

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

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For the year to 31st March 2022

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Legal and administrative information
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Trustees	<p>Natalia Wealleans-Turner Kleanth Labo Jane Wilkes Ollie Flitcroft Lina Harb-Tyson (Resigned 05 July 2021) Beverley Chandler Gabriela Lipska Farina Harris (Appointed 22 Feb 2022)</p>
Chairperson	Natalia Wealleans-Turner
Secretary	Jane Wilkes
Treasurer	Beverley Chandler
Registered charity	1105589
Registered office	<p>104 Cooke's Studio Abbey Road Barrow in Furness Cumbria LA14 5QR</p>
Bankers	<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
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The trustees present their report for the year ended 31st March 2022

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 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.

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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.

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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').

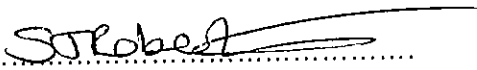
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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

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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>

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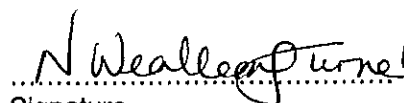
**Statement of assets and liabilities
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	2022 £	2021 £
Assets		
Equipment at cost	14723.00	14075.00
Balances at bank		
- Barrow & District Credit Union	-	102.71
- CAF Bank Ltd	79023.75	54488.03
Cash in hand	<u>81.53</u>	<u>113.81</u>
Liabilities		
PAYE	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

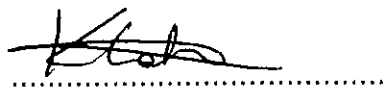
NATALIA WEALLEANS-TURNER

Name


Signature

KLEANTH LAROS

Name


Signature

16/11/2022
Date

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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>