

FURNESS MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITY FORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1105589

Details

Other names FMCF

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2004-08-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: To promote and racial and religious harmony in Barrow and Furness for the benefit of the public by: ? providing a local hub and outreach service offering advice, support, education and training ? youth and community work to people seeking asylum, refugees and people from diverse ethnic communities including adults, children, young people and their families, ? any other charitable means as the trustees from time to time determine

Activities: We work with diverse ethnic communities including Asylum Seekers, Refugees and their families. Services include Youth & Community work, advocacy, hate crime support, education & training. We support individuals with a range of issues. These issues are complex due to immigration status, racism & discrimination. We deliver youth provision, community outreach, group sessions, activities and events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** FURNESS
- Cumbria

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£152,329	£142,606	-	-
2024-03-31	£174,821	£103,387	-	-
2023-03-31	£123,178	£94,200	-	-
2022-03-31	£75,422	£51,021	-	-
2021-03-31	£66,924	£32,162	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abel Negash		2026-06-22
Colette Jenevieve Heavyside-Reid		2026-06-16
Fiona Ryder		2025-03-12
KLEANTH LABO		
Lee Kenneth Wicks		2024-02-26
Matthew Ryder		2025-03-12
Mujame Morgan Katjuwanjo		2024-02-29
Natalia Wealleans-Turner		2014-01-28
Rachel Ashton		2025-03-12
Robert Ross		2025-03-12
Summera Jabbar		2025-10-18

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Charity Commission Annual Return 2025

FURNESS MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITY FORUM

Charity registration number: 1105589

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This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2025.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/04/2024

Financial period end date

31/03/2025

Income and spending

Income £

£ 152,329

Spending £

£ 142,606

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

2

Value of grants from government

What was the total value of the grants received from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

£ 57,873

Income breakdown

Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)

£ 534

Charitable activities

£ 145,129

Other trading activities

£ 6,285

Investments

£ 381

Other

£ 0

Corporate donations

What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from a corporate donor during the financial period of this return?

£ 0

Donations from individuals

What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from an individual during the financial period of this return?

£ 0

Donations from related parties

What was the value of your charity's single highest value donation received from a related party during the financial period of this return?

£ 0

Grantmaking

Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?

No

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).

Individuals

£ 0

Other charities

£ 0

Other organisations that are not charities

£ 0

Trustee payments

Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

☒ e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Spending outside of the United Kingdom

Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Total Spending outside of the United Kingdom

£

Trading subsidiaries

Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?

No

Property

Were any of your charity's properties held by holding or custodian trustees on behalf of your charity (excluding the Official Custodian) during the financial period for this return?

No

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity

4

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

4

Self-employed people were working for your charity

0

Total overseas employees

How many of the people above work on behalf of your charity outside of the United Kingdom?

0

Total employee payroll

What was the total amount spent on employee payroll during the financial period relating to this return?

£ 86,470

Employees' salaries

Did any of your charity's employees receive total employment benefits of £60,000 or more in the financial period of this annual return?

No

Governance policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures

Yes

Safeguarding policy and procedures

Yes

Financial reserves policy and procedures**Complaints policy and procedures****Serious incident reporting policy and procedures****Internal risk management policy and procedures****Trustee expenses policy and procedures****Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures****Investing charity funds policy and procedures****Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures****Bullying and harassment policy and procedures****Social media policy and procedures****Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures****Safeguarding****Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?****Serious Incidents****Has your charity reported all Serious Incidents (including any historical incidents) that the charity became aware of during the financial period of this return?****External risk and impact****Donations****Other income - grants****Other income - contracts****Other income - investment****Expenditure on charitable activities****Expenditure on overheads****Number of volunteers**

Number of employees

No impact

Number of trustees

Positive

Fundraising activities

No impact

Capacity to deliver services

Unknown

Total service demand

Positive

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

3

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or
- we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- we can lawfully do so; and
- we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest

Information we collect about you**We will use this information:**

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made

Accounts

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum
Financial Statements
31 March 2024

GORDON CONSULTANCY LIMITED

Chartered accountants
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Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

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Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Charity registration number 1105589

Principal office

The trustees

N Wealleans-Turner	
K Labo	
B Chandler	(Resigned 23 October 2023)
G Lipska	(Resigned 29 February 2024)
I Harris	(Resigned 30 January 2024)
I Bitner	(Resigned 9 January 2024)
L Wicks	(Appointed 26 February 2024)
MM Katjiuanjo	(Appointed 29 February 2024)

Independent examiner R W Gordon, FCA
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Structure, governance and management

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum is an unincorporated registered charity established by a constitution adopted 27 August 2003 and further amended 5 December 2019.

The charity's objectives are to promote racial harmony in Furness for the benefit of the public by provision of services to offer advice and guidance, community activities and activities to promote inclusion and increase participation; provide a youth club and by any other charitable means as the trustee from time to time determine.

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

Objectives and activities

Summary of main aims and purposes

Our charity has continued to support children, young people and adults to navigate barriers to access, seeking asylum, and address racism and hate crime.

Our efforts this year focused on achieving our final year of our three year Business Plan which included developing and expanding our services, increasing staff capacity, securing and diversifying funding streams to retain staff and create a new Finance & Compliance Officer post to improve the quality of our governance whilst working in partnership to understand and meet the existing and emergent needs of our service users and community.

Our aims this year have been to continue to develop our governance, publicity and services. We have continued to work in partnership with numerous partners to support our community and service users including people seeking asylum.

In November 2023 we celebrated our 20th year of being a registered charity and held an event to celebrate our achievements, impact and to articulate our future and direction of travel. The team has continued to deliver inspiring activities and events, all of which have fostered community engagement, cohesion and provided safe spaces for service users to access support, engage in learning and become more integrated within their communities.

