

African Women Group

Charity Registration No. 1106612

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2022

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity: African Women Group
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Registered Charity No: 1106612

Management Committee

Dr. Fadil El-Sheibeka (Chairperson)
Mrs. Manahil Ahmed (General Secretary)
Ms, El- Mardi (Treasurer)
Ms. Fatima EL-Zeen (M/C Member)
Ms. Braihan Saber (M/C Member)
Contact Person: Zahra Ahmed

Independent Examiner: J-Accountancy & Consultancy Limited

Banker: Barclays Bank Plc

AFRICAN WOMEN GROUP
REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

History, objectives and Activities of African Women Group

The management Committee submit their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022.

The African Women Group was established on the 20th of April 2002 and registered as a charity on the 4th day of November 2004.

The African Women Group was formed as a self-help group for local African Refugee Women and their families suffering isolation, social exclusion and deprivation.

It is one a handful of voluntary organisations for African Refugee Women in West London offering support to African Refugee Women to raise awareness and build confidence, so that they are able to develop themselves and take more responsibilities for their own lives.

We aim to work towards the empowerment and self-development of women through a provision of drop in service and a programme of workshops and community based courses.

The Group provides a safe environment for women and their children to come together to share their experiences, participate and learn new skills that will lead to a better quality of life.

The objectives of the African Women Group are charitable in nature and are of the following as laid out in the Group's Constitutional Document:

1. To relieve poverty, hardship and distress of African Refugee Women's living in London by the provision of regarding their educational, training and employment needs as well as advice on health matters, housing, interpreting/translating and advocacy.
2. the preservation and protection of health amongst women from Africa.
3. To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for the recreation and other leisure time occupations in the interest of social welfare of improving their condition of life, Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is constituted by a Constitution. It is governed by the regulation set out in the Constitution and run by a voluntary management committee. The charity's new committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting every two years.

The management committee met 3 times during the year to review the activities of the charity including the approval of the annual report and accounts as well as budgets, capital expenditure and to set out the fund raising date for the charity. The day to day work of the charity is overseen by the Chairperson who is responsible for reporting to the Management Committee.

The Management Committee are aware of the potential risks to the charity, both financial and otherwise, therefore, strategies are in place to control these risks. Assessments have also been taken relating to fire and health safety. The management Committee are seriously looking into other risk areas such as operational, governance and compliance with law and regulations.

Achievements and Performance of the Group

The management Committee are pleased to report an active year. The African Women Group is actively seeking to protect its financial security in order to continue to safeguard the on going, development of the Centre and its projects and services that it offers to the local refugee and asylum seeking communities in Westminster and other surrounding boroughs in London.

Over the last 12 months we organised and delivered the following activities:

Supplementary education programme including study support and homework support to children from BAME communities who were underachieving in the field of education .

We ran African families Health Living programme, where we provided a variety of educational, early learning, child development, social and children health focussed information that address the needs of children.

We ran an advice and information service on welfare, housing, consumer, translation support.

We ran a mental health awareness programme to provide support to women and mothers affected by low levels of mental health problems resulted from isolation and loneliness.

Performed outreach Work - networking and liaising with African refugee families across North Westminster, we ran training sessions for volunteers on how to conduct interviews with the East African (Sudanese, Somali and Eritrean) community about their heritage and settlement stories.

We organised a food & cultural festival which showcased East African (Sudanese, Somali & Eritrean) food and culture. It also served as a networking event for the local community.

Financial Review

The financial position of the Charity is portrayed in the accompanying Annual Accounts.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities Law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statement for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In Preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departure disclosed and explained in the financial statement;
 - Prepare the financial statement on a going concern unless it is inappropriate to
 - presume that the charity will continue in operation.
 - The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records, which discloses with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the charity act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities,

Reserve Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to at least three months expenditure. The Management Committee consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of significant drop in funding, the charity will be able to continue its charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

The African Women Group will actively work to achieve this level of reserve.

Risk Factors

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. Independent Examiner

Independent Examiner According to the provisions of the Charities Act 2011, the Trustees agree that an audit is not required for financial; however due to this provision of the same act an Independent Examiner is required.

The Trustees agreed to discuss the requirement with **J-Accountancy & Consultancy Limited** to appoint them at our next AGM.

The Management Committee approved the accounts on the 7th March 2022

Signed FADIL S.....

Dr Fadil El-Sheibeka

Chairperson

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 of March 2022

<u>Sources</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted Fund</u>	<u>Restricted Fund</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Londoners Fund			835	835	
People's Health			1480	1480	3800
Westminster Council			3970	3970	4300
BBC Children in Need			9970	9970	
Heritage Fund			7640	7640	
Young Westminster			3500	3500	
Donations & Fundraising		1600		1600	3800
Total		<u>1600</u>	<u>27395</u>	<u>28995</u>	<u>11900</u>
<u>Expenses</u>					
Volunteers Expenses			1980	1980	870
Administrative Expenses		850	1000	1850	340
Trainer expenses			4600	4600	2670
Publicity			120	120	90
Venue Cost			7250	7250	3500
Accountancy Fees			200	200	150
Staff cost			4900	4900	2160
Training fees			1320	1320	978
Insurance			250	250	250
Equipment			1450	1450	
Total		<u>850</u>	<u>23070</u>	<u>23920</u>	<u>11008</u>
Total Surplus/Loss		<u>750</u>	<u>4325</u>	<u>5075</u>	<u>892</u>
Brough Forward				2092	1200
Carried Forward				<u>7167</u>	<u>2092</u>

Balance Sheet For the year Ended 31 March 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Fixed Assests		
	0	0
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in Hands	7167	2092
Debtors		
Stock		
Liabilities		
	0	0
Creditors		
Total Net Assests	<hr/> <u>7167</u>	<hr/> <u>2092</u>

Charity Fund

Unrestricted Fund	3200	1870
Restricted Fund	3967	222
Total Fund	<hr/> <u>7167</u>	<hr/> <u>2092</u>

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting applicable Accounting Standards and the Charity Act 2011

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees and the Management Committee are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and that you consider the audit requirements of the charities Act 2011. It is my responsibilities to state on the basis of procedures specified in the directions given by Charity Commissioners whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of my examination

The examination of the accounts was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the charity commissioners. The examination includes:


- A review of the accounting records kept by the charity
- A comparison of the accounts presented with those records made available
- Consideration of any unusual items and disclosures in the accounts
- Assessment and significant estimates and judgments made in preparation of the financial statements
- Examination of evidence relevant to the amount of disclosures in the financial statements

I planned and performed my investigation so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I consider necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material mis-statements whether caused by fraud or irregularity of error. In forming my opinion, I also evaluated the adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In my opinion the financial statements as prepared give a true and fair view of the charity state of affairs as at 31 of March 2022 and the incoming resources and their applications in the year ended have been properly prepared in accordance with general directions given by Charity Commissioners.

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Signed: ----------Date: 02/03/ 2022

