

DESCENDANTS

England & Wales · Charity number 1109057

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-04-15

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY ('THE OBJECTS') ARE PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF THE GREATER LONDON BOROUGHES OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM, EALING, BRENT, HILLINGDON, HOUNSLOW PARTICULARLY THOSE RESIDENTS WHO ARE OF AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN DESCENT:A. TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES PARTICULARLY IN AFRICAN AND AFRICAN CARIBBEAN HISTORY.B. TO PROMOTE RACIAL HARMONY BY DEVELOPING, STRENGTHENING AND PROMOTING BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THOSE OF AFRICAN AND AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN DESCENT AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY; AND BY PROMOTING BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, LOCAL AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENT BODIES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.C. THE PROMOTION OF GOOD RACE RELATIONS, ENDEAVOURING TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATION ON GROUNDS OF RACE AND ENCOURAGING EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY BETWEEN PERSONS OF DIFFERENT RACIAL GROUPS.

Activities: Descendants work primarily but not exclusively with children and young people age 4-18 of African and Caribbean descent, their parents and carers. Descendants meets weekly online Fridays 6-8p.m, term times. We runs educational, history, cultural, arts project Descendants We run mentor session, Holiday projects. We run Parent support group. We run an annual Achievements awards event every July.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREATER LONDON
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£22,882	£18,579	-	-
2024-03-31	£14,163	£41,801	-	-
2023-03-31	£51,490	£31,170	-	-
2022-03-31	£61,476	£39,173	-	-
2021-03-31	£36,860	£15,321	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Denise Charles Ms	Chair	2019-01-14
CELESTINA UZOKA		
Chantel Noel-Morris Mrs		2024-11-15
Christal Douglas Ms		2024-11-15
Collette Noel		2018-10-01
Donley Jack		2025-11-14
ELAINE BERESFORD		
Janet Amara		2019-11-25
MARGARET NOEL		2013-01-11
Wendy James		2023-11-10

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Independent Examination Report

DESCENDANTS

Registered Charity Number: 1109057
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 |

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Section 1: Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Descendants

Charity Name: Descendants

Charity Registration Number: 1109057

Registered Office: Acton Gardens Community Centre, Bollo Bridge Road, Acton, London W3 8UU

For the year ended: 31st March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Descendants (the "Charity") for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the "2011 Act"). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the 2011 Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 5 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- 6 have not been met; or
- 7 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: F.M. Ensch

Address: Temp Accountants, The Print House ES 3DL

Date: 31/01/2026

Section 2: Trustees' Annual Report

Reference and Administrative Details

Detail	Information
Charity Name	Descendants
Charity Registration Number	1109057
Principal Address	Acton Gardens Community Centre, Bollo Bridge Road, Acton, London W3 8UU
Telephone	0208 075 5241 / 077 4588 9521
Email	descendantscharity@gmail.com
Website	www.descendants.org.uk
Year Established	September 1993
Reporting Period	1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Trustees Serving During the Year

Name	Role
Denise Charles	Chair
Wendy James	Vice Chair
Chantel Noel-Morris	Education Advisor (Founder Member)
Margaret Noel	Founder, Director, Treasurer

Name	Role
Janet (Mitchell)-Amara	Secretary, Special Needs Advisor
Celestina Uzoka	Assistant Treasurer, Education Advisor (Founder Member)
Collette Noel	Special Education, Dance Director (Founder Member)
Elaine Beresford	Safeguarding
Christal Douglas	Health and Assistant Treasurer

Patrons

The charity is honoured to have the support of the following distinguished patrons:

- Rt. Hon. Lord Paul Boateng
- Camara Fearon (Community Activist, Singer/Songwriter)
- Sister Monica Tywang DW (Community Activist)
- Dr Abdullah Gulaid B.Sc. (Hon) MSc. PhD
- Kwame Kwei-Armah OBE (Playwright, Director)
- Dr Jak Beula (Entrepreneur, Community Activist, Blue Plaque Founder)
- Marcus Gayle (Brentford Football Team Ambassador)

The charity also remembers with gratitude its past deceased patrons: Dr John Anthony Roberts CBE Q.C DCL, FCI Arb; Mrs Connie Mark B.E.M, M.B.E.; and Mr Lennox Thomas.

Structure, Governance and Management

Descendants is a registered charity governed by its constitution. The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees who meet regularly to oversee the strategic direction and governance of the organisation. The trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity operates in accordance with its charitable objectives and complies with all relevant legislation.

The charity operates primarily through the dedication of its volunteer trustees, committee members, and parent volunteers. During the financial year 2024-2025, the charity employed a paid staff member for three months; however, the majority of the charity's work is delivered by volunteers.

Objectives and Activities

Descendants was established in September 1993 following an overwhelming parental response to a performance by young people of African and Caribbean descent at St Vincent's RC School in Acton, West London. The charity's principal objectives are:

Primary Objectives:

The charity exists to create an environment where children and young people, primarily but not exclusively of African and Caribbean descent, aged 4-18 years, can learn together to appreciate each other's cultures and traditions. Specifically, the charity aims to:

- Instil in young people a sense of identity and develop a true sense of pride in their heritage
- Engage with children, young people, and parents through educational and cultural programmes
- Engage with schools on aspects of heritage, culture, and black history
- Develop partnerships with organisations that work directly with children of African and Caribbean descent
- Establish and develop links with the wider community, Africa, and the Caribbean
- Counteract negative images of the black community portrayed by the media by promoting positive achievements
- Tell the forgotten stories and promote the wealth of accomplishments of black people who have led the way in science, mathematics, technology, and other fields
- Promote accurate and honest world history

Focus Areas:

At Descendants, the focus is on African and Caribbean culture. The charity explores history and experiments with arts, craft, music, drama, and dance. Significant times in world history are marked with celebrations, plays, exhibitions, and events.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The charity's activities are designed to benefit children and young people, primarily of African and Caribbean descent, by providing educational and cultural programmes that develop confidence, knowledge, and cultural pride.

Achievements and Performance

Director's Report

The year 2024-2025 was a remarkable year for Descendants. Despite operating without a permanent paid member of staff, the trustees, committee members, and parent volunteers worked tirelessly and collaboratively to deliver impactful programmes and events. The charity was awarded **"Best Youth Empowerment and Cultural Heritage Charity of the Year 2025"**.

Key Highlights

Paxton House Project and Caribbean Connection Weekend: The Paxton House project marked 20 years of partnership and concluded with the Caribbean Connection Weekend, where the charity premiered its film and celebrated community achievements with groups from Scotland and Grenada. The event was attended by the UK High Commissioner of Grenada, H.E. Rachér Croney.

20th Dr John Roberts QC CBE Achievement Awards: The charity marked the 20th anniversary of its Achievement Awards with a special celebration. Tim Campbell, who was a guest at the inaugural 2005 ceremony, joined the occasion, which showcased the outstanding talent of children and young people in the Ealing Borough.

Windrush Pioneers Initiative: Plans are progressing to name four buildings in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Wilkie and Mr. and Mrs. Carter, recognising their contributions to education. Discussions with Ealing Council regarding recognition for Ms Mollie Hunte are ongoing.

Roots and Wings Health Project: In March 2025, Descendants was awarded £5,000 through the Ealing Roots and Wings grant programme funded by NHS North-West London and delivered with Ealing Council and EHCVS. The charity was one of ten organisations commissioned to support improving health outcomes for Black and minoritised communities. The project culminated in a showcase at Ealing Town Hall on 23 October 2025.

Mind, Body and Soul Health Programme: This programme was launched to deepen engagement and well-being within the community.

Education Programme

The 2024-2025 year was another productive year of projects and activities for Descendants children. Over the past 18 months, Descendants worked on a five-way collaboration between the Paxton House Trust, Grenadian Artist Billy Gerard Frank, children in Grenada, and children from Scotland. The project honoured the life of the Ghanaian-born abolitionist and activist, Ottobah Cugoano.