Structure, governance and management

We have made positive progress against our objectives in our Business Plan, and developed and reviewed our policies to ensure compliance. We implemented a new system to computerise our accounting leading to more accurate record keeping, ownership of our payroll processes and we appointed a new accountant.

Work to identify improve methods to measure and report our social impact is underway and will form much of the basis of our work in 2024/2025. Our Business Plan for 2024-2027 has been adopted by the Trustees setting our future direction and objectives- all of which enables us to better relate the way business and decision making is carried out which has enabled us to continue to grow moving into the next financial year.

The Board of the charity, led by Chair Natalia Wealleans-Turner and Vice Chair Kleanth Labo, welcomed the following trustees Lee Wicks and Morgan Katijuanjo who joined us in February 2024.

The trustee paid due regard to guidance in section 17 (5) of 2011 Charities Act issues by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum continues to recruit new trustees using a variety of methods in line with our constitution including advertising on our Facebook and Instagram page, through our networks, and by word of mouth at community events.

Staff and Volunteers

This year we saw a change in our personnel with Janine Adams replacing Christie Anderson as our Project Manager, Emily Bari joining us as our Lead Youth and Community Worker and Bev Chandler as our Finance and Compliance Officer.

Our staff and volunteer team has continued to work above and beyond again this year to develop and deliver empowering activities and events celebrating cultural and ethnic diversity, facilitated community volunteering opportunities for our service users and fostered strong partnerships with a range of stakeholders.

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

Achievements and performance

This year we became a member of the successful Furness for You partnership to deliver activities to help local people accessing volunteer and improve their social connectedness, held our Unity Festival event in the town centre and held monthly Culture Café.

As we look ahead to the coming year we recognise that like many small charities we face challenges to sustain our organisation, meet the demands of our often vulnerable service users, seek to develop responsive and empowering youth and community work and remain steadfast in the face of growing racism and discrimination with our communities.

My respect and gratitude are reserved for not only with our whole team who deliver with tenacity, compassion, and dedication, but also for our partners who work alongside us to make a difference in our community.

None of our work would be possible without the continued investment and trust of our funders and sponsors- The National Lottery Community Fund, Francis C Scott, Cumbria Community Foundation, Sir John Fisher, Hadfield Trust, Mind in Furness, Through the Fight Foundation, Migrant Help, Global Link and Barrowful, Asda and Westmorland and Furness Council, or our dedicated and hard-working group of Trustees; their recognition and understanding of the importance our work is vital and all of whom have my my sincerest thanks!

"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences."- Audre Lorde

Financial review

The finances of the charity remain in sound conditions as can be seen from our annual accounts 2023-2024. The majority of our income is restricted and is primarily for staff costs, youth and community work. Our income for the financial year 2023-2024 is detailed in our separate accounts. During the years 2023-2024 the charity received income of £170,143.

£150,177 of this income was received in grant funding-
£54,510 from The National Lottery Community Fund,
£44,600 Westmorland & Furness Council
£17,545 Know Your Neighbourhood Fund (Groundworks)
£15,700 from the Sir Francis C Scott Trust
£10,000 from Cumbria Community Foundation
£5,823 from The Sir John Fisher Foundation,
£2,000 Hadfield Trust
£1,993 Furness Refugee Support Group

We remain exceptionally grateful to our grant funders for their continued belief in the work we do, without their investment our work would not be possible. The charity incurred costs of £98,436, the main increase being the wage costs for the charity. The charity adopted a formal reserves policy in October 2022.

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees' annual report was approved on 31 August 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

N Wealleans-Turner
Trustee

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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 to be reached.

R W Gordon, FCA
Independent Examiner

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31 August 2024

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

			2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	–	154,963	154,963	122,042
Other trading activities	5	7,425	12,174	19,599	995
Investment income	6	259	–	259	141
Total income		<u>7,684</u>	<u>167,137</u>	<u>174,821</u>	<u>123,178</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	<u>2,611</u>	<u>100,776</u>	<u>103,387</u>	<u>94,200</u>
Total expenditure		<u>2,611</u>	<u>100,776</u>	<u>103,387</u>	<u>94,200</u>
Net income		<u>5,073</u>	<u>66,361</u>	<u>71,434</u>	<u>28,978</u>
Transfers between funds		8,504	(8,504)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>13,577</u>	<u>57,857</u>	<u>71,434</u>	<u>28,978</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		14,088	93,995	108,083	79,105
Total funds carried forward		<u>27,665</u>	<u>151,852</u>	<u>179,517</u>	<u>108,083</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		183,204	108,083
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>3,687</u>	<u>—</u>
Net current assets		<u>179,517</u>	<u>108,083</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>179,517</u>	<u>108,083</u>
Net assets		<u>179,517</u>	<u>108,083</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		151,852	93,995
Unrestricted funds		<u>27,665</u>	<u>14,088</u>
Total charity funds	16	<u>179,517</u>	<u>108,083</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 31 August 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

N Wealleans-Turner
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 104 Cooke's Studio, Abbey Road, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria, LA14 5QR, England.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Equipment - 25% reducing balance

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	–	3,885	3,885
Grants			
Grants receivable	–	151,078	151,078
	–	154,963	154,963

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	58	1,605	1,663
Grants			
Grants receivable	—	120,379	120,379
	<u>58</u>	<u>121,984</u>	<u>122,042</u>

5. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Management Charges	6,250	23	6,273
Youth and Community	—	12,151	12,151
Other income	1,175	—	1,175
	<u>7,425</u>	<u>12,174</u>	<u>19,599</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Management Charges	—	—	—
Youth and Community	—	995	995
Other income	—	—	—
	<u>—</u>	<u>995</u>	<u>995</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	<u>259</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>141</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Charitable Activities	2,011	97,911	99,922
Support costs	600	2,865	3,465
	<u>2,611</u>	<u>100,776</u>	<u>103,387</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Charitable Activities	–	93,432	93,432
Support costs	–	768	768
	<u>–</u>	<u>94,200</u>	<u>94,200</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Charitable Activities	99,922	–	99,922	93,432
Governance costs	–	3,465	3,465	768
	<u>99,922</u>	<u>3,465</u>	<u>103,387</u>	<u>94,200</u>

9. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,791</u>	<u>–</u>

10. Independent examination fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>396</u>	<u>768</u>

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11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	61,000	63,903
Social security costs	4,678	—
Employer contributions to pension plans	1,087	1,346
	<u>66,765</u>	<u>65,249</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: 4).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2023	19,089
Additions	1,791
At 31 March 2024	<u>20,880</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2023	19,089
Charge for the year	1,791
At 31 March 2024	<u>20,880</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2024	<u>—</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>—</u>

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,087	—
Accruals and deferred income	600	—
	<u>3,687</u>	<u>—</u>

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15. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,087 (2023: £1,346).

16. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	<u>14,088</u>	<u>7,684</u>	<u>(2,611)</u>	<u>8,504</u>	<u>27,665</u>

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	<u>4,148</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>9,741</u>	<u>14,088</u>

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16. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Awards 4 All	–	5,027	(5,174)	147	–
Cumbria Community Foundation	–	10,000	(4,092)	(37)	5,871
Francis C Scott Trust	–	26,682	(14,256)	–	12,426
Hadfield Trust	–	2,000	(833)	–	1,167
Know Your Neighbourhood Fund	–	17,542	(17,542)	2	2
National Lottery Community Fund	26,996	54,509	(43,800)	(2,673)	35,032
Sir John Fisher Foundation	5,569	5,823	(5,508)	(709)	5,175
Unity	308	592	(830)	–	70
Westmorland & Furness Council	–	44,600	(5,874)	(1,865)	36,861
Youth and Community	61,122	362	(2,867)	(3,369)	55,248
	<u>93,995</u>	<u>167,137</u>	<u>(100,776)</u>	<u>(8,504)</u>	<u>151,852</u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Awards 4 All	–	–	–	–	–
Cumbria Community Foundation	–	–	–	–	–
Francis C Scott Trust	–	–	–	–	–
Hadfield Trust	–	–	–	–	–
Know Your Neighbourhood Fund	–	–	–	–	–
National Lottery Community Fund	21,127	54,776	(44,123)	(4,784)	26,996
Sir John Fisher Foundation	5,422	5,000	(4,853)	–	5,569
Unity	903	–	(595)	–	308
Westmorland & Furness Council	–	–	–	–	–
Youth and Community	47,505	63,203	(44,629)	(4,957)	61,122
	<u>74,957</u>	<u>122,979</u>	<u>(94,200)</u>	<u>(9,741)</u>	<u>93,995</u>

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	31,352	151,852	183,204
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,687)	—	(3,687)
Net assets	<u>27,665</u>	<u>151,852</u>	<u>179,517</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets	14,088	93,995	108,083
Creditors less than 1 year	—	—	—
Net assets	<u>14,088</u>	<u>93,995</u>	<u>108,083</u>

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The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	3,885	1,663
Grants receivable	<u>151,078</u>	<u>120,379</u>
	<u>154,963</u>	<u>122,042</u>
 Other trading activities		
Management Charges	6,273	—
Youth and Community	12,151	995
Other income	<u>1,175</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>19,599</u>	<u>995</u>
 Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	<u>259</u>	<u>141</u>
 Total income	<u><u>174,821</u></u>	<u><u>123,178</u></u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Purchases	—	2,824
Wages and salaries	61,000	63,903
Employer's NIC	4,678	—
Pension costs	1,087	1,346
Rent	6,631	6,028
Light and heat	1,454	2,822
Repairs and maintenance	—	7,186
Insurance	510	452
Other motor/travel costs	464	—
Legal and professional fees	1,674	768
Telephone	600	—
Other office costs	2,484	827
Depreciation	1,791	—
Trips and Events	3,537	2,158
Youth Club Activities	922	666
Computer Costs and IT	5,268	5,094
Mens Groups	922	—
AS Support	3,702	—
KYN	5,456	—
Womens Group	689	—
Staff Training	367	126
Recruitment	151	—
	<u>103,387</u>	<u>94,200</u>
Total expenditure	<u>103,387</u>	<u>94,200</u>
Net income	<u>71,434</u>	<u>28,978</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Charitable Activities		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Purchases	—	2,824
Wages/salaries	61,000	63,903
Employer's NIC	4,678	—
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Mens Group	922	—
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KYN	5,456	—
Womens Group	689	—
Staff Training	367	126
Recruitment	151	—
	<u>99,922</u>	<u>93,432</u>
Governance costs		
Governance costs - accountancy fees	1,674	768
Governance costs - depreciation	1,791	—
	<u>3,465</u>	<u>768</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u>103,387</u>	<u>94,200</u>

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Legal and administrative information
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Trustees	Natalia Wealleans-Turner Kleanth Labo Jane Wilkes Ollie Flitcroft Beverley Chandler Gabriela Lipska Farina Harris Iwona Suwala Ilona Bitner	(Resigned 23 Sept 2022) (Resigned 07 June 2022) (Appointed 06 Dec 2022 and Resigned 31 Jan 2023) (Appointed 24 Jan 2023)
Chairperson	Natalia Wealleans-Turner	
Secretary	Jane Wilkes	(Resigned 23 Sept 2022)
Treasurer	Beverley Chandler	
Registered charity	1105589	
Registered office	104 Cooke's Studio Abbey Road Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 5QR	
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ	
Independents examiners	JL Winder & Co Chartered Accountants Suite 6 Furness Gate Peter Green Way Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 2PE	

**Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum
Trustees report
For the year to 31st March 2023**

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31st March 2023

Objectives and legal details

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum is an unincorporated registered charity established by a constitution adopted 27th August 2003 and further amended 5th December 2019.

