

HUMANITY CONCERN PROJECTS
(A Registered Charity)

REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH
for the Year ended 31 March 2024

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Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year Ended 31 March 2024

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Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
For the year Ended 31 march 2024

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Humanity Concern Projects

Charity Number: 1105123

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HUMANITY CONCERN PROJECTS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees of Humanity Concern Projects present the charity's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Legal Status and Governing Document

Humanity Concern Projects is a registered charity governed by its constitution, which was adopted on 1st February 2004 and most recently amended on 2nd May 2020. The organisation, founded in 2000, began as a voluntary community group to support the welfare, social, health, education, and cultural needs of the refugee community in London.

Today, the charity continues its work across London to support refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers who come from diverse global backgrounds and are now residents of the city.

Organisation Structure

Humanity Concern Projects is governed by a 7-member Board of Trustees. The trustees are responsible for setting the overall strategy, direction, and policies of the charity. Most of the trustees are former refugees, allowing them to understand firsthand the challenges faced by the communities they serve.

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the charity's operations and ensure it adheres to its legal and contractual obligations. The board meets four times a year to deliberate on key issues including risk assessment, safeguarding, and financial oversight.

Appointment and Induction of Trustees

The trustees of the charity during the financial year and at the date of this report are set out on page 3. Trustees are elected/appointed in accordance with the rules established in the charity's governing document.

Induction & Training

Newly appointed trustees receive a comprehensive induction pack containing the constitution of Humanity Concern Projects and the roles and responsibilities of charity trustees. They are also oriented, briefed, and mentored by established trustees to ensure they understand their legal obligations, the charity's decision-making processes, its objectives, strategies, and recent financial performance.

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Risk Management

The trustees recognize the importance of addressing risks that could affect the charity's operations. They continually monitor and manage risks and ensure action plans are in place to mitigate key risks. These include:

- Achievement of programme aims and objectives
- Availability of competent volunteers to manage the programmes
- Availability of funding for the programmes

Humanity Concern Projects has appropriate procedures in place to provide reasonable assurance that identified risks are managed effectively.

OBJECTIVE, AIMS AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The main aims and objectives of the charity, as outlined in its constitution, are:

- To relieve financial hardship among refugees and their dependants, particularly those residing in London.
- To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of refugees and their dependants.
- To advance the education and training of refugees and their dependants, helping them adapt to their new community.
- To provide facilities for recreation or other leisure activities that improve the quality of life for refugees, particularly those facing hardship due to age, infirmity, or social circumstances.

During the year under review, Humanity Concern Projects continued to make a significant impact on the wellbeing of refugees in London. Many of the refugees we serve face immense challenges, including isolation, mental health issues, food insecurity, and difficulties related to employment and housing. The ongoing cost-of-living crisis has exacerbated these challenges, increasing mental health issues and hardships among our beneficiaries.

Despite these challenges, Humanity Concern Projects has been dedicated to supporting families and individuals, providing vital resettlement assistance and striving to reduce hardship. Our support continued to be particularly important for people from Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic backgrounds, including African, Caribbean, and Asian communities.

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ACTIVITIES

Humanity Concern Projects runs several key programmes that benefit refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers. In addition to offering advice, information, and signposting services, the charity continued the following projects in the year under review:

Children and Young People's Project

We maintained our youth programme, offering young refugees' opportunities to gain valuable skills and experience through volunteering, training, and work placements. We organized grassroots sports, drama, music, and dance sessions in East London on Saturdays. These activities helped reduce isolation, unearthed hidden talents, and provided young refugees with a sense of community.

Old People's Support

This project aimed to alleviate the loneliness and isolation that many elderly refugees experience. We continued hosting drop-in sessions and coffee mornings that helped refugees and asylum seekers build social networks and create friendships. Our intergenerational mentorship initiatives also helped keep our elderly beneficiaries active and socially connected.

Training & Employment

This programme supported unemployed young refugees to access training and employment opportunities. Through our guidance, several young refugees gained placements in educational institutions or volunteer roles with other organizations. This support continued to help refugees pursue their educational and career goals.