Children were introduced to children currently living in Ghana via Zoom, exchanging information about their daily lives and learning about Ghanaian traditions, kings and queens,

language, signs and symbols including Adinkra and Kente. They were taught about slavery and its devastating effects on individuals and whole communities.

The project culminated in a weekend trip to Paxton House, Scotland, where all involved parties met and presented their pieces. The children's work was premiered alongside that of Mr Gerard Franks and was extremely well received.

The school year began with the project called "New Year, New Me," where young people explored what success looks like and how to attain it. Sessions were led by dedicated volunteers and attended by children online, with participants joining from Shropshire, Hertfordshire, various London boroughs, and even Ghana.

Alumni Success

The charity is proud of its alumni, whose achievements reflect the talent and resilience of the community:

- **Jaydon Goodfellow** — Graduated from Oxford University, studied Economics
- **Saffiah** — Promoted to a management role and continues to support Descendants
- **Jaquan** — Began studies at the University of West London
- **Yethrib** — Advancing in her medical career
- **Tatiana-Paris** — Now a First Officer with Jet2
- **Lady** — Secured employment in Abu Dhabi after graduating
- **Jada** — Commenced college and played a lead role in organising the October half-term art project

Chair's Report

The theme for the year was "AI and What It Means to Everyone Going Forward." The Chair reflected on the role of technology in shaping the charity's future, noting that AI tools have been used to support the growth and development of the charity, from writing funding applications and designing newsletters to creating social media content and educational materials.

The charity's programmes continued to nurture confidence, knowledge, and cultural pride among young people. Workshops and activities encouraged critical discussion about the impact of AI on jobs, education, and daily life.

Like many small charities, Descendants continues to face challenges around long-term sustainability and funding. However, by using AI-assisted tools for bid writing and communication, the charity has been able to strengthen its fundraising strategy and improve efficiency in project planning and evaluation.

Financial Review

Treasurer's Summary Statement

During the financial year 2024-2025, Descendants continued to operate with diligence and care, ensuring that available resources were used effectively. Although growth was modest, all planned goals were achieved thanks to the commitment of the dedicated trustees, committee members, volunteers, and supporters.

Income Sources

Source	Amount (£)
Ealing Education Department (Dr John Roberts QC CBE Awards)	5,500
L@Q (February Holiday Project)	4,800
Ealing CVS (Roots and Wings Health Project)	5,000
Twyford C of E School (Charitable Donation)	1,049.81
Fiona Hinds Marathon Run for Descendants	1,200
Parental Contributions	Various
Total Income	22,882

Expenditure Summary

Regular expenses included wages for a paid staff member (3 months), monthly office rent, Zoom, website and subscriptions, club space, projects and events, volunteer DBS checks, travel and subsistence, office stationery and equipment, and hotel hire and event costs for the 20th Annual Achievement Awards.

In-Kind Support

The charity gratefully acknowledges the Paxton House Trust, which provided in-kind financial support for the Scotland trip, including coach travel, accommodation at the holiday village, and meals for participating families.

Reserves Policy

The charity maintains a building fund of £15,000 as part of its reserves. The bank balance at year-end was £43,284.68, of which approximately £15,000 is designated for the building fund and £250 is held for Jamaica relief.

Significant Events

During the year, Descendants experienced a website hijacking incident. Trustee Collette Noel navigated the situation and created a new temporary website, which has received positive feedback. The charity is committed to purchasing antivirus software as the first line of defence against cyberthreats.

Plans for Future Periods

The charity has planned the following activities for the coming year:

- December 2025: Annual Christmas Light Trip to see the lights and historic places (e.g., Mary Seacole Statue)
- Installation of the Tree Plaque in honour of Descendants' 30th anniversary
- Updating and launching Descendants' 2nd edition book "Our Story. Our Roots, Our Legacy"
- Descendants' 21st Annual Dr John Roberts QC CBE Achievement Awards
- Family summer seaside trip 2026
- Development of a youth-led branch of Descendants

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Section 3: Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure Account)

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

Category	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
INCOME	22,882	14,163
EXPENDITURE		
Premises Costs		
Rent & Rates	4,350	3,267
Cleaning	—	28
Total Premises Costs	4,350	3,295
Administration		
Printing, Postage & Stationery	244	1,339
Telephone & Internet	—	1
Computer & IT Costs	170	290
Total Administration	414	1,630

Category	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Staff Costs		
Wages & Salaries	4,270	25,068
Staff Training	74	257
Total Staff Costs	4,344	25,325
Charitable Activities		
Programme Costs	1,020	5,063
Events & Conferences	6,705	5,503
Hospitality	666	—
Total Charitable Activities	8,391	10,566
Professional Fees		
Accountancy Fees	605	—
Total Professional Fees	605	—
Other Costs		
Travel & Motor Expenses	106	205

Category	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
Insurance (Other)	315	315
Sundry Expenses	54	8
Total Other Costs	475	528
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	18,579	41,344
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	4,303	(27,181)
Surplus Brought Forward	(27,181)	—
SURPLUS CARRIED FORWARD	(22,878)	(27,181)

Section 4: Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and applicable accounting standards.

1.2 Income Recognition

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

1.3 Expenditure Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1.4 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

2. Income Analysis

Total income for the year was £22,882, representing an increase of £8,719 (62%) compared to the prior year income of £14,163. The increase was primarily due to successful grant applications and fundraising activities.

3. Expenditure Analysis

Total expenditure for the year was £18,579, representing a decrease of £22,765 (55%) compared to the prior year expenditure of £41,344. The significant decrease was primarily due to reduced staff costs, as the charity moved from employing paid staff to operating primarily through volunteer support.

4. Staff Costs

Staff costs decreased significantly from £25,325 in the prior year to £4,344 in the current year. This reflects the charity's transition to operating primarily through volunteer support, with paid staff employed for only three months during the year.

5. Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

No trustee received any remuneration during the year. Trustees were reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

6. Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year that require disclosure.

7. Reserves

At the year-end, the charity held total funds of £43,284.68 in its TSB bank account. Of this amount, £15,000 is designated as a building fund, and approximately £250 is held for Jamaica relief. The remaining balance is available for general charitable purposes.

8. Post Balance Sheet Events

There are no post-balance sheet events that require disclosure or adjustment to these accounts.

9. Independent Examination

The accounts have been subject to independent examination in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. The independent examiner's report is included at Section 1 of this document.

Approval

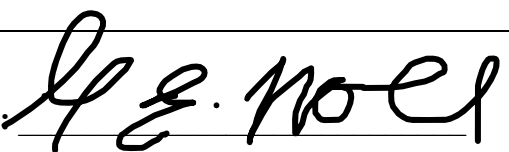
This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: _____

Name: Denise Charles

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date:

Signed:  .

Name: Margaret Noel

Position: Treasurer

Date:

30/1/2026

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Descendants Annual Achievement Awards 2022 nominated young achievers celebrate!



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Descendants' Patrons:

RT. Hon. Lord Paul Boateng, Camara Fearon, Sister Monica Tywang, DW
Past deceased Patrons: Mr Lennox Thomas, Dr John Anthony Roberts CBE Q.C DCL, FCI Arb,
Mrs Connie Mark B.E.M, M.B.E.



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Descendants' Patron Camara, Trustees, volunteers, Coordinator, supporters and Ambassadors at Descendants Annual Achievement Awards July 2022





Introduction to Descendants

In July 1993, the idea of establishing Descendants came from overwhelming parental response, following a performance by young people of African and Caribbean descent performing together at St Vincent's RC school in Acton, West London.

The evening made such an impact, and created such positive feedback, that the founder members of Descendants (Margaret Noel, Collette Noel, Chantel Noel, Celestina Uzoka, Lorraine Neckles, Helen Manufor and Kisha Noel) held a meeting to look into the development of a sustainable cultural group. Further research demonstrated that there was a definite need for this type of group. After another successful meeting with the group, Descendants was established in September 1993, for children of African and Caribbean descent.

In 1993, the Rt Hon. Mr Paul Boateng was approached and agreed to become our Patron. Mrs Connie Mark became our second Patron in 1998. Dr John Roberts Q.C (the first black judge in England) became our third Patron. He played an active role in the organisation and supported the achievement award, which were re-named in his honour prior to his passing. The Achievement Award Ceremony is now in its 18th year.

