general reserve to that recommended level, though it is known to be a difficult task.

Unless we make our provision for community advice and guidance funded projects Horn Stars will continue to stress its resources and burden its operating costs.

#### **Income**

The total income for the year is **£341,283** which came from our grant givers and donors.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure was in line with budgets of the projects under implementation which was relatively good this year as it had gone up due to core funding attained. Most of the expenditure was focuses on projects to be implemented and the core costs of the charity in relationship to its growing activities. The activities included After schools activities, youth

engagements and football projects, in addition further funding were secured for leadership projects.

Expense included operating costs, salaries, rent and utilities, adverts and promotion, volunteer expenses, sundries and repairs, and others such as printing, postage and stationery.

### **Cash flow**

As the funding increased, we had less problems with incoming cash flow and this has decreased the tensions we faced the previous years the difficulties with cash flow is getting better, but we had to maintain a rigorous expenditure in par to available in-hand funds.

### **Financial Issues**

It's been a good financial year and no long-term financial issue that face the organisation:

Fawzi Muse Mohammed  
The treasurer

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

### **Youth engagement and football projects**

The Hyde funded youth enterprise has worked really well with engaging with 100 young people engaged and 15 of them having gained jobs and interns. We've been working innovatively and this was so important to keep the engagement level up and going above and beyond and we conducted more outreach and detach work to see the young people outdoors and discuss their progress with them

The after school football is progressing well with over 200 young people engaged the referrals to the Saturday football is mainly from schools and self-referrals, schools include Ark on Fridays where we conduct an afterschool football programme and Safer together through sport programme which involved, Stonebridge, Mitchell Brook and Brentfield primary schools.

The programme has worked well and at times was difficult to get it off the ground due to different timetables of the schools and parents having different schedules for the young people after schools, but the young people really enjoyed the programme and worked hard during the sessions.

Holiday programmes involved youth clubs, football tournaments and partnership with Jason Roberts Foundation in which we ran every school holiday at The Bridgstone Arena in Stonebridge and provided children with the widest range of activities possible. The programme ran from 12 - 4pm. Example activities included; Football, kayaking, dance, arts & crafts and multisports. Aswell as the summer programme in the unity centre in Church Road and the youth club in Ealing.

The DIVA project involved 80 girls in training, capacity building, residential and social action programme aged 14-16, from Black, Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds in the London Borough of Brent. The programme will built confidence, motivation and inspired the young girls to push beyond their comfort zones and supported the girls to be the best version of themselves.

## **Outcomes**

- 90 BAME girls from the Wembley and Harlesden neighbourhoods engage and completed the DIVA project
- 60% of participants report having increased confidence and continue to make informed decisions
- 85% of participants received a non- accredited Developing Skills for Employment certificate
- 95% of the participants have a greater understanding and knowledge of accessing careers
- 65% of the participants will join a local project or attend local projects as an exit strategy
- Improved employability skills and job prospects - 25% progressing to interviews with 10% in employment
- 90% of participants understand the advantages of living a healthier and more active lifestyle by continuing playing sport after completion of the Starlet programme.

Providing outreach and detached work for those at risk or involved in gang activity on the Harlesden High street area, Stonebridge, Church road and Chalkhill.

Extensive outreach/detached work to engage the young people in the corners and alley ways – the young people least likely to attend projects. The intervention were young people led, supported by a Horn Stars Lead worker. Once engaged, they took part in interactive sessions and received 1-2-1 support to plan pathways to employment, apprenticeships or training. In addition an open youth activities following on from the targeted youth hub occurred, offering safe engagement space, enable some down time space, they mainly lived in an overcrowded homes and required the time to relax reflect and gain access to support.

## **Community Advice & Guidance**

The advice sessions took place in the Hub in Stonebridge and it has become more of a digital training the residents on how to use the online tools through Hyde website to report defaults, change of circumstances and reporting anti-social behaviours, following on from last year where this service was mainly done remotely and was very challenging to conduct.

Also most local authorities use a my account feature in their websites.

A large proportion of our members have a large family, due to the benefits cap this will automatically affect a large proportion of them, putting their homes at risk and it may have a spiral affect on their children's schooling. Mobility has always been a factor that causes education underachievement for pupils' and this is going to be another disaster waiting to strike the already low educational attainment for young Somali's in British schools.

We are advising Brent council departments and the schools in which we provide our services to minimise the affects as much as possible, but we feel this will have a great consequence the borough.

We increased the number of volunteers who assist with the Monday and Wednesday Surgeries, with more professionals given up their time as and when they can.