Health & Wellbeing Programme

We kept providing essential health and wellbeing services, including soft physical exercise sessions for women, children, and young adults. Additionally, we organized workshops to raise awareness about smoking, diet, exercise, and mental health. Our regular recreation and leisure activities offered much-needed relaxation and a chance for beneficiaries to connect with each other.

Resettlement Support

Resettlement remains one of the most critical services we offer. We continued to support refugees with accommodation needs and access to social welfare services. This year, we expanded our focus on assisting refugees in securing stable housing and successfully integrating into the broader community.

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The Cost-of-Living Crisis

The economic challenges faced by our refugee communities deepened in 2023/24. In response, we intensified our support efforts. Key activities included:

- Providing hot meals weekly to families and individuals.
- Offering information, advice, and practical support to help refugees access government schemes, grants, and benefits.
- Creating warm spaces where families, individuals, and young people could gather, reducing isolation and fostering a sense of community.

FUNDRAISING

The charity continued to face challenges in fundraising during the year. We would like to express our gratitude to the Lottery and Comic Relief for their continued support, which allowed us to sustain our vital services. We remain committed to exploring new avenues for fundraising in the coming year to ensure the continued success and growth of the charity.

FUTURE PROJECTIONS

Objectives for 2024/25

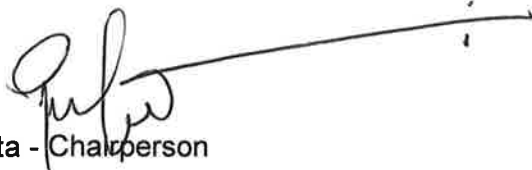
The trustees of Humanity Concern Projects are focused on continuing the charity's essential work in response to the evolving challenges faced by refugees and asylum seekers in London. Our key objectives include:

- **Capacity Building:** Strengthening the skills, knowledge, and capabilities of our trustees to better support the charity's operations.
- **Collaborative Development:** Working with service users to develop projects that address key issues such as isolation, mental health, and the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.
- **Networking and Partnerships:** Building stronger partnerships with other organizations to expand the reach and impact of our services.

We remain dedicated to our mission of supporting refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers to lead fulfilling and meaningful lives in their new communities.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Chair/Trustee Mrs. Florence Kibwota - Chairperson



Date: 21/12/2024

HUMANITY CONCERN PROJECTS**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Humanity Concern Projects
For the year Ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Humanity Concern Projects for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 12

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charity's Act 20211 ("the Act")

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts did not accord with accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the charities (accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: *Abobakir Lwkman*

Date: 30/12/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary Income					
Donations and grants	2	--	29,960	29,960	54,050
Activities for Generating Funds					
Special fundraising	3	62,394	--	62,394	3,450
Total Incoming Resources		<u>62,394</u>	<u>29,960</u>	<u>92,354</u>	<u>57,500</u>
Resources expended (Cost of charitable activities in furtherance of Objects of the charity)					
Direct Charitable Costs:	4	41,404	5,068	81,332	46,517
Governance Costs	5	3,551	--	--	3,851
Depreciation		270	--	--	360
Total Resources expended		<u>53,954</u>	<u>5,068</u>	<u>81,332</u>	<u>50,728</u>
Net Income Resources for the year		8,440	24,892	11,022	6,772
Total Funds brought forward		6,223	4,932	11,155	4,383
Total Funds as at 31 March 2024		<u>2,217</u>	<u>19,960</u>	<u>22,177</u>	<u>11,155</u>

*The standard of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.
All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.*

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets		3,130	--	3,130	3,400
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		303	19,617	19,920	9,055
Total Current Assets		303	19,617	19,920	9,055
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due Within one year		873	--	873	1,300
Net Current Assets/Liabilities		-570	19,617	19,047	7,755
Net assets		2,560	19,617	22,177	11,155
Represented by:					
Unrestricted Funds		2,217	-	2,217	6,223
Restricted funds		--	19,960	19,960	4,932
Total Funds		2,217	19,960	22,177	11,155

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charity Commission regulation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Mrs. Florence Kibwota - Chairperson

Chair

Dated 21/12/2024

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below: These policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year. They have been applied in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the applicable accounting standards and follow the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005).