Focus

At Descendants we focus on African and Caribbean culture. We explore history and we experiment with arts, craft, music, drama, and dance. We also mark significant times in world history with celebrations, plays, exhibitions and events.

We aim to encourage our children and young people who attend Descendants to:

- Develop a sense of pride in their abilities
- Develop self-confidence, with a 'Can do attitude'
- Develop knowledge of their history and ancestry
- Appreciate the wealth of achievements accomplished by their ancestors
- Celebrate the achievements of positive role models in the community today
- Play their part in developing the community

Mission Statement

Descendants' main aims are:

- To create an environment where children and young people, primarily but not exclusively of African and Caribbean descent, aged 4-18 years, can learn together to appreciate each other's cultures and traditions.
- To instil in them a sense of identity and to develop a true sense of pride in their heritage
- To engage with children, young people and parents
- To engage with schools on aspects of heritage, culture and black history
- To develop partnerships with organisations that work directly with children of African and Caribbean descent.
- To establish and develop links with the wider community
- To establish links with Africa and the Caribbean.



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- To counteract, as far as possible, negative images of the black community portrayed by the media, by promoting our achievements and positive achievements.
- Telling the forgotten stories, and promoting the wealth of accomplishments of black People who have led the way! In science, in maths, in technology, in many instances, being the first!
- Promoting accurate and honest world history.



Chantel with Descendants Children enjoying the outdoor space during our visit to Scotland.

Experience the journey! Check out Paxton house website to see the Children's work and the exhibition

<https://paxtonhouse.co.uk/discover/history/caribbean-connections/through-childrens-eyes/>



Descendants Management Structure

Descendants' Trustees	Descendants' Coordinator
Denise Charles-Chair	Benjamin Busenza
Chantel Noel- Morris Vice Chair - Education advisor	Patrons
Janet Mitchell-Secretary/Special needs advisor	Rt. Hon. Lord Paul Boateng
Margaret Noel –Treasurer	Mrs Camara Fearon
Celestina Uzoka -Assistant Treasurer	Sister Monica Tywang
Elaine Beresford- Safeguarding	Dr Abdullah Gulaid B.Sc. (Hon)MSc. PhD
Colette Noel -Special Education/dance director	Past deceased Patrons
Management Committee Members	Dr John Anthony Roberts CBE Q.C DCL, FCI Arb,
Berenice Miles - Education advisor	Mr Lennox Thomas
Carolene Hynes -Dance director	Mrs Connie Mark B.E.M, M.B.E
Admin Assistant	
Grace Baker and Hinal Doshi	Ambassadors
Ambassadors	Jacquam Tobin
Saffiah Noel-Tracey	Celine Amara
Markell Charles-Bailey	Jayden Coombes- Goodfellow
Tatianna Paris Gaillard-Morris	Michaela Beresford
Yethrib Mohamed	Lady Gabrielle Ashong
James Noel	Michaela Beresford



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Chair's Report 2022



Descendant has had a great year developing children and young people's knowledge of Africa and Caribbean heritage through arts, dance and music. Descendants took 25 children, 15 parents and 13 committee members and volunteers to Paxton House for a 3-day trip where the children and young people took part in a variety of workshops, African Drumming, Carnival Headpieces, African Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing and a tour of Paxton House.

Descendants Worker

Descendants had its first paid worker who started during lockdown 2019, the coordinator continued to raise the profile of Descendants, supported the delivery of online projects, school assemblies and community engagement to develop knowledge of African and Caribbean history through art, dance, poetry and dance. The coordinator has now moved on to a new job, the whole Descendants family wish Benjamin all the best in his new role. We are now looking for 2 people to fill the roles for an Administrator and a Development Worker. Please look at Descendant's website and Ealing Council for further details.

The 17th Dr John Roberts CBE, Q.C Achievement Awards



Descendants held the 17th Dr John Roberts CBE QC Achievements Awards on Saturday 2nd July 2022 this was in person at Doubletree Hilton Ealing Common. We had more nominations from more schools, than in the previous 2 years.

I love reading through the nominations from schools, especially those schools that take the time to give a full background and really explain why their young person is being nominated.

The feedback from the children and parents reinforces the importance of hosting the achievement awards, for the children and parents to hear the great achievements being made by African and Caribbean children in the Ealing Borough.

Chair Denise with Marcus Gail, Brentford Ambassador at AAC

We are already planning the 18th Dr John Roberts CBE, Q.C Achievement Awards, which will be part of Descendants 30th Anniversary celebrations.



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Parents/guardians please ask your school in January who they have nominated for The Dr John Roberts CBE, Q.C Achievement Awards.

We need to tackle schools from all sides, as there are still a few schools who have not nominated any child for one of the 7 categories. Are those schools saying that there are no children of African and Caribbean descent worthy of being nominated??

What's next

Descendants celebrates its 30th Anniversary in 2023, we have a whole year of monthly activities planned to celebrate our 30th Anniversary, please keep an eye on the Descendants website for more information.

Right & Wrong

"Just because something is trendy and popular does not make it good, or right, or beneficial. Make your choices based on what you've experienced to be true, not what the crowd is chanting (...)

You are strong enough to see and follow what is good and avoid what is not. Use that strength to benefit not only yourself, but even those who oppose you."

Jamal Edwards (MBE) - 1990-2022

Denise Charles



Education Report 2022

2021- 2022 has been another bumper year of activities and projects for Descendants. The year began in September 21 with the Legacy Series project in the Friday cultural enrichment and history sessions and the launch of Descendants Excel Club.

In series 1 of the Legacy series, the young people began to explore 'The Caribbean Now', the rich diversity of the land and its people, in the region and the various cultural influences that go into making the contemporary Caribbean. In series two, our focus turned to Africa and the rich diversity of cultures in that continent. The children learnt about some amazing kings and queens and some great ancient civilisations of Africa. In series three we explored the history of the Caribbean and how the variety of cultures came to be there now. This included the children learning about many things including slavery, the transatlantic slave trade, revolts and rebellions as well as about some of our Caribbean heroes. All of the teaching was to show that the people from Africa were strong and brave as they had come from great heritage. During the whole series opportunities to consolidate things being learnt in school were added where appropriate, including sorting activities, chart and graph reading, reading, comprehension and presentation skills. Opportunities for cooking, listening to music from various regions in Africa as well as looking at their influence in the Caribbean region were also utilised, as well as museum visits and lessons from visiting specialist teachers in art and dance .



This teaching ran alongside our project done in association with the Paxton House Trust in Scotland, in which the children learnt about the history of the former owners of Paxton house and their involvement in the slave trade. They learnt about Fedon's rebellion and some of the people who lived by force, on the estate. They produced art pieces, poems and stories to express their feelings and understanding of the legacy series and express the great pride they felt in the knowledge that the African people who were taken fought tirelessly for their freedom. These can now be seen on display as part of the permanent exhibition in a dedicated room in Paxton House to acknowledge the houses' role in the slave trade. The projects both culminated in a weekend celebratory trip to Scotland where the children and

their families got to meet with children from Scotland and view their work on display in the permanent exhibition. The weekend included the children partaking in African dance,



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Scottish dancing, carnival costume making African drumming as well as getting a tour of the house. It was attended by Sir Geoff Palmer, who was also the special guest speaker.



This academic year we have kicked off our sessions with a new topic entitled 'Who Inspires Me?', in which the children have learnt about a number of Black, British inspirational people. They have also had the chance to meet, find out about and ask questions to, several inspirational young black people including, a firefighter, a doctor, a pilot, a designer and a Hollywood actor, all of whom (bar the firefighter), were born and educated in the Ealing borough, most of whom are Descendants Alumni. It has been a great experience for the children who have been inspired to consider a variety of professions and produced motivational, aspirational posters to help them to aim higher.

This year we will also be looking at the black contribution to the world wars, the black contribution to film, as well as preparing to celebrate our 30th Anniversary.