We have worked and have referred some challenging cases to the Brent Hub support services mainly the ones situated in Harlesden Library, Willesden Library and Kilburn.

The bulk of the advice session fall upon these areas::

- Utilities (gas, electricity, water and telephones)
- Child Tax Credits
- Child Benefit
- State Benefits including – Housing, Council Tax, Income support, Job Seeker Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance and Pension credits)
- Support with employment applications
- Universal credit
- Immigration (Citizenship and passports)
- Food and energy poverty

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Wednesdays is the digital training day.

This year more than 95 people have accessed this service with many of them attending more than once.

We also started a womens only exercise classes on a Friday to support the single mothers that access the advice sessions.

## **FUNDING AGENCIES - 2020-2021**

MTVH

THE LONDON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

JOHN LYON'S CHARITY

HYDE HOUSING

CATALYST HOUSING

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES NETWORK

ARK ACADEMY

STREETGAMES

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

YOUNG BRENT FOUNDATION

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

STREETGAMES

## **PARTNERS 2020 - 2021**

Active Communities Network

Step Up Hub

AFC Wembley

Hilltop Circle

Young Brent Foundation

Sport at the Heart

The Jason Roberts Foundation

Wembley Football League

Muslim Council of Britain

Council of Somali Organisations –CSO (London)

London Youth

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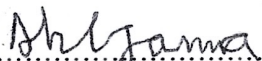
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Date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## HORN STARS

### Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ending 31 March 2022

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Creditors and accruals	5	<u>(800)</u>	<u>(600)</u>	
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Treasurer  
Fawzi Muse

Date: 16 November 2022

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**HORN STARS**

**Accounts and Trustees; Report**

**For the year ended 31 March 2022**



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## **HORN STARS**

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**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

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# **HORN STARS**

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**For the year ended 31 March 2022**

### *Objective*

The objective of Horn Stars is to provide a holistic range of support services to the black and ethnic minorities and Refugee Communities in West London and contribute towards a positive and well-balanced integration with host community to access public services especially in education and recreation.

### *Legal structure*

Horn Stars is a registered charity company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated October 2003.

### *Financial statements*

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity company, submit their trustees' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

### *Policies:*

#### *Reserve policy:*

The charitable company currently operates with minimal general reserves. The trustees are endeavouring to build up its donor base with a view to having sufficient reserves in order to continue its operations.

#### *Risk(s) review:*

The trustees have recently reviewed the major risks faced by the charitable company. This has resulted in efforts to increase charity's donor base to build general reserves.

### *Trustees Responsibilities*

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees oversee preparation of financial statements, select suitable accounting policies and make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent to give the true state of affairs of the charity.

## HORN STARS

### Trustees' Report (continued)

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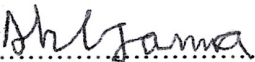
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**Connect Stars**

England & Wales - Charity number 1104934

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# ANNUAL REPORT

2020 – 2021

## Horn Stars

Presented:  
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26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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## **Chair's Report**

The chairman informed the gathering that the organisation was developing and improving its prospects of attracting funding although the funding climate is still unpredictable but never the less the staff have put in a lot of effort and in return managed to raise more money this year. The funding climate is ever so challenging and the new way of working both collaboratively innovatively have held the organisation in good sted.

This year has seen an improvement in both the services we provide and the finances which were raised, I have to thank the director Abdi Farah and is able team and volunteers for this.

Horn Stars have been re branding itself for some time now and this has improved the public image of the organisation. During the rebranding a name change has been suggested and designs of a new logo has been commissioned as the organisation has to evolve with the changing times and climates. The name Connect Stars has been approved and will be implemented in due course, this would have happened sooner if it wasn't for the disruption of the pandemic.

Connect Stars has become the name that we operate under and it's well received.

I would like to thank for all of those of you that have taken their time to come and be with us here tonight and also Horn stars volunteers and staff in whom without their support we wouldn't be here.

**Ahmed JAMA – The Chair**

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Introduction**

The 2020/21 financial year has improved drastically from last financial year and this was due to the core funding we have received.

The report from the treasurer should be read in conjunction with the Accounts and Trustees Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

### **Finance**

The treasurer is satisfied with the Financial Statements that accompany this report. The following are some of the highlights:

#### **Balance Sheet**

The balance sheet is quite healthy.

The general reserve was £10,196 for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. That figure has been a significant improvement from last year and our auditor's advice that we should have a cash reserve equal to about four months operating expenditure has been achieved. Horn Stars is now aiming at to sustain the general reserve to that recommended level, though it is known to be a difficult task.

Unless we make our provision for community advice and guidance funded projects Horn Stars will continue to stress its resources and burden its operating costs.