The charity's objectives are to promote racial harmony in Furness for the benefit of the public by provision of services to offer advice and guidance, community activities and activities to promote inclusion and increase participation; provide a youth club and by any other charitable means as the trustee from time to time determine.

Summary of main aims and purposes

Our charity has continued to support children, young people and adults to navigate the ongoing and significant impact of Covid-19, barriers to access, racism and hate crime.

Our efforts this year focused on achieving our Year 2 & 3 objectives in our Business Plan 2021-2023, which included developing and expanding our services, increasing staff capacity, securing multiple year funding to retain staff and to meet needs of people.

Our aims this year have been to continue to develop our governance, publicity and services. We have continued to work in partnership with numerous partners to support our community and service users. We have delivered inspiring activities and events, all of which have fostered community engagement and cohesion.

Structure, governance and management

We have made positive progress against our objectives in our Business Plan, developed policies including a Reserves Policy formally adopted in October 2022 by the FMCF trustees, and secured continuation funding to better relate the way business and decision making is carried out which has enabled us to continue to grow moving into the next financial year.

The Board of the charity, led by Chair Natalia Wealleans-Turner and Vice Chair Kleanth Labo, welcomed the following trustees Iwona Suwala who joined us briefly in December 2022 and Ilona Bitner in joined us in January 2023.

This year we said goodbye and thank you to trustees Iwona Suwala, Jane Wilkes, and Ollie Flitcroft all of whom left for personal reasons.

The trustee paid due regard to guidance in section 17 (5) of 2011 Charities Act issues by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum continues to recruit new trustees using a variety of methods in line with our constitution including advertising on our Facebook and Instagram page, through our networks, and by word of mouth at community events.

Main activities, challenges and achievements

Staff & Volunteers

Our staff and volunteer team has worked above and beyond again this year to develop and deliver empowering activities, events and facilitated community volunteering opportunities for our service users as well as fostering strong partnership approaches and co-delivered with Growing Well, Mind in Furness, Barrow Food Bank, Abbey Road Baptist Church, Love barrow Families, Furness Support Refugee Support Group and Salvation Army to name but a few. My respect and gratitude is reserved to our whole team who deliver with compassion, and dedication to make a difference in their community.

None of our work would be possible without the continued investment and trust of our funders- The National Lottery Community Fund, Awards for All, Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery, Cumbria Community Foundation, Sir Francis C Scott and Sir John Fisher, Cumbria County Council, or our dedicated and hard-working group of Trustees; their recognition and understanding of the importance our work is vital and all of whom have my sincerest thanks!

“We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always right to do right”- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Financial review of the year-

The finances of the charity remain in sound conditions as can be seen from our annual accounts 2022-2023. The majority of our income is restricted and is primarily for our youth club, funds have been secured to enable our community development work. Our income of the financial year 2022-2023 is detailed in our separate accounts.

During the year the charity received income of £123,178 (2022 - £75,422). £120,379 (2022 - £66,910) of this income was received in grant funding.

We remain exceptionally grateful to our grant funders for their continued belief in the work we do, without their investment our work would not be possible.

The charity incurred costs of £94,200 (2021 - £51,021), the main increase being in the wage costs for the charity which have increased to £63,903 this year (2022 - £34,920)

This has resulted in an excess of income over expenditure for the year of £28,978 (2022 - £24,401).

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There has been a transfer from restricted funds to unrestricted funds of £9741.16 (2022 - £6,809) to cover management fees for income allocated to restricted funds.

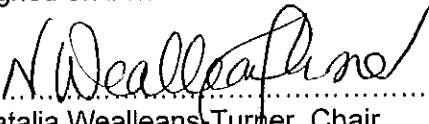
At the year end the charity had a balance on unrestricted funds of £14,089 (2022 – £4,148) and on restricted funds of £93,994 (2022 - £74,957)

Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees for Furness Multicultural Community Forum (FMCF) has agreed a policy for reserves that requires reserves to be maintained at a level that:

- ensures that FMCF core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty or financial uncertainty, and
- provides an appropriate period of time to secure additional or new funding when existing funding is withdrawn or no longer available, and
- ensures that FMCF is able to meet costs associated with reduction in services or closure of the organisation, including any outstanding liabilities

Signed on behalf of the trustees


.....
Natalia Wealleans-Turner, Chair

24-11-2023
.....
Date

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('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 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Sarah Roberts BSc FCA
For and on behalf of JL Winder & Co
Chartered Accountants

14th December 2023

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Receipts and payments account For the year ended 31st March 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Note				
Receipts					
Donations received		58.50	1604.55	1663.05	4602.93
Other grants	1	-	120379.00	120379.00	69910.75
Youth Club receipts		-	994.84	994.84	62.50
Fundraising		-	-	-	781.00
Interest received		141.26	-	141.26	-
Calendar sales		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65.00</u>
		199.76	122978.39	123178.15	75422.18
Payments					
Trips and events		-	2157.71	2157.71	3173.92
Youth club activities		-	666.10	666.10	500.59
Salaries and employers NI		-	63903.01	63903.01	34919.67
Pension payments		-	1345.50	1345.50	1329.58
Sessional worker		-	3000.00	3000.00	-
Training		-	126.38	126.38	2095.56
Rent		-	6028.00	6028.00	1880.60
Office costs		-	2821.92	2821.92	2368.14
Computer costs and IT		-	5093.54	5093.54	-
Insurance		-	452.40	452.40	391.40
Equipment and resources		-	2820.46	2820.46	2325.58
Fixed asset		-	4365.64	4365.64	648.00
Marketing and publicity		-	292.78	292.78	-
Accountancy fees		-	768.00	768.00	798.00
Bank charges		-	72.00	72.00	96.50
Sundries		<u>-</u>	<u>286.59</u>	<u>286.59</u>	<u>493.91</u>
		-	94200.03	94200.03	51021.45
Surplus of income over expenditure		199.76	28778.36	28978.12	24400.73
Transfer between funds re Management fees		9741.16	(9741.16)	-	-
Balance brought forward		<u>4148.37</u>	<u>74956.91</u>	<u>79105.28</u>	<u>54704.55</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>14089.29</u>	<u>93994.11</u>	<u>108083.40</u>	<u>79105.28</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31st March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Assets		
Equipment at cost	19088.64	14723.00
Balances at bank		
- CAF Bank Ltd	108047.62	79023.75
Cash in hand	<u>35.78</u>	<u>81.53</u>
Liabilities		
PAYE	1151.35	477.63
NEST pension	230.60	228.10
Accruals	<u>1636.40</u>	<u>540.00</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