As always, our sessions have been attended by children in person and online, with children joining from as far as South Africa, Guyana, Shropshire, Hertfordshire, Gloucester and Bristol.

2021 has also seen the launch of the Descendants Excel Club, a midweek in-person program of activities aimed at supporting children with maths, English and science. It has been very well received and attended by families in the local community. It has become quite apparent that there is a definite need for this kind of supplementary education in the local community. As always, our sessions are run by volunteers who kindly give up their time to ensure the next generation get the best start in life. We would like to appeal to anyone who thinks they may like to volunteer at either our midweek or Friday sessions to put themselves forward to help with this most rewarding role.

Report prepared by Chantel Noel on behalf of the Descendants Education Team



Secretary's Report

For the past three years, I volunteered as a Descendants committee member and secretary. Since then, I have remained fully committed to the charity whose 30th anniversary is dawning. This landmark is an exciting time for everyone, particularly pioneering members, Margaret Noel-Founder, Celestina Uzoka and Elaine Beresford. What a milestone to behold!

Descendants' 30 years of community and charitable services to children in the borough of Ealing, wider and globally will be celebrated with infectious optimism. As a result of the pandemic, Descendants instigated online sessions. The **Friday Clubs** have promoted participation and developed community links. I am pleased about the knowledge children have gained of history, arts and dance. Descendants provides inspirational opportunities for children. In April 2022, **The Excel Club** for homework, revision or additional learning support was expedited.

Ahead of monthly meetings, minutes are written, edited then circulated to committee members. I can confidently report that transparency, maintaining balanced perspectives and thoroughness are essential skills for being the secretary. Minutes are archived for future referencing.

Much of 2022 was spent focussing on our visit to **Paxton House**-a Scottish villa built in 1758 with inherited associations to a Grenadian plantation. 3rd to 5th June 2022. Activities were carefully planned, expertly delivered to ensure the children enjoyed the experiences, learnt new skills, worked together and discovered something new whilst having fun.

Other highlights of this year includes:

- **Our visit to the British Museum**-Children appreciating the African Arts displayed there-February 2022.
- Being part of the **judging panel** for the Annual Achievement Awards-June 2022.
- Celebrating the life of the late Joycelyn Poole, who donated funds to Descendants.
- Introducing Dr Jak Beula at our Black History Month Fundraising Dinner at West London College.
- Bidding a fond farewell to Benjamin Busenze, Descendants' Coordinator. In October 2020 Benjamin became Descendants' first paid worker. He recently was appointed as a museum archivist at the Horiman Museum.
- Attending a Black History Month Showcase at **Twyford CE High School. (20.10.2022)** Denise Charles-Chair and I, were amazed by the spectacular performances which should really have been televised.

I am anticipating the launch of our 30th year anniversary celebrations. As we approach this time, I am grateful to be able to assist and support Descendants with continued input and my wisdom. Often behind the scenes, but prominent quietly, I am constantly reminded that lives are transformed by education.

Janet (Mitchell) Amara



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Margaret Noel

Treasurer of Descendants



Descendants 28th Annual General Meeting 2021-2022



Receipts & Payment Accounts

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For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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Grants:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds 2022 £	Last Year 2021 £
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John Lyons Charity	0.00	37500.00	37500.00	36497.00
Donations / Book Sale	7363.00	0.00	7363.00	363.00
Transfer from Savings Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Receipts

7,833.00	53,643.00	61,476.00	36,860.00
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Payments:

Salary / NIC	0	22069	22069	9407
Rent & Rates	0	3477	3477	2400
Heat & Light	0	0	0	0
Telephone, Postage & Website	0	592	592	994
Achievement Awards Ceremony	0	4289	4289	0
Printing / Stationery / Photocopying	0	1911	1911	0
Donations / Refund / Black History Month	2153.5	2153.5	4307	0
AGM & Insurance	0	225	225	187
Transport, Travel & Training	0	163	163	881
Other Expenses / Payroll	455	455	910	225
Computers	405	405	810	1227
Petty Cash	0	400	400	0
Refund / Transfers	0	20	20	0
			0	0

Total Payment

3013.5	36159.5	39173	15321
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Net Receipts / (Payments)

	4819.5	17483.5	22303	21539
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Balance Brought Forward - 1.04.21

Balance Carried Forward - 31.03.22

10631	38566	49197	26894
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Closing Bank Balances: - 31.03.22

Cash at Bank 1

Cash at Bank 2

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Funds for the Year - 31 March 2022

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Future events

Event	Date
Visit to the House of Commons	Thursday 22 nd December 2022
Art Project and exhibition	January-June 2023
Half Term Project	13 th -17 th February 2023
Week of Dance	May 2023
Windrush Day Event	Thursday 22 nd June 2023
18th annual Dr John Roberts QC CBE achievement awards	Friday 8 th July 2023
Trip to the seaside	August 2023
Family Event in the park	September 2023
Black History Month Event	October 2023
Annual Christmas Lights Coach Trip	December 2023

message “What an inspiration the trip to Paxton house was. Thank you for the wonderful educational exposure My deepest gratitude for the amazing experience.” Parent and son.



Descendants Children feeding lambs during Paxton house visit



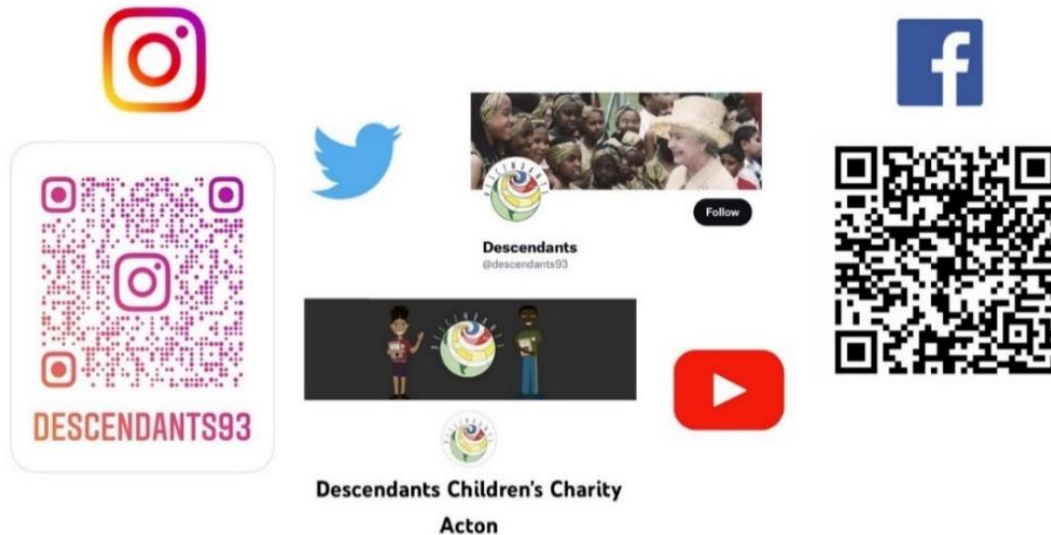
Congratulations to Descendants' Alumni!



The Future!!



Find us on social media!



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Thank you for your support!

Descendants

Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 March 2022

Charity Number 1109057

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Descendants

Members of the Board and professional advisers

Registered Charity Name Descendants
Charity Number 1109057

Trustees Descendants Trustees/Committee Members

- Margaret Noel- Director
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

The Trustees of the charity present their report and the independently examined financial statements of the Trust for the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Reference and Administrative Details

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 3 of the financial statements.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Status

The Charity was registered for charitable purposes with the Charity Commission in July / September 1993. Charity Registration No. 1109057.

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Focus

At Descendants we focus on African and Caribbean culture. We explore history and we experiment with arts, craft, music, drama, and dance. We also mark significant times in world history with celebrations, plays, exhibitions and events.