#### **Income**

The total income for the year is **£203,512** which came from our grant givers and donors.

#### **Expenditure**

Expenditure was in line with budgets of the projects under implementation which was relatively good this year as it had gone up due to core funding

attained. Most of the expenditure was focuses on projects to be implemented and the core costs of the charity in relationship to its growing activities. The activities included After schools activities, youth engagements and football training programs, in additional further funding were secured for leadership projects.

Expense included operating costs, salaries, rent and utilities, adverts and promotion, volunteer expenses, sundries and repairs, and others such as printing, postage and stationery.

### **Cash flow**

As the funding increased slightly, we had less problems with incoming cash follow and this has decreased the tensions we faced the previous years the difficulties with cash flow is getting better, but we had to maintain a rigorous expenditure in par to available in-hand funds.

### **Financial Issues**

It's been a good financial year and no long-term financial issue that face the organisation:

Fawzi Muse Mohammed  
The treasurer

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

### **Youth engagement and football projects**

The Hyde funded youth enterprise has worked really well with engaging with 60 young people engaged and 5 of them having gained jobs and interns. This year after coming out of lockdown and working innovatively it was so important to keep the engagement level up and going above and beyond and we conducted more outreach and detach work to see the young people outdoors and discuss their progress with them

The after school football is progressing well with over 200 young people engaged the referrals to the Saturday football is mainly from schools and self-referrals, schools include Ark on Fridays where we conduct an afterschool football programme and Safer together through sport programme which involved, Stonebridge, Mitchell Brook and Brentfield primary schools.

The programme has worked well and at times was difficult to get it off the ground due to different timetables of the schools and parents having different schedules for the young people after schools, but the young people really enjoyed the programme and worked hard during the sessions. Again with disruptions of the lockdown and delivering some of these projects virtually it was a great turn out once we could do them outdoors again, in schools and community centres.

Holiday programmes involved youth clubs, football tournaments and partnership with Jason Roberts Foundation in which we ran every school holiday at The Bridgstone Arena in Stonebridge and provided children with the widest range of activities possible. The programme ran from 12 - 4pm. Example activities included; Football, kayaking, dance, arts & crafts and multisports.

The DIVA project involved 80 girls in training, capacity building, residential and social action programme aged 14-16, from Black, Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds in the London Borough of Brent. The programme will built confidence, motivation and inspired the young girls to

push beyond their comfort zones and supported the girls to be the best version of themselves.

### **Outcomes**

- 80 BAME girls from the Wembley and Harlesden neighbourhoods engage and completed the DIVA project
- 50% of participants report having increased confidence and continue to make informed decisions
- 85% of participants received a non- accredited Developing Skills for Employment certificate
- 95% of the participants have a greater understanding and knowledge of accessing careers
- 65% of the participants will join a local project or attend local projects as an exit strategy
- Improved employability skills and job prospects - 25% progressing to interviews with 10% in employment
- 90% of participants understand the advantages of living a healthier and more active lifestyle by continuing playing sport after completion of the Starlet programme.

Providing outreach and detached work for those at risk or involved in gang activity on the Harlesden High street area, Stonebridge, Church road and Chalkhill.

Extensive outreach/detached work to engage the young people in the corners and alley ways – the young people least likely to attend projects. The intervention were young people led, supported by a Horn Stars Lead worker. Once engaged, they took part in interactive sessions and received 1-2-1 support to plan pathways to employment, apprenticeships or training. In addition an open youth activities following on from the targeted youth hub occurred, offering safe engagement space, enable some down time space, they mainly lived in an overcrowded homes and required the time to relax reflect and gain access to support.

## **Community Advice & Guidance**

The advice sessions took place in the Hub in Stonebridge and it has become more of a digital training the residents on how to use the online tools through Hyde website to report defaults, change of circumstances and reporting anti-social behaviours, following on from last year where this service was mainly done remotely and was very challenging to conduct. Also most local authorities use a my account feature in their websites.

A large proportion of our members have a large family, due to the benefits cap this will automatically affect a large proportion of them, putting their homes at risk and it may have a spiral affect on their children's schooling. Mobility has always been a factor that causes education underachievement for pupils' and this is going to be another disaster waiting to strike the already low educational attainment for young Somali's in British schools. We are advising Brent council departments and the schools in which we provide our services to minimise the affects as much as possible, but we feel this will have a great consequence the borough.

We increased the number of volunteers who assist with the Monday and Wednesday Surgeries, with more professionals given up their time as and when they can. We have worked and have referred some challenging cases to the Brent Hub support services mainly the ones situated in Harlesden Library, Willesden Library and Kilburn.

