

African Culture Arts and Sport Network

(Company number 9113128 Charity number 1109224)

Annual Report and Financial statement

for the year ended 30 November 2024

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Directors' (Trustees') annual report

for the year ended 30 November 2024

The Management Committee presents its annual report and statement of financial activities for the year ended 30th November 2023.

Reference and Administration Information

Full Name	African Culture Arts and Sport Network "ACASN"
Charity number	1109224
Company registration number	09113128
Registered office and Operational address	Queens Court, 9-17 Eastern Road, Romford RM1 3NG

Directors (Trustees)

Mr Katalay Tshunza Katambala, Chairperson
Miss Natacha Ndumbe, Treasurer
Jean-Marie Lutete, Secretary

Company Secretary

Jean-Marie Lutete

Senior staff members

The charity has no senior staff members.

Governing document

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution dated 1st June 2004 and amended on 2nd July 2014. The charity is a company limited by guarantee and therefore has no share capital.

Bankers

HSBC Bank Plc, 118 High Street North, Eastham, London E6 2HX.

Exemption

The directors have taken advantage of the audit exemption available to small companies.

Independent examiner

Albert Turki Faran BSc (Hon), MAAT
ATF Accountancy Services
Queens Court, 9-17 Eastern Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3NG

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1) Our Organisation

We are charitable company that welcomes everybody regardless their race, religion, ethnic group, disability, and sex.

We organise different type of activities in order to promote the African arts and culture. Different activities the organisation deals with are Music, Dance, Theatre, Comedy, Drama, Creative writing, Painting and Drawing, Sculpture, and Ceramic.

2) Aims

- a) We provide after school arts and socio-cultural recreational activities to children and young people from low-income parents who have difficulty to afford such recreational activities for their children. Most people who benefit from our activities are socially excluded, in low-income, refugees and asylum seekers.
- b) Through our activities we want to increase the participation and engagement in the arts activities of the communities who do not participate to the mainstream arts activities.
- c) Through our activities we want to give the artists who have barrier to access mainstream arts support, the opportunity to showcase their talent in the arts of music, dance, drama, comedy and theatre.
- d) We use our activities as a bridge to bring different background together in England to celebrate culture diversities of England through music, dance, theatre, comedy, drama, painting and drawing, and sculpture.

3) Beneficiaries

Our organisation works to help people such as:

- African communities based in great London and England
- Black ethnic minorities
- Refugees and Asylum seekers
- Socially disadvantaged people
- Children, young people, parents and the general public

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4) Objects

The principal object of the charity is to advance public education and training by promoting African Culture, Arts and Sport through public performances, workshops, and seminars.

5) Our mission statements

ACASN has adopted a mission statement to support, promote and empower African community who are beyond the mainstream support.

6) Review of the year

a) Director's report

The year 2024 has been quite a challenging year for our organisation due to cost-of-living crisis in the United Kingdom. The cost-of-living crisis and lack of funding have forced our organisation to just provide minimum service to our service-users.

b) Finances

It has been difficult for our organisation to get funds from different funding bodies and grants making organisations. Many applications for grants and funding were made, but unfortunately most of them were unsuccessful. However we were forced to adapt to the current situation and worked very hard throughout the year in order to enable our organisation to sustain during the year 2024.

c) Organisational development

Given the actual state of the financial situation of our organisation, we were not able to provide as much as possible different kinds of projects and activities for our service-users as we have planned to do.

We took advantage of taking part in different kind of training projects. These projects enabled our organisation management committee's members and volunteers to develop resilience and become more effective to run and implement well the work of our organisation in the current situation.

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7) Summary of the main achievements during the period

- We have organised the cost-of-Living Resilience Training Programme in which our service-users and neighbourhood's residents learnt crucial money management skills so that they can successfully have control of money spending during this current financial crisis. Thank you to **the National Lottery Community Fund** for providing our organisation with the financial support to run this project.
- We have organised African Music workshops with young people from African refugees' background. This project gave young people from African community opportunity to learn how to play different type of music instruments.
- We also organised different music performances with our London based African artists in order to entertain our local community.

8) The charity's policy on Reserve

The organisation's policy on reserve is to build reserves up to a level which ensures the charity's core activities could continue during the period of unforeseen difficulty. For the current year the charity has no free reserve.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above

Signed 
Jean-Marie Lutete, Director

Date 01/04/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Africa Culture Arts and Sport Network for the year ended 30 November 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts, which are set out on pages eight to nine.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 01/01/2025

Albert Turki Faran, BSc (Hon), MAAT

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Statement of Financial activities
(incorporating the income and expenditure accounts)
for the year ended 30 November 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	£	2024 Total Fund £	2023 Total Fund £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Grants		0.00	10000.00	10000.00		0.00
Trustees contribution		920.00		920.00		2100.00
Donations Received		34710.00		34710.00		28160.00
Gift Aids		8677.00		8677.00		7040.00
Other Income Received		2850.00		2850.00		600.00
Total incoming resources		47157.00	10000.00	57157.00		37900.00
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Artistic Expenses & Facilitators		14100.00	3000.00	17100.00		13500.00
Office Rent & Venues hire		13550.00	1000.00	14550.00		11960.00
Music Equipment & PA Hire		5850.00		5850.00		4850.00
Advertising & Marketing		2500.00	350.00	2850.00		1950.00
Hospitality & Refreshments		1850.00	4500.00	6350.00		1850.00
Travelling expenses		1950.00		1950.00		1550.00
Volunteers expenses		1050.00	400.00	1450.00		1650.00
Administration & Professional fees		1850.00	750.00	2600.00		1200.00
Total resources expended		42700.00	10000.00	52700.00		38510.00
Net incoming (outgoing) resources		4457.00	0.00	4457.00		-610.00
Balance Fund b/f at 1 December 2023		-3895.00		-3895.00		-3285.00
Transfers between Funds		0.00	0.00			0.00
Balance Funds c/f at 30 October 2024		562.00	0.00	562.00		-3895.00

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Balance Sheet

as at 30 November 2024

	Notes	£	£	2024	£	2023
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets			0.00			0.00
Total fixed assets				0.00		
Current assets						
Cash at bank and hand		(4,115.00)				695.00
Gift Aid Receivable		8,677.00				0.00
		4,562.00				695.00
Liabilities						
Creditors:						
Accruals			0.00			0.00
Net assets				4,562.00		695.00
Represented by:						
Restricted Fund			0.00			0.00
Reserve			(3,895.00)			(3,285.00)
Unrestricted Fund (Long Term Loan)			4,000.00			4,590.00
Surplus / Deficit			4,457.00			(610.00)
Total Fund				4,562.00		695.00

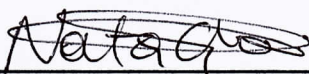
For the year ended 30 November 2024 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Responsibilities of directors/trustees:

- a) The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year 2024 in accordance with section 476 of the companies Act 2006.
- b) The directors/trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- c) The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the companies subject to the small companies.

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed


Natacha Ndumbe, Treasurer

Date

01/01/2025