We aim to encourage our children and young people who attend Descendants to:

- Develop a sense of pride in their abilities
- Develop self-confidence, with a 'Can do attitude'
- Develop knowledge of their history and ancestry
- Appreciate the wealth of achievements accomplished by their ancestors
- Celebrate the achievements of positive role models in the community today
- Play their part in developing the community

Mission Statement

Descendants' main aims are:

- To create an environment where children and young people, primarily but not exclusively of African and Caribbean descent, aged 4-18 years, can learn together to appreciate each other's cultures and traditions.
- To instil in them a sense of identity and to develop a true sense of pride in their heritage
- To engage with children, young people and parents
- To engage with schools on aspects of heritage, culture and black history
- To develop partnerships with organisations that work directly with children of African and Caribbean descent.
- To establish and develop links with the wider community
- To establish links with Africa and the Caribbean.
- To counteract, as far as possible, negative images of the black community portrayed by the media, by promoting our achievements and positive achievements.
- Telling the forgotten stories, and promoting the wealth of accomplishments of black People who have led the way! In science, in maths, in technology, in many instances, being the first!
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Margaret Noel
Treasurer

Descendants

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Margaret Noel, Coordinator

**Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of
Descendants
1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), they have nevertheless concluded that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed 

Date 13th January 2023

Sonia Deborah Richards, AAT

London Community Accountancy Services Ltd
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London
SW3 3PX

Descendants

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Funds for the Year - 31 March 2022	10631	38566	49197	26894

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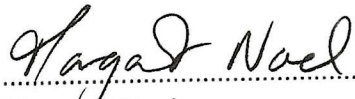
Statement of assets and liabilities As at 31 March 2022

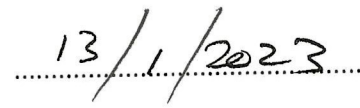
2021		Note	2022
£	Cash assets		£
26894	Bank accounts		49197
	Petty Cash		-
<u>26894</u>			<u>49197</u>
	Liabilities		
450	Creditors	3	500
-	Advance receipts		-
<u>450</u>			<u>500</u>

The Notes to the Accounts on pages 9 to 11 are an integral part of this Balance Sheet

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:


Margaret Noel,
Trustee


Date

Notes to the accounts For the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Grants & donations

	£
Running Cost Fund	61476
Memberships	-
	<u>61476</u>

3. Creditors

Accountancy Fee	500
Advance Receipts / Overpayment	0

4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

5. Related party transactions

There has been no related party transaction during the period.

DESCENDANTS

England & Wales - Charity number 1109057

Accounts



DESCENDANTS CHARITY

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Registered Charity Number: 1109057

Friday 10th November 2023

Focus: Unity

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UMOJA - UNITY

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MISSION STATEMENT & AIMS

Mission Statement Descendants' main aims are:

- To create an environment where children and young people, primarily but not exclusively of African and Caribbean descent, aged 4-18 years, can learn together to appreciate each other's cultures and traditions.
- To instil in them a sense of identity and to develop a true sense of pride in their heritage
- To engage with children, young people and parents
- To engage with schools on aspects of heritage, culture and black history
- To develop partnerships with organisations that work directly with children of African and Caribbean descent.
- To establish and develop links with the wider community
- To establish links with Africa and the Caribbean. To counteract negative images of the black community portrayed by the media, by promoting our achievements and positive achievements.
- To tell the forgotten stories, and promote the wealth of accomplishments of black people who have led the way in science, in maths, in technology, in many instances, being the first!
- To promote accurate and honest world history.

At Descendants we aim to encourage children and young people who attend Descendants to:

- develop a sense of pride in their abilities
- develop self-confidence, with a 'Can do attitude'
- develop knowledge of their history and ancestry
- appreciate the wealth of achievements accomplished by their ancestors
- celebrate the achievements of positive role models in the community today
- be ambitious and aim high - the sky's the limit!
- play their part in developing the community





DESCENDANTS MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Descendants Trustees

Margaret Noel, Founder & Director
Denise Charles, Chair
Chantel Noel-Morris, Vice Chair & Education Advisor
Janet (Mitchell) Amara, Secretary & Special Needs Advisor
Celestina Uzoka, Vice-Treasurer & Health and Safety Officer
Elaine Beresford, Safeguarding Officer
Collette Noel, Dance Director & Special Education Advisor
Divanio Crooks, Finance Advisor

Management Committee

Berenice Miles, Education Advisor
Carolene Hinds, Dance Director
Wendy James, Committee Member
Saffiah Noel-Tracey, Social Media Advisor
(All of the Trustees with the exception of Divanio Crooks, form part of the management committee).

Descendants Staff

Grace Lourie, Administrative Officer
Debra Weston-Collinson, Development Worker

Volunteers

Grace Baker, administrative assistant
Zoe Jourdain, Excel Club session worker
Catherine Kwamya, parent volunteer

Descendants Patrons

Rt. Hon. Lord Paul Boateng
Camara Fearon
Sister Monica Tywang
Dr Abdullah Gulaid
Dr Jak Beula
Marcus Gayle
Kwame Kwei-Armah OBE

Past Deceased Patrons

Dr John Anthony Roberts QC CBE
Lennox Thomas
Connie Marks B.E.M MBE

Youth Ambassadors

Saffiah Noel-Tracey
Markell Charles-Bailey
Tatiana- Paris Gaillard-Morris
Yethrib Mohamed
James Noel
Jaquam Tobin
Celine Amara
Jaydon Coombes Goodfellow
Michaela Beresford
Lady Gabrielle Ashong



Descendants has a distinguished history of creating a safe environment for children and young people, where they can engage each other's cultures and traditions. We instil a sense of identity and develop a sense of pride in the children's rich heritage. We collaborate with schools and develop partnerships with organisations working for the benefit of African and Caribbean children. We foster community cohesion. The evolving landscape of the nonprofit sector necessitates a forward-looking approach.

This report is intended to assist Descendants in preparing for the future by identifying potential trends, opportunities, and challenges.

Descendants will continue to collaborate with other organisations that can magnify impact for young people and children in the Ealing Borough and beyond. We actively seek out partnerships with organisations sharing similar missions and values to increase participation in all projects that Descendants hosts.

Descendants is actively looking to secure its own space/property that we can call home, where we will have an office, storage, space for the various projects Descendants runs, and a space to sell Descendants merchandise. This would ensure that Descendants continues to support children, young people and parents for another 30 years and longer.

This year Descendants is celebrating its 30th anniversary (1993-2023).

Descendants has been nominated for and won a variety of awards, great recognition of all the great work it has done in the past 30 years.

Acquisition International, Non-Profit Organisation Awards

Descendants was nominated for 1 award

Most Inspirational Youth Children's Charity 2023 - Winners

Young Ealing Foundation Awards

Descendants was nominated for 2 awards in the Creative Project of the Year category.

- Pitzhanger Creative Project - Certificate
- Paxton House – Parallel Lives, Worlds Apart – Winners.

Ealing Community Network

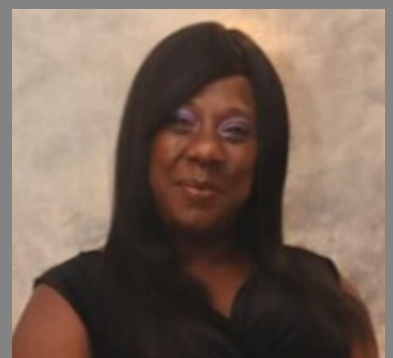
Descendants was nominated for 3 awards.

- Small Charity Big Impact
- Charity Champion
- Lifetime Achievement – Winner Margaret Noel

I express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all stakeholders, including board members, staff, donors, volunteers, and the community at large.

"I have discovered in life that there are ways of getting almost anywhere you want to go, if you really want to go."

Langston Hughes



Denise Charles
Chair



MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER & DIRECTOR

This is a momentous year for Descendants, as we celebrate our 30th year of operation. Descendants has provided an irreplaceable and longstanding service to our community.

During our 30-year history Descendants has achieved many firsts and has been notably recognised for our presence and impact within the community. An example being that one of our biggest achievements was receiving the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services (2019). Descendants was run entirely by dedicated volunteers for over 28 years. We are truly honoured to have united with members of the community who share our vision for the future generations. To date, the commendations for our youth-focused work have continued, as Descendants accomplished numerous achievements in 2023 with pride in our hearts.