The bulk of the advice session fall upon these areas::

- Utilities (gas, electricity, water and telephones)
- Child Tax Credits
- Child Benefit
- State Benefits including – Housing, Council Tax, Income support, Job Seeker Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance and Pension credits)
- Support with employment applications
- Universal credit
- Immigration (Citizenship and passports)
- Food and energy poverty

The advice sessions take place on Mondays and Wednesdays and one doesn't need an appointment on these two days but if it's an urgent case that can't wait these two days he or she has to book an appointment either on Wednesday or Thursday in order to be seen. The two advice sessions are

mainly conducted by two officers on both days and most of the cases seem to be originating the lack of communication between the service provider and the person accessing it.

Wednesdays is the digital training day.

This year more than 67 people have accessed this service with many of them attending more than once.

## **FUNDING AGENCIES - 2020-2021**

MTVH

THE LONDON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

JOHN LYON'S CHARITY

HYDE HOUSING

CATALYST HOUSING

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES NETWORK

ARK ACADEMY

STREETGAMES

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

YOUNG BRENT FOUNDATION

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

STREETGAMES

# **PARTNERS 2020 - 2021**

Active Communities Network

Step Up Hub

AFC Wembley

Hilltop Circle

Young Brent Foundation

Sport at the Heart

The Jason Roberts Foundation

Wembley Football League

Muslim Council of Britain

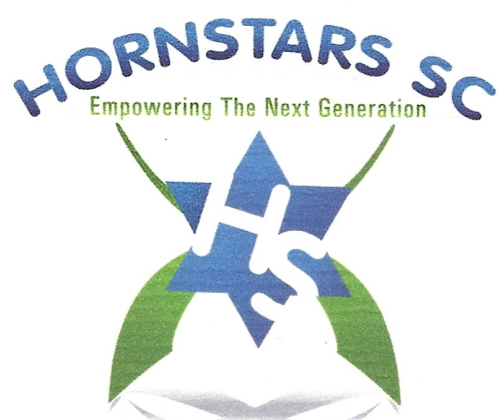
Council of Somali Organisations –CSO (London)

London Youth

HORN STARS

Accounts and Trustees; Report

For the year ended 31 March 2021



Charity number: 1104934

Company number: 4921997

## HORN STARS

### Legal and Administrative Expenses

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Status: The organisation is a registered charity and limited company by guarantee, incorporated on 6 October 2003.

Charity number: 1104934

Company number: 4921997

#### Management committee:

Ahmed Jama	-	Chairman
Muna Yusuf	-	Secretary
Fawzi Muse Mohammed	-	Treasurer
Ayan Ali	-	Member
Ahmed Musa	-	Member
Hussein Ibrahim	-	Member

Registered office &  
Business address: 6 Hillside  
London  
NW10 8BN

Director: Abdi Farah

Accountants Issa Associates  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
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Bankers Barclays Bank  
Alperton Branch  
220 Ealing Road  
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Middlesex HAO 4QH

# HORN STARS

## Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31 March 2021

### *Objective*

The objective of Horn Stars is to provide a holistic range of support services to the black and ethnic minorities and Refugee Communities in West London and contribute towards a positive and well-balanced integration with host community to access public services especially in education and recreation.

### *Legal structure*

Horn Stars is a registered charity company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated October 2003.

### *Financial statements*

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity company, submit their trustees' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### *Policies:*

#### *Reserve policy:*

The charitable company currently operates with minimal general reserves. The trustees are endeavouring to build up its donor base with a view to having sufficient reserves in order to continue its operations.

#### *Risk(s) review:*

The trustees have recently reviewed the major risks faced by the charitable company. This has resulted in efforts to increase charity's donor base to build general reserves.

### *Trustees Responsibilities*

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees oversee preparation of financial statements, select suitable accounting policies and make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent to give the true state of affairs of the charity.

## HORN STARS

### Trustees' Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2021

Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company. They are elected and replaced as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### *Activities and Achievements*

The charity is managed by elected trustee members, a Program Coordinator and a good number of volunteers, part-time youth worker and sports coaches. The office is open from Monday to Friday between 9.00 am and 4.00pm, and youth clubs in the evenings.

The core of the charity's work continues to be educational, youth engagement projects for junior teams and recreational development amongst young people from refugee communities and fighting against early offending and anti-social behaviour. Our plans for the short term include enhancing and building on the strong foundation already started, and increasing initiatives and activities that compliments the needs of those who are at risk of offending, school exclusions, early dropouts and anti social activities.