N. WEALLEANS-TURNER
Name


Signature

KLEANTH LASSO
Name


Signature

24-11-2023
Date

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Notes to the accounts As at 31st March 2023

		2023 £	2022 £
1 Other Grants			
Provider	Project		
The National Lottery Community Fund		54776.00	27990.50
Francis C Scott Charitable Trust	Youth Work	15700.00	15700.00
Sir John Fisher Foundation	Youth work program	5000.00	5500.00
Cumbria County Council	Refugees and AS support	10000.00	-
Cumbria County Council	Men's Group	2000.00	-
Lottery Awards for All		10000.00	-
Cumbria Community Foundation		10000.00	-
Barrow Borough Council	Asylum dispersal scheme	9724.00	-
BAE Systems		100.00	-
Tesco Community Grants		500.00	-
Women's Community Grant		1000.00	-
Asda Green Token		300.00	-
Project John		675.00	
Cumbria County Council		-	1630.00
The Postcode Neighbourhood Trust		-	16771.00
Cumbria Community Foundation	Essentials for asylum seekers	-	1938.00
Cumbria Development Education Centre		-	381.25
Others		<u>604.00</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>120379.00</u>	<u>69910.75</u>

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Summary of main aims and purposes

Our charity has continued to support children, young people and adults to navigate the ongoing and significant impact of Covid-19, barriers to access, racism and hate crime.

Our efforts this year focused on achieving our Year 1 objectives in our Business Plan 2021-2023, which included developing and expanding our services, increasing staff capacity, securing multiple year funding to retain staff and to meet needs of people.

Our aims this year have been to continue to work in partnership with a multitude of partners new and old to ensure a joined-up approach to serving and supporting those who need us most as well as facilitating inspiring activities, events, and initiative, for connection, social and community engagement and shared learning.

This year we have continued to work efficiently and sustainably in partnership with key stakeholders including our good friends and allies Furness Refugee Support Group, Signal Film & Media, Cumbria CVS, Barra Culture, Rob at Barrow Island and Les at Walney Community Centres, Furness Youth Work Partnership, Cumbria County Council and Barrow Council, Ormsgill Stronger Together Team and Cumbria Development Education Centre for the benefit of our community.

Structure, governance and management

We have reviewed and updated our Business Plan, policies and processes to better relate the way business and decision making is carried and ensuring we are focused our growth strategy moving into the next financial year.

The Board of the charity, led by Chair Natalia Wealleans-Turner and Vice Chair Kleanth Labo, welcomed the following trustee Farina Harris who joined us in late 2022.

This year we said goodbye and thank you to trustees Lina Harb-Tyson, who successfully secured a paid role with us, and Roula Adulkarim, who left for personal reasons.

The trustee paid due regard to guidance in section 17 (5) of 2011 Charities Act issues by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum continues to recruit new trustees using a variety of methods in line with our constitution including advertising on our Facebook and Instagram page, through our networks, and by word of mouth at community events.

**Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum
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Main activities, challenges and achievements

Our greatest and most precious resource is our staff and volunteers and as such it seems fitting to start this year's report with overview of their achievements and to give thanks for their hard work and dedication. The Forum's success has always been contingent on its people, and we are fortunate to have a group of people who together share a passion for racial justice and equity and bring with them a range of skills and expertise, and a deep wish to make a difference in their local community.

This year we said goodbye to Ilona Bitner as our part-time Support Youth and Community Worker as she moved on to a new role with esteemed organisation Signal Film & Media to progress her career in the Arts- we thank Ilona for her hard work and dedication to the Forum, our youth club and young people and wish her well as in her new chapter. We welcomed Rachel Craig into post briefly and wish her well in her next chapter.

This year we welcome new paid staff members to the Forum- Lina Harb-Tyson joined us as our Hate Crime Outreach Worker in July 2021; a post funded by initially as a pilot by Cumbria Community Foundation and Awards for All. Lina has worked tirelessly under challenging circumstances to develop hate crime support and training locally. Her integrity and passion for justice is second to none and her project has been well received, giving much needed support to individuals affected by racism and discrimination.

Christine Anderson joined us as Project Manager in March 2022; her post is funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and she brings with her a wealth of project management experience, expertise and a passion for community and equality work. Under Christine's leadership, together with the team, we anticipate that in the coming year the Forum will continue to flourish.

Though no longer 'new'- Janine Adams our Lead Youth and Community Worker has demonstrated incredible passion, tenacity, and leadership this year, working tirelessly through organisational challenge and change, responding to need with empathy and kindness, supporting vulnerable women, running educative and fun youth club sessions, trips and activities and undertaking excellent community engagement and cohesion work with our wonderful colleagues from 'Ormsgill Stronger Together' team to develop their project.

Our incredible volunteer team has grown considerably this year and in addition to our wonderful, hardworking and long-standing volunteer Eleonora, we have had the pleasure to welcome Josh and Jake who run our weekly family football sessions, Kerry and Lisa who support the running of our youth club and Samim who volunteers with people seeking asylum. The 'behind the scenes' team- our hardworking trustees must also get a mention- without them none of this work would be possible and their dedication and passion is equally noted and each one thanked for all they do to keep the Forum going from strength to strength.