Descendants has continued to thrive and introduced a new way of working online in response to the Covid pandemic. Our online projects have seen children and young people joining in from across the UK and overseas. In addition, Descendants have hosted several events commemorating our 30th anniversary. We started off the year with our volunteers having tea with the Rt. Hon. Lord Boateng at the House of Lords. We created a space for reflection to look back at where Descendants has come from and where we are heading in an online reunion of past and present members, friends, supporters and the community. We maintained our involvement in local projects such as the New Gen Festival and facilitated a variety of creative projects which have resulted in exhibitions, showcases and public installations. The Chair and Director were also invited to tea with the leader of Ealing Council, Peter Mason. This meeting was profound! Together, we discussed the lasting legacy of the African and Caribbean community in Ealing; this has led to exciting opportunities that will mark some of our trailblazers from this Community.

Annual Dr John Roberts QC CBE Achievement Awards

In 2005 Descendants established the Annual Young People Achievement Awards in the Borough of Ealing, which has since been renamed in 2015 in honour of Descendants late Patron Dr John Anthony Roberts, QC CBE. The Annual Achievement Awards have gone from strength to strength. We have heard phenomenal reports from the primary, secondary and special schools in the Borough of Ealing of where young people of African and Caribbean descent are excelling and we have witnessed hundreds of inspirational, talented, and gifted children being publicly recognised and applauded for their achievements and attainments. This year marked the 18th award ceremony at the Double Tree by Hilton. We are looking at the potential of developing the awards ceremonies nationally.

This year has certainly been one to remember and we still have so much planned. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our sponsors and supporters, those who have believed in the benefit of the work we do. I pay tribute to all the wonderful volunteers, without their dedication, passion and selflessness, Descendants would not be where it is today.

Thank you all.



Margaret Noel
Founder & Director



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS



DEDICATED TO INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE & OUR COMMUNITY





2022- 2023, Descendants 30th Anniversary year, has been another bumper year of activities and projects for Descendants, both in terms of its Excel club and its Friday sessions.

Friday Club

The year began in September 22 with our project called 'Who Inspires Me'. The young people were encouraged to think about what good learning looks like and what they need to do to be successful and improve their performance, both in the home and at school. The children learnt about a number of Black British inspirational people both in history and in the present. They had the chance to meet and ask questions to several inspirational young Black British people all the while considering what it takes to be successful.

In the run up to Remembrance Day, we covered the Black contributions to the World Wars and introduced them to some heroes who contributed to the war effort, including past patron Connie Mark. Some of the children had not known that any Black people had played a part in the wars and were unaware of regiments of men signing up from both the Caribbean and Africa, as well as other places around the world. The children were encouraged to ask questions to family members to establish if any of their relatives had links to the war effort, which they then shared amongst the group.

They also learnt about some famous and some not so famous Black inventors and scientists, including Kayisha Payne, Marian Croak, Mae Jemison and John Edmonstone, to name a few. They made their own inventions to help the environment and baked sweet potato pudding in honour of George Washington Carver, following a Levi Roots recipe and led by professional chef Denise Charles, our Chair.

In January, with thoughts of new year resolutions, the young people of Descendants were gifted a complimentary workshop from 'Born with a Gift' founder, Descendants Alumna, Careeta Robert- Green, where they were encouraged to explore and embrace their 'gifts'. Careeta is one of the youngest, black, female, certified life coaches in the UK. It's always a pleasure when past Alumni come to share their experiences and expertise with the young people. The children were extremely motivated by what they heard and got a lot from the session, as did those parents who were working alongside their children. We hope to work with Careeta in the not too distant future.

In parallel to the coronation of HRH King Charles III, the children explored what coronations look like in other parts of the world, including the coronation of Asante and Zulu kings and queens. They were also introduced to Queen Charlotte of GB and Ireland, wife of King George III, who had black heritage. They were able to compare and contrast the ceremonies to that they witnessed in the UK in 2023 and to understand that they too stem from a people rich in culture and steeped in history, fostering pride in their heritage.



In June, we began to mark the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush. The children were taken back in time to what life was like for those arriving. They explored life in the UK in the 50's and 60's and the reception those who arrived met. They heard stories from visiting guests about their experiences and journeys to the UK and were able to interview them, asking searching questions. They were introduced to the concept of the Barrel Children, those who were left behind by their parents. The children were fascinated to learn what it was like and marvelled at the décor of Caribbean households of that era. They were also saddened to learn of the reception many of the people arriving met. When asked why it was important to remember the Windrush generation they had very profound responses.

As always during our sessions opportunities to consolidate things being learnt in school are added where appropriate. Opportunities for cooking, dancing and listening to music from various regions in Africa are also utilised, as well as museum visits and lessons from visiting specialist teachers. Sessions are enlivened by quizzes, games and stories, and there is the opportunity for the young people to discuss issues together. Our sessions have been attended by children online, with children joining from as far as Shropshire and Hertfordshire, as well as several London boroughs.

Excel Club

Descendants Excel Club, which launched in 2021 has continued to grow from strength to strength. This is a midweek in-person program of activities aimed at supporting children with maths, English and science. It has been very well received and attended by families in the local community. It has become quite apparent that there is a definite need for this kind of supplementary education in the local community. This term the Excel children are doing a project called 'The Grip', based around Windrush 75, they are exploring all things Windrush with local artist Candace Sobers.

Half term projects and projects with collaborative establishments have also taken place including works with Pitzhanger Manor, Ealing community network and Young Ealing foundation.

As always, our sessions are run by volunteers who kindly give up their time to ensure the next generation get the best start in life. We would like to appeal to anyone who thinks they may like to volunteer at either our midweek or Friday sessions to put themselves forward to help with this most rewarding role.

Report prepared by Chantel Noel on behalf of the Descendants Education Team



Chantel Noel
Vice Chair/Curriculum Lead

Parent Testimonial: Jaya

"Thank You Descendants. My son and his school friend had a great time and they have been singing the coconut woman song both during their travels and at home. Our family are grateful to have access to the Descendants school and have been engaging with the project since we came out of the lockdown. Having access to Descendants school entitles my 7 year old son to resources about his roots and culture. At Descendants my son has an opportunity to learn his culture amongst children from varying backgrounds, in a safe space, surrounded by a team of passionate, knowledgeable, approachable and nurturing teachers. I sometimes feel that I fall short with the knowledge of my culture, however the Descendants school help me to piece the roots together, putting me in an empowered position to know more one step at a time. I felt proud to take my small family to the finale. It was most interesting to have a conversation after the show with my white British/Spanish husband about his takeaways from the show. My son's dad was perplexed as to why the registration documents of the windrush generation of so many people were lost! How could this happen? The collaboration between Descendants and Action for Race Equality triggered genuine conversation, curiosity, knowledge and insight. When asked what my son's 2 favourite things about the Descendants half-term club project was, he said "playing with the turtle puppet and acting"



Parents Testimonial:

"Thank You Descendants. When you think they are not listening or impressed by what they've seen, they are! And they surprise you when you least expect it by emulating the important examples and teachings you've delivered in class...we had just finished a trip to Tower Bridge when he stopped to take in the scene and draw the skyline using his souvenir notepad. He spoke fondly about Stephen Wiltshire whilst he sketched away"



What an exceptional year! 2023 marks the 75th year of arrivals from Caribbean islands on the Empire Windrush coinciding with Descendants celebrating 30 years of being established as a charity. Also, it is the 18th anniversary of the Dr John Roberts QC CBE Annual Achievement Awards. At the time of writing this, we are celebrating October-Black History Month. Throughout our 30th year, there were numerous opportunities to reflect upon accomplishments of goals, expectations and memories of our personal journeys. Collectively, we have come a long way. Congratulations Descendants! I would like to thank committee members, volunteers for their hard work and efforts and commend all children who participate in clubs, arts and history lessons. We reflected upon the impacts and advancements of children who benefited from our charity's vision, many going on to inspire others, gaining confidence or validation of their unique abilities. Knowledge of our history empowers us to improve our futures.