#### *Funding*

The charity is generously funded by London Borough of Brent, John Lyons Charity, BBC Children in Need, Young Brent Foundation, Hyde Housing, MTVH Housing, Active Communities Network, Catalyst Housing and other organisations which made possible the initiation and continuation of this service to break the barrier for the children of Ethnic Minorities, young refugees and their families.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

.....*Ahmed JAMA*.....

Chairman  
Ahmed JAMA  
6 Hillside  
London  
NW10 8BN

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## HORN STARS

### Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ending 31 March 2021

I have examined the accounts on pages 5 to 6 which have been prepared on the accruals basis.

#### ***Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner***

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 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 the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities; have not been met

.....Issa Associates.....  
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Chartered Certified Accountants  
116 Cumberland House,  
80 Scrubs Lane, London, NW10 6RF

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

# HORN STARS

## Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 Total funds	2020 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<b><i>Income</i></b>				
<i>Grants and Donations</i>	46,086	157,426	203,512	164,820
	46,086	157,426	203,512	164,820
<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>				
Admin costs	4,880	2,850	7,730	2,190
Leadership and careers project	-	68,865	68,865	-
Community awareness events	-	9,500	9,500	-
Youth & After school activities	-	31,532	31,532	39,657
Wages & salaries	18,558	21,594	40,152	55,828
Rent and rates	-	11,734	11,734	17,273
Travel and subsistence	2,009	-	2,009	3,625
Holiday programme & events	-	3,590	3,590	11,710
Legal & Professional fees	1,601	-	1,601	5,166
Training and consultancy	-	5,107	5,107	-
Telephone and internet charges	4,033	-	4,033	2,754
Printing, postage and stationery	2,939	-	2,939	2,560
Volunteer expenses	800	-	800	2,200
Sundries	-	-	-	6
Marketing and promotion	1,998	-	1,998	1,566
Depreciation charge	1,725	-	1,725	1,625
	38,544	154,772	193,316	146,160
Total expenditure				
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	7,541	2,654	10,196	18,660
Fund balance as at 31 March 2021	7,541	2,654	10,196	18,660

HORN STARS

Balance Sheet

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<i>Fixed Assets:</i>					
Computers and equipment	3		<u>1,229</u>		<u>1,804</u>
			1,229		1,804
<i>Current Assets:</i>					
Debtors	4	-			
Cash in hand		<u>37,485</u>		<u>26,615</u>	
		37,485		26,615	
<i>Current liabilities payable within 1 year:</i>					
Creditors and accruals	5	<u>(600)</u>		<u>(500)</u>	
<i>Net Current Assets</i>			<u>36,885</u>		<u>26,115</u>
<i>Total Assets less current liabilities</i>			<u><u>38,114</u></u>		<u><u>27,919</u></u>
<i>Funds:</i>					
Balance for the year			10,196		18,660
Balance brought forward			<u>27,919</u>		<u>9,258</u>
			<u><u>38,114</u></u>		<u><u>27,919</u></u>

For the financial year ended 31 March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006; and no notice has been deposited under s476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with s386 and preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime. The financial statements on pages 1 to 6 were approved by the board and signed on their behalf by:

F Muse  
 .....  
 Treasurer  
 Fawzi Muse

Date: 19 November 2021

# HORN STARS

## Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2021

### 1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2015), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and applicable accounting standards.

### 2 Accounting Policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year is set out below.

#### 2.1 *Income and expenditure*

All income and expenditure is accounted for on accrual basis.

#### 2.2 *Fund Accounting*

General funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific restrictive conditions imposed by donors.

#### 2.2 *Tangible Fixed assets and Depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost.

Provision for depreciation of fixed assets held for use by the charity is made at an annual rate of 25% on straight line basis.

#### 2.3 *Status*

The organisation is a registered charity & company limited by guarantee. The members are the trustees named on page 1. The liability in respect of the guarantee, as set out in the Memorandum, is limited to £1 per member of the company.

# HORN STARS

## Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 March 2021

3	Tangible Fixed Assets		
		Office equipment	Total
	Costs	£	£
	At 1 April 2020	20,989	20,989
	Additions	1,150	1,150
	At 31 March 2021	22,139	22,139
	Depreciation		
	At 1 April 2020	19,185	19,185
	Charge for the year	1,725	1,725
	At 31 March 2021	20,910	20,910
	Net Book value		
	At 31 March 2021	1,229	1,229
	At 31 March 2020	1,804	1,804
4	Debtors	2021	2020
		£	£
	Other debtors	-	-
		-	-
5	Creditors and accruals	2021	2020
		£	£
	Other creditors	600	500
		600	500