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Challenges...

This year has been filled with many challenges, many of which were unexpected including the war in Ukraine with people seeking safety in the UK and the Home Office's establishment of a hotel to house people seeking asylum. Our team in partnership with Furness Refugee Support, the Salvation Army, Cumbria CVS and St Marks Church and others, has worked quickly, and efficiently to ensure the need of people seeking safety were met to ensure a warm welcome into our town an access to required services. The challenge for us to secure sustainable investment and continuation funding to ensure we have sufficient staff capacity and operate on a full cost recovery model remains.

However, none of our work would have been possible this year without the continued investment, support and trust of our funders- The National Lottery Community Fund, Awards for All, Postcode Neighbourhood Lottery, Cumbria Community Foundation, CDEC, Barrowfull, Cumbria County Council, Sir Francis C Scott and Sir John Fisher - their recognition and understanding of the importance our work is vital and all of whom have our sincerest thanks.

Our whole team has worked above and beyond to listen, understand, and enable community members young and old, through 1-1 support, group activities and incredible events to come together to celebrate, connect and share whilst offering opportunities for people to learn about the asylum-seeking process via the Escape to safety Exhibition, attend celebrations celebrating religious and cultural diversity, and together challenging racism and discrimination.

Together we have been tireless in our commitment to our community, and as we look towards our next year, we are confident that our services are wanted and needed, that we make a difference and continue to build solid foundations to grow and develop further in line with year two and three of our Business Plan.

“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.”

— Arthur Ashe, American tennis athlete & civil rights activist

Financial review of the year-

The finances of the charity remain in sound conditions as can be seen from our annual accounts for 2021-2022. The majority of our income is restricted and is detailed in our accounts.

During the year the charity received income of £75,422 (2021 - £66,924). £66,924 (2021 - £66,617) of this income was received in grant funding. We remain exceptionally grateful to our grant funders for their continued belief in the work we do, without their investment our work would not be possible.

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum
Trustees report
For the year to 31st March 2022

The charity incurred costs of £51,021 (2021 - £32,162), the main increase being in the wage costs for the charity.

This has resulted in an excess of income over expenditure for the year of £24,401 (2021 - £34,763).

There has been a transfer from unrestricted funds to restricted funds of £6809.63 to cover previous management fees allocated to restricted funds.

At the year end the charity had a balance on unrestricted funds of £4148 (2021 - £10,958) and on restricted funds of £74957 (2021 - £43,747).

The charity has no formal reserves policy

Signed on behalf of the trustees

N. Wealleans-Turner
Natalia Wealleans-Turner, Chair

16/11/2022
Date

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 2 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011('the Act').

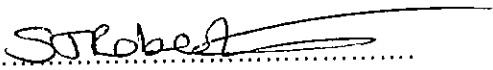
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
(2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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


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Sarah Roberts BSc FCA
For and on behalf of JL Winder & Co
Chartered Accountants

21 November 2022

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Receipts and payments account For the year ended 31st March 2022

		Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total 2022	Total 2021
	Note				
Receipts					
Donations received		4602.93	-	4602.93	100.00
Other grants	1	-	69910.75	69910.75	66617.31
Youth Club receipts		-	62.50	62.50	-
Fundraising		781.00	-	781.00	-
Calendar sales		<u>65.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65.00</u>	<u>207.00</u>
		5448.93	69973.25	75422.18	66924.31
Payments					
Trips and events		-	3173.92	3173.92	813.88
Youth club activities		-	500.59	500.59	322.63
Salaries		-	34919.67	34919.67	21076.44
Pension payments		-	1329.58	1329.58	383.76
Men's Group		-	632.93	632.93	-
Training		-	2095.56	2095.56	200.00
Rent		-	1880.60	1880.60	5820.00
Office costs		65.00	2303.14	2368.14	694.33
Insurance		-	391.40	391.40	386.40
Equipment and resources		-	1692.65	1692.65	119.90
Fixed asset		-	648.00	648.00	-
Professional fees		-	-	-	1350.00
Accountancy fees		-	798.00	798.00	683.50
Bank charges		-	96.50	96.50	55.00
Sundries		-	493.91	493.91	255.95
Transfer between funds in year re costs		<u>5383.93</u>	<u>(5383.93)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		5448.93	45572.52	51021.45	32161.79
Surplus of income over expenditure		-	24400.73	24400.73	34762.52
Transfer between funds		(6809.63)	6809.63	-	-
Balance brought forward		<u>10958.00</u>	<u>43746.55</u>	<u>54704.55</u>	<u>19942.03</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>4148.37</u>	<u>74956.91</u>	<u>79105.28</u>	<u>54704.55</u>

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Statement of assets and liabilities
As at 31st March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Assets		
Equipment at cost	14723.00	14075.00
Balances at bank		
- Barrow & District Credit Union	-	102.71
- CAF Bank Ltd	79023.75	54488.03
Cash in hand	<u>81.53</u>	<u>113.81</u>
Liabilities		
PAYE	477.63	262.12
NEST pension	228.10	152.88
Accruals	<u>540.00</u>	<u>480.00</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

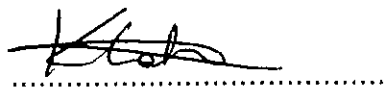
NATALIA WEALLEANS-TURNER

Name


Signature

KLEANTH LAROS

Name


Signature

16/11/2022
Date

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Notes to the accounts As at 31st March 2022