As a committee, we have grown in numbers. This year, we welcomed Divanio Crooks, Saffiyah Noel, Wendy James, Grace Lourie (Administrative Officer) and Debra Weston-Collinson (Development Worker) to the team. Margaret Noel (Founder) and Denise Charles (Chair), we truly appreciate your inspirational leadership, diligence, initiative and commitment. Also, acknowledging Kwame Kwei-Armah, our new patron, Sister Monica and Dr Jak Beula for always supporting and promoting Descendants.

As secretary, I am delighted to share Descendants' contributions to the wider community; triumphs and achievements were recognised. In May, we were nominated for the Best Charity of the Year Non-Profit Organisation Award by Acquisition International. Last month, we were absolutely overjoyed, when after years of pure determination and abundant nominations Margaret Noel, our Founder was recognised for a Life Time Achievement Award.

Monthly Highlights since the last Annual General Meeting:

- December 2022 - Invite to The Houses of Parliament in Westminster, which included a tour by Rupa Huq. Descendants children met and took a group photograph with Theresa May, former Prime Minister.
- February 2023 - Pitzhanger Creative Project- 23 children designed African inspired art and self-portraits which was displayed for public viewing in the Museum on Windrush Day.
- March 2023 - Anniversary launch
- April 2023 - Descendants were given tickets to 'For Black Boys'- a West End Show written by Ryan Calais-Cameron.
- May 2023 - 30th year anniversary Zoom including Descendants' children from the past and present. The event was hosted by Mia Morris.
- July 2023 - 18th Dr John Roberts QC CBE, Annual Achievement Awards.
- August 2023 - Bournemouth Trip

Thank you once again for all your support and as a charity we look forward to progress in our 31st year and beyond.



Janet (Mitchell) Amara
Secretary



DEVELOPMENT WORKER'S REPORT

I am the newly appointed Development Officer for Descendants. My main role is to increase the number of young people currently using the service in the local community for in-person and online sessions. In my role as Descendants' Development Officer, I have participated in a number of events and activities from July to date:

- The 18th Annual Achievements Awards
- New Gen Festival: Hosted by London Borough of Ealing. Descendants contributed dancers, front-of-house staffing and networking.
- Let's Connect: with Adeboyo Bolaji. A collaborative workshop towards the final sculpture, The People's Throne. This resulted in an unveiling at the L & Q Central Plaza Opening where Descendants hosted African drumming and artwork workshops.
- L & Q Summer Festival: Supporting their summer fair with books and networking.
- South Ealing Coop: Networking, raising our profile in the local community, donations were raised and a Coop Community Fund application was submitted.
- Black History Month - In celebration of Sisters in Hounslow.

Part one: An all-day event meeting with other agencies and school children of the Borough of Hounslow.

Part two: Appointed facilitator for the round table discussion to steer the topic in small groups for feedback to the collective participating audience.

- Black History Month - Acton Market Community Day: Networking, engaging and introducing the public to Descendants.
- Black History Month Health and Well-Being Event at Wembley Stadium. Creating awareness and networking.

There have been challenges in increasing the numbers of attendees post Covid, however, I am trying to improve and increase the engagement of local children and young people over the coming months.

An average of 12 persons, were met per engagement children, parents/ careers/ agencies and facilitators with most showing an 'expression of interest' in collaborating with Descendants, and gaining further information through our newsletter, the remaining enthusiasts would convert to volunteers the introduction of small QR code giveaways has increased the response rate.

Building our profile for a generation to be proud of being a Descendant.



Debra Weston-Collinson
Development Worker



PROUD TO BE A DESCENDANT



EQUIPPED TO BE THE FUTURE





Over the past year, we have managed our income and expenditure finances effectively, despite having a low income we have remained in the black.

Descendants have received grants from various donors. We have received small donations from active members and have also received donations in kind, and monetary donations from supporters. Additionally, Descendants' have received grants from John Lyons funding to employ our paid worker. This was approved for three-years and has now come to an end. Furthermore, Descendants Annual Achievement Awards continued to be funded by Ealing Education Department, Ealing Council.

Current State of Descendants' Finance

Descendants' finances remain limited.

- We established another charity bank account with Metro bank, which has £13,000, this is our reserves. Our intention is to use this fund to obtain a property for Descendants to develop and grow in the future.
- One of our supporters, pays a monthly PayPal donation of £5.00 to Descendants, of which we receive £4.73.
- Our Annual Achievement Awards which is our biggest event in our calendar, usually does not make a profit, but we do not record a loss.
- The Amazon Smile which we received donations from, has now ceased to operate. We have since put in place Easy Fundraising, and looked at a number of similar platforms that may enable supporters to donate in their lifetime.

Please see the link to donate, <https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/causes/descendants/>.

Future purchases:

- A shed to house Descendants' belongings which are currently in Michaela's garden
- Pay for removal of items out of Michaela's garden
- Donation to Michaela for allowing Descendants to store our items there since 2018

Wages for Staff

The reality is that if we must apply for grants if we are to maintain paid members of staff, beyond their contract. Descendants are currently paying for the staff from money in our reserves. Financially Descendants is in crisis as we cannot maintain this with our low reserves. We are actively sourcing and applying for relevant grants to maintain our staff who are very much needed and ensure our trajectory of growth.

The organisation recently completed the AMPACC Full Cost Recovery Mentoring Program with Clear Thinking Consultancy, which were sponsored by John Lyons, to do a full review of our funding. There is a scheduled report and presentation to the Trustees in November. We found the process extremely beneficial and insightful, we plan to implement what we have learnt from the process.

Descendants would welcome any voluntary help advice or support with our funding and fundraising efforts. If you are interested in becoming a regular sponsor or donor for Descendants we would greatly appreciate your investment.

A full report from our accountant will be available for inspection.



FINANCIAL REPORT: RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNTS

Descendants Receipts and Payments Accounts for year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
Opening Bank Balance: 1.4.22			
Cash at Bank 1		49,197	26,896
Cash at Bank 2		13,000	-
		62,197	26,896
Receipts:			
Grants			
Tuck & Subs		-	-
LBE	Restricted Grant	5,000	16,143
AAC Awards		-	470.00
John Lyons Charity	Restricted Grant	30,250	37,500
Donation/Book Sale		16,240	7,363
Transfer from Savings Account		-	-
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Payments:			
Salary/ENIC		15,931	22,069
Rent & Rates/Room Hire		4,339	3,477
Heat & Light		-	-
Telephone, Postage & Website		-	592
Achievement Awards Ceremony		6,143	4,289
Office Printing/Stationery/Photocopying		1,495	1,911
Donations/Refund/Black History Month		260	4,307
Accountancy, AGM & Insurance		1,175	225
Transport, Travel/ Training & Vol Exp		81	163
Other Expenses/ Paxton House		1,040	910
Computers, etc.		616	810
Petty Cash		100	400
Refund/Transfers		-	20.00
Total Payment		31,179	39,173



FINANCIAL REPORT: RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNTS

Net Receipts/ (payments)	7,311	22,303
Balance Brought Forwards - 1.4.22	49,197	26,894
Balance Carried Forwards - 31.3.23	56,508	49,197
Closing Balances:- 31.3.23		
Cash at Bank 1	43,508	49,197
Cash at Bank 2	13,000	-
	-	-
Cash at Bank	56,508	49,197
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash)	-	-
	56,508	49,197

Descendants Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
Current Asset		£	£
Cash at Bank		56,508	26,894
Debtors/Prepayment		-	-
		56,508	26,894
Current Liabilities			
Creditors - Accruals		-	-
Accountancy Fees		500	450
		500	450
Total Asset Less Current Liabilities		56,008	26,444
Represented by Funds:		56,008	26,444
Unrestricted Funds			



DESCENDANTS PROJECTS

2022

January	The Legacy Series: Chapter 3
February	Week of Culture Half Term Project
March	Excel Club and Online Friday Club
April	Excel Club and Online Friday Club
May	Excel Club and Online Friday Club
June	Paxton House weekend visit, 3rd-5th June 2022
July	Annual Dr John Roberts QC CBE Achievement Awards
September	Excel Club and Our Heroes,
October	Excel Club and Our Heroes. Black History Month Fundraising Dinner
November	Excel Club and Black contribution to WW1 and 2 Descendants AGM.
December	Excel Club

