

Furness Multi-Cultural Community Forum

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For the year to 31st March 2023

Charity number 1105589

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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

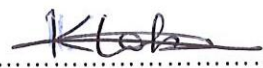
	2023 £	2022 £
Assets		
Equipment at cost	19088.64	14723.00
Balances at bank		
- CAF Bank Ltd	108047.62	79023.75
Cash in hand	<u>35.78</u>	<u>81.53</u>
Liabilities		
PAYE	1151.35	477.63
NEST pension	230.60	228.10
Accruals	<u>1636.40</u>	<u>540.00</u>

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>