		2022 £	2020 £
1 Other Grants			
Cumbria County Council		300.00	-
Cumbria County Council		330.00	-
Cumbria County Council		1000.00	-
Cumbria County Council	Active Cumbria	-	499.92
The National Lottery Community Fund		27990.50	-
The Postcode Neighbourhood Trust		16771.00	-
Cumbria Community Foundation	Essentials for asylum seekers	1938.00	-
Cumbria Community Foundation	Stronger together Ormsgill Project	-	4000.00
The Barker Family Fund	Stronger together Ormsgill Project	-	12000.00
Barrow Community Trust	Stronger together Ormsgill Project	-	2707.84
Wing Cmdr Thompson & Rev Green Fund	Stronger together Ormsgill Project	-	1000.00
Cumbria Development Education Centre		381.25	-
Cumbria Development Education Centre	Same storm, different boat partnership project	-	4000.00
Cumbria Community Fund	Feeling safe at home and in the community project	-	12409.55
Cumbria Community Fund	Feeling safe at home and in the community project	-	10000.00
Francis C Scott Charitable Trust	Youth Work	15700.00	15000.00
Sir John Fisher Foundation	Youth work program	<u>5500.00</u>	<u>5000.00</u>
		<u>69910.75</u>	<u>66617.31</u>

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Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

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For the year to 31st March 2021

Charity number 1105589

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

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For the year to 31st March 2021

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Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum
Legal and administrative information
For the year to 31st March 2021

Trustees	Natalia Wealleans-Turner Kleanth Labo Lee Wicks (Resigned 06 Apr 2020) Christopher Altree (Resigned 27 Jan 2021) Derek Bradley (Resigned 04 Nov 2020) Lina Harb-Tyson (Appointed 06 Apr 2020) Roula Abdulkarim (Appointed 01 Dec 2020) Jane Wilkes (Appointed 06 Apr 2020) Beverley Chandler (Appointed 09 Dec 2020) Ollie Flitcroft (Appointed 05 Oct 2020) Gabriela Lipska (Appointed 30 Mar 2021)
Chairperson	Natalia Wealleans-Turner
Secretary	Jane Wilkes
Treasurer	Beverly Chandler
Registered charity	1105589
Registered office	Lesser Kings Hall Hartington Street Barrow in Furness Cumbria
Bankers	Barrow Credit Union The Mall Barrow in Furness Cumbria CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Independents examiners	JL Winder & Co Chartered Accountants 125 Ramsden Square Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 1XA

**Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum
Trustees report
For the year to 31st March 2021**

The trustees present their report for the year ended 31st March 2021

Objectives and legal details

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum is an unincorporated registered charity established by a constitution adopted 27th August 2003 and further amended 5th December 2019.

The charity's objectives are to promote racial harmony in Furness for the benefit of the public by provision of services to offer advice and guidance, community activities and activities to promote inclusion and increase participation; provide a youth club and by any other charitable means as the trustee from time to time determine.

Summary of main aims and purposes

Our charity has, in response to the impact of Coronavirus pandemic, racism, increased racial tensions and social isolation, focused our efforts to adapt and develop support to our youth club members and their families, and adults in our community. Our aims remain unchanged in that we continue to work to break down and address barriers that lead to racism and challenge all forms of racism and racial inequality in the Furness area. This year we have significantly expanded our community offer in response to existing and emergent need and increasing levels of hate crime. In order to work efficiently and sustainably with continued limited capacity we have continued to work in partnership with key stakeholders, developed new alliances with local and county wide partners including Multicultural Cumbria, Cumbria Development Education Centre for the benefit of our members.

Structure, governance and management

We have updated both our Business Plan and policies to better relate the way business and decision making is carried and ensuring we are focused our growth strategy moving into the next financial year.

The Board of the charity, led by Chair Natalia Wealleans-Turner and Vice Chair Kleanth Labo, welcomed the following trustees Lina Harb-Tyson, Roula Abdulkarim, Jane Wilkes, Beverley Chandler, Ollie Flitcroft and Gabriela Lipska.

This year we said goodbye and thank you to trustees Lee Wicks, Chris Altree and Derek Bradley, all of whom left for personal reasons.

The trustee paid due regard to guidance in section 17 (5) of 2011 Charities Act issues by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum continues to recruit new trustees using a variety of methods in line with our constitution including advertising on our Facebook and Instagram page, through our networks, our newsletter and by word of mouth at community events.

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum
Trustees report
For the year to 31st March 2021

Main activities, challenges and achievements

'A Year Like No Other'

This year we said goodbye to Jane Wilkes as our paid Lead Youth and Community Worker as she moved on to a new role with a key partner and we thank her for her hard work and dedication to the Forum and our youth club. Happily, we retain Jane as a Trustee and continue reap the benefit of her knowledge and experience. We welcomed Janine Adams as our new Lead Youth and Community Worker to replace Jane in April 2020, bringing with her a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise to lead and develop our work.

The unexpected and enduring impact of the Coronavirus pandemic this year and the rise in hate crime have increased the need for our services and support. This has been a year like no other, and our staff, trustees and volunteers have risen to the challenge to adapt to the virtual world including online youth clubs sessions, and implement blended methods of delivery including craft packs and outdoor summer programme, to reach and support our community ensuring no one got left behind!

This year we have seen a continued and worrying increase in racial tension and hate crime in Furness and across Cumbria, and we have seen firsthand the devastating effect this has on individuals and wider our community. Our team have mobilised quickly, working in partnership with Police David Proctor to support victims, to report hate crime and attend various meetings to raise the issues faced in our community. The trustees secured funding to reinstate our Hate Crime programme and recruit a worker to extend our capacity to respond effectively to victims, to train partners and to support young people to better understand and challenge racism.

Despite the challenges this year, we have also been gifted with opportunity, not least setting up our virtual bi-weekly women's group, but also building new partnerships across the county with Cumbria Education Development Centre and Multicultural Cumbria, providing opportunities for co-production of projects, sharing, learning, and friendships. We have also continued to work in partnership with our good friends at Furness Refugee Support Group and Rock Against Hate. We look forward to growing our new partnerships and connecting more deeply with our existing partners for the benefit of our members.