(b) Fund Accounting

- Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for charitable purposes. These funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity,
- Restricted funds such as grants are credited to the Statement of Financial activities on the earlier date of receipt or as at when received. These are funds to be used in accordance with specific restriction imposed by donors or which have been braised by the charity for particular purposes

(c) Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of Financial Activities when the charity becomes entitled to the resources. The trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. The following policy are applied to particular categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is no condition on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts,
- Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables are accounted for a s the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

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(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources. The costs included in the Statement of Financial Activities are on an accrual basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

(e) Reserves policy

The trustees of *Humanity Concern Projects* recognize the importance of maintaining a reserve to ensure the charity's financial stability and its ability to continue delivering essential services to beneficiaries, particularly during periods of income uncertainty.

The charity's reserves policy is to hold unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months of operational expenditure. This level of reserves provides a financial safety net to sustain the charity's activities and meet essential costs during periods where income may be delayed or unavailable.

For the year ended 31 March 2024, the charity had total income of £92,354, comprising:

- Restricted income: £29,960
- Unrestricted income: £62,394

At the year end, the charity's reserves were as follows:

- **Restricted reserves:** £19,960
- **Unrestricted reserves:** £2,217

The target level of unrestricted reserves for the year was £13,488, based on three months of unrestricted operational expenditure. While the unrestricted reserves at the year-end fell short of this target, the trustees are committed to strengthening the charity's financial position by building unrestricted reserves to meet this goal. Efforts will focus on prudent financial management and targeted fundraising activities to achieve the required reserve level.

The trustees regularly review this policy to ensure it remains appropriate to the charity's needs, with the aim of safeguarding its financial sustainability and ability to deliver its objectives effectively.

(e) Costs of charitable Activities

These comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. They include both costs that can be directly allocated to the charity's activities and costs of an indirect nature necessary to support these activities.

(f) Tangible and Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at costs less depreciation. No depreciation is charged in the year of purchase. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost on a reducing basis over their expected useful economic lives as follows:

Plant and equipment 25% Reducing Balance Basis.

(g) Payment to Trustees

No member of the management committee received any remuneration during the year. Travel costs amounting to £805 were reimbursed to 6 members on errands on behalf of the charity.

2. Donations & Grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Awards for All	--	19,960	19,960	9,790
Comic Relief	--	--	--	5,000
Cadbury	--	--	--	--
Special Fundraising	62,394	--	62,394	3,450
Donations	10,000	--	10,000	39,260
	72,394	19,960	92,354	57,500

3. Special Fundraising

	£	£
Special community events & sale of memorabilia	62,394	3,450

4. Governance Costs

	£	£
Management meetings & DBS Checks	1,280	1,242
Annual General Meeting	966	881
Expenses Claims for errands on behalf of charity	805	1,050
Management & Staff Training	500	678
Total Governance Costs	3,551	3,851

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Detailed Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Income and Expenditure Account

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations	10,000	39,260
Grants (Awards for All)	19,960	14,790
Special Fundraising	62,394	3450
	<u>92,354</u>	<u>57,500</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Rent/Rates/Hall Hire	8,294	6,615
Sessional Project Coordinator	10,343	8,250
Outreach	6,102	4,867
Sessional Staff	7,427	5,924
Youth Programmes	8,920	6,825
Accountancy fees	873	873
<u>Office & Organisation</u>		
Admin (Tel & Internet. Postage/office stationery/Software	3,373	2,690
Travel & Motor Expenses	1,992	1,589
Volunteering	4,050	3,200
Fundraising & Refreshments Costs	23,351	4481
Project Admin (Insurance/DBS/	1,511	1,205
Governance	4,826	3,849
Depreciation	270	360
	<u>81,332</u>	<u>50,728</u>
Surplus	<u>11,022</u>	<u>6,772</u>