2023

January	Born with a Gift & Who Inspires Me
February	Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery Half Term Creative Project
March	Excel Club and Black Inventors
April	30th Anniversary Reunion. Black Boys Theatre Production
May	Black Royalty: Coronations Celebrations and Ceremonies
June	75th Anniversary of Windrush project
July	Annual Dr John Roberts CBE QC Achievement Awards
August	Bournemouth Seaside Trip
September	'The Grip' and 'Wonderful Me' projects
October	The Grip and Spotlighting Windrush 75 Half Term Project
November	Kidzania Careers Fair, The Black contribution to WW1 & WW2
December	Annual Christmas Lights Coach Trip

LOOKING AHEAD

- Windrush Support Project with Gary Malcolm - January 2024
- House of Commons tour with MP Dr Rupa Huq - 2023
- 30th Anniversary Celebration with Classic Cars - 26th May 2024
- Tree Planting (in celebration of our 30th year and in memory of our late Patron) with Cllr Callum Anderson - 2024
- Our Roots, Our Story, Our Legacy Book Relaunch - July 2024
- Annual Dr John Roberts QC CBE Achievement Awards - 13th July 2024
- Annual Seaside Day Trip - Summer 2024
- Legacy Archiving Project with Susan Okokon - 2024
- Establishing an African and Caribbean Legacy Building with Leader of the Council, Cllr Peter Mason - 2024/25
- Paxton House America/Grenada Project with Billy Gerard Frank - 2024/25



OUR LONG TERM VISION

Our last book - **Our Roots, Our Story, Our Legacy**, edited by the late Dr Patricia Walker, will be relaunched in 2024, working with the University of West London. Descendants will honour Dr Walker's wishes to update the book, publicly launch and distribute the book to every school in the Borough of Ealing. Descendants are honoured to have worked with such a passionate and devoted community advocate. Not only was Dr Walker a pivotal figure to champion community development but was also a close and trusted friend of Descendants. We intend to remember her by keeping her family involved in the process.

Our dream for Descendants is to have our own designated residence. Whilst we would hope to secure some form of funding to achieve this vision, this is no small accomplishment and will require supporters, fund-raising and finding an appropriate venue. We are in contact with Ealing Council so they are aware of our ambitions in case any suitable opportunities become available. If anyone has any expertise in fundraising for this purpose, our Founder and Chair would love to hear from you.

Descendants have support from the Leader of Ealing Council, Peter Mason, to take forward and establish an African and Caribbean Centre in the Borough of Ealing and we would like your support progressing the initiative. Caribbean people have been in Ealing for decades and there is nothing in the Borough of Ealing to recognise our contribution or as a cultural centre for Ealing's Black community. Although we acknowledge and celebrate the recognition other communities have within our community, we are looking to establish a legacy for the future generations of African and Caribbean descent.

So far, we are very proud to have worked with the council in naming four buildings named after some of our inspirational elders (who are no longer with us, listed below) which should be unveiled in the coming year.

- Mr Willis Wilkie, education and community activist and a supporter of Descendants
- Mrs Edna Wilkie, education and community activist
- Mr Cuthbert Carter, education and community activist
- Mrs Magdalen Carter, education and community activist

In the coming years, we anticipate the council naming a building in honour of Mollie Angelica Hunte, education and community activist.

Are you the hidden gem that can help us take this forward and see it to fruition? We're waiting to hear from you.





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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for the year ended
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Members of the Board and professional advisers

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	69,508	49,197

Descendants

Descendants Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
Current Asset		£	£
Cash at Bank		69,508	26,894
Debtors/Prepayment		-	-
		69,508	26,894
Current Liabilities			
Creditors - Accruals		-	-
Accountancy Fees		500	450
		500	450
Total Asset Less Current Liabilities		69,008	26,444
Represented by Funds:		69,008	26,444
Unrestricted Funds			

Descendants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Fund	Last Year
			2023	2022
			£	£
Descendants Receipts & Payments For the Year Ended 31 March 2023				
Receipts:				
Grants				
Tuck & Subs	-	-	-	-
LB of Ealing	-	5,000	5,000	16,143
Achievements Award Ceremony		-	-	470
John Lyons Charity	-	30,250	30,250	37,500
Donation / Book Sale	16,240	-	16,240	7,363
Transfer from Savings Account	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	16,240	35,250	51,490	61,476
Payments:				
Salary / NIC	-	15,931	15,931	22,069
Rents & Rates / Room Hire	-	4,339	4,339	3,477
Heat & Light	-	-	-	-
Telephone, Postages & Website	-	-	-	592
Achievements Awards Ceremony	-	5,583	5,583	4,289
Office Printing / Stationery / Photocopying	-	1,705	1,705	1,911
Donations / Refund / Black History Month	-	260	260	4,307
Accountancy, AGM & Insurance	-	1,175	1,175	225
Transport, Travel / Training & Vol Exp	-	81	81	163
Other Expenses	-	2,006	2,006	910
Computers	-	-	-	810
Petty Cash	-	100	100	400
Refund / Transfer	-	-	-	20
Total Payments	-	31,180	31,180	39,173
Net Receipt / (Payments)	16,240	4,070	20,310	22,303
Balance Brought Forward - 1.4.23	-	49,197	49,197	26,894
Balance Carried Forward - 31.3.24	16,240	53,268	69,508	49,197
Closing Bank Balances: - 31.3.24				
Cash at Bank 1	-	56,508	56,508	49,197
Cash at Bank 2	-	13,000	13,000	-
Cash at Banks 1 & 2	-	69,508	69,508	49,197
Cash in Hand (Petty Cash)	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	69,508	69,508	49,197

Descendants

Statement of assets and liabilities As at 31 March 2023

2022			2023
£		Note	£
49197	Cash assets		69507
	Bank accounts		-
	Petty Cash		-
<u>49197</u>			<u>69507</u>
	Liabilities		
500	Creditors	3	600
-	Advance receipts		-
<u>500</u>			<u>600</u>

Notes to the accounts For the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Grants & donations

	£
Running Cost Fund	51490
Memberships	-
	<u>51490</u>

3. Creditors

Accountancy Fee	600
Advance Receipts / Overpayment	0

4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

5. Related party transactions

There has been no related party transaction during the period.

These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue.

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Margaret Noel, Trustee.....

Date...31/1/24.....

Descendants

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Descendants 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), they have nevertheless concluded that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- have not been met; or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date

31st January 2024

Sonia Deborah Richards, AAT

London Community Accountancy Services Ltd
24 Ixworth Place
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Descendants

Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 March 2023

Charity Number 1109057

Descendants

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Members of the Board and professional advisers

Descendants

Registered Charity Name Descendants

Charity Number 1109057

Trustees

Descendants Trustees/Committee Members

- Margaret Noel- Director
- Denise Charles- Chair
- Chantel Noel - Vice Chair
- Janet Mitchell Amara - Secretary
- Celestina Uzoka - Vice Treasurer
- Chantel Noel-Morris- Education Advisor
- Berenice Miles- Education Advisor
- Elaine Beresford- Safeguarding Officer
- Collette Noel- IT Advisor
- Carolene Hinds – Dance Director

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London
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Descendants

Financial Report: Receipts & Payment Accounts

Descendants Receipts and Payments Accounts for year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
Opening Bank Balance: 1.4.22			
Cash at Bank 1		49,197	26,896
Cash at Bank 2		13,000	-
		62,197	26,896
Receipts:			
Grants			
Tuck & Subs		-	-
LBE	Restricted Grant	5,000	16,143
AAC Awards		-	470.00
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Office			
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Other Expenses/ Paxton		
House	1,040	910
Computers, etc.	616	810
Petty Cash	100	400
Refund/Transfers	-	20.00
Total Payment	31,179	39,173
Net Receipts/ (payments)	20,311	22,303
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