None of our work would be possible without the continued investment and trust of our funders and in particular Sir Francis C Scott and Sir John Fisher or our dedicated and hard-working group of Trustees- all of whom have my sincerest thanks.

Our team Ilona and volunteer Elenora lead by Janine all work above and beyond to ensure our young people, their parents and community members are looked after, have opportunities to celebrate, connect and share. Our thanks go to Janine for her care and compassion and the difference her leadership makes to the Forum and our community.

We would like to reserve special thanks to our Young Leader Abdalmoien, or Aboudie we know him- a kind, supportive, intelligent young man, and an excellent leader and role model to others.

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Trustees report (continued) For the year to 31st March 2021

As we think about the year ahead, we know there are many challenges to overcome, not least securing sufficient and increased investment to not only sustain and but also grow our work in line with need, as well as ensuring our members are included and empowered to lead the way in tackling racism, to create change within our community making Furness a safer and more inclusive place to live, work and play.

'We are more because of the connections we make'- unknown

Financial review of the year-

The finances of the charity remain in sound conditions as can be seen from our annual accounts 2020-2021. The majority of our income is restricted and is primarily for our youth club, funds have been secured to enable our community development work. Our income of the financial year 2020-2021 is detailed in our separate accounts.

Covid-19 and the national lock down impacted on and delayed the opening of our new bank account. Fortunately, we were able to open an online bank account with CAF, in June 2020 and we banked the grant funding cheques which had been held for nearly 6 months. Despite the early challenges with our bank account we are pleased to report that the new online banking system has greatly assisted our financial management and oversight of our business.

During the year the charity received income of £66,924 (2020 - £20,190). £66,617 (2020 - £20,000) of this income was received in grant funding. We remain exceptionally grateful to our grant funders for their continued belief in the work we do, without their investment our work would not be possible.

The charity incurred costs of £32,162 (2020 - £23,393), the main increase being in the wage costs for the charity.

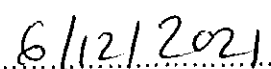
This has resulted in an excess of income over expenditure for the year of £34,763 (2020 – excess of payments over receipts £3,204).

At the year end the charity had a balance on unrestricted funds of £10,958 (2020 – £10,901) and on restricted funds of £43,747 (2020 - £9,041).

The charity has no formal reserves policy

Signed on behalf of the trustees


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Natalia Wealleans-Turner, Chair


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Date

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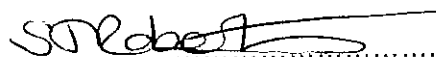
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Sarah Roberts BSc FCA
For and on behalf of JL Winder & Co
Chartered Accountants

23 August 2021

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Receipts and payments account For the year ended 31st March 2021

		Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total 2021	Total 2020
	Note				
Receipts					
Donations received		100.00	-	100.00	120.00
UK Government grants		-	-	-	-
Other grants	1	-	66617.31	66617.31	20000.00
Youth club receipts		-	-	-	70.00
Calendar sales		<u>207.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>207.00</u>	<u>-</u>
		307.00	66617.31	66924.31	20190.00
Payments					
Trips and events			813.88	813.88	1018.25
Youth club activities			322.63	322.63	620.78
Salaries			21076.44	21076.44	15773.42
Pension costs			383.76	383.76	660.66
DBS checks			-	-	140.00
Training			200.00	200.00	450.00
Rent			5820.00	5820.00	2600.00
Office costs		250.00	444.33	694.33	313.97
Insurance			386.40	386.40	395.16
Equipment and resources			119.90	119.90	406.42
Professional fees			1350.00	1350.00	-
Accountancy fees			683.50	683.50	667.55
Bank charges			55.00	55.00	40.00
Sundries		<u>-</u>	<u>255.95</u>	<u>255.95</u>	<u>307.70</u>
		250.00	31911.79	32161.79	23393.91
Surplus of income over expenditure		57.00	34705.52	34762.52	(3203.91)
Balance brought forward		<u>10901.00</u>	<u>9041.03</u>	<u>19942.03</u>	<u>23145.94</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>10958.00</u>	<u>43746.55</u>	<u>54704.55</u>	<u>19942.03</u>

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Statement of assets and liabilities As at 31st March 2021

	2020 £	2019 £
Assets		
Equipment at cost	14075.00	14075.00
Balances at bank		
- Barrow & District Credit Union	102.71	3890.83
- CAF Bank Ltd	54488.03	-
Cash in hand	<u>113.81</u>	<u>16051.20</u>
Liabilities		
PAYE	262.12	-
NEST pension	152.88	-
Accruals	<u>480.00</u>	<u>480.00</u>

Signed on behalf of the trustees

N. WEALLEANS-TURNER
Name

N Wealleans Turner
Signature

KLEANTH LABO
Name


Signature

28/10/2021
Date

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

Notes to the accounts As at 31st March 2021

		2021 £	2020 £
1 Other Grants			
Cumbria County Council	Active Cumbria	499.92	-
Cumbria Fund	Stronger together Ormsgill Project	4000.00	-
The Barker Family Fund	Stronger together Ormsgill Project	12000.00	-
Barrow Community Trust	Stronger together Ormsgill Project	2707.84	-
Wing Cmdr Thompson & Rev Green Fund	Stronger together Ormsgill Project	1000.00	-
Cumbria Development Education Centre	Same storm, different boat partnership project	4000.00	-
Cumbria Community Fund	Feeling safe at home and in the community project	12409.55	-
Community Fund	Feeling safe at home and in the community project	10000.00	-
Francis C Scott Charitable Trust		15000.00	15000.00
Sir John Fisher Foundation	Youth work program	5000.00	5000.00
		<u>66617.31</u>	<u>20000.00</u>