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Registered Charity number 1112554

AGUDA NORTH WEST LTD

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

**SEFTON YODAIKEN & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

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Trustee's Report

For the year ended 31 March 2024

The trustee's who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Company Act present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

- David Smus
- Michael Leigh
- Yehuda Kahn
- Alan Wellins

Structure, governance and management

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee.

It is also a registered charity, it is therefore governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees would be in line with the memorandum and articles of association and with the consent of the trustees. The criteria set for the suitable candidate would be someone who is sensitive to the needs and demands of the organisation.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The charity manages the Hershel Weiss Children and Family Centre, in partnership with Salford City Council. We provide services primarily but not exclusively for the benefit of those of the Orthodox Jewish persuasion. We promote health through traditional means and supplementary activities, promote children's development through play and structured activities.

The Hershel Weiss Children and Family Centre is part of the Broughton children's centre cluster. Our services work hand in hand with the every child matters agenda of be healthy ,stay safe , enjoy and achieve, achieve economic wellbeing, the centre is a unique partnership between Aguda North West and Salford city council our main aim is to bring culturally appropriate services to a Community that would not access elsewhere.

The centre incorporates a specially designed training room, book, toy and training library, health clinic, crèche facilities, family room, various offices, a lift and a disabled toilet.

We also offer Family support, mother and baby clinics, drop in play counselling, SEN support, trips and activities for the underprivileged, and benefit and personal grant support.

Over the past year over 300 families per week are currently accessing services at the centre. An increase of 50 families. Currently 107% of 0-5 in the local community are registered with our service and 84% are engaging with us. This is based on information from the council's EMS data recording system.

Trustee's Report (cont'd...)

In the recent Higher Broughton cluster Ofsted report described the work of the Hershel Weiss centre as a place where potential barriers are removed with great sensitivity and skill so that local families receive the help they require.

Over the past 18 months, 80% of our workload has increased to support the growing number of families and children accessing our ethnically appropriate services, requiring more support due to a number of issues affecting parents or children including parental mental health, poverty and debt victims of abuse and an increasing number of lone parents.

This means our services have to target even further into an already ethnically sensitive and economically deprived group.

We have now set up a new project working directly with the growing number of single parent families in the community we have now been awarded 3 further years of BBC children in need funding to work with these families.

Our range of services has grown and we now support families much more holistically, we offer support to get holiday, furniture, home safety, clothing grants as well as counselling and activities for children with disabilities.

Written by a parent and printed in a local newspaper:

"Although this piece is titled, 'the everchanging face...', a better word would really be 'growing and developing', for however many changes the centre is making, they are really only improvements on the extraordinary work they are already doing. The only changes are the way in which the Hershel Weiss Centre is accessing more people and organisations, both as partners in their wonderful activities, and in the number of local families they are reaching out to and helping."

The Hershel Weiss Centre has also been on the cutting edge of Family and Community Learning Provision in East Salford successfully allowing some of society's