

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

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For the year to 31st March 2021

Charity number 1105589

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Legal and administrative information
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Trustees	<p>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)</p>
Chairperson	Natalia Wealleans-Turner
Secretary	Jane Wilkes
Treasurer	Beverly Chandler
Registered charity	1105589
Registered office	<p>Lesser Kings Hall Hartington Street Barrow in Furness Cumbria</p>
Bankers	<p>Barrow Credit Union The Mall Barrow in Furness Cumbria</p> <p>CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ</p>
Independents examiners	<p>JL Winder & Co Chartered Accountants 125 Ramsden Square Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 1XA</p>

**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.

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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.

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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.

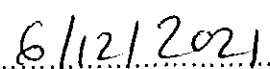
This has resulted in an excess of income over expenditure for the year of £34,763 (2020 – excess of payments over receipts £3,204).

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

**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 2021 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

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>

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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

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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	<u>5000.00</u>	<u>5000.00</u>
		<u>66617.31</u>	<u>20000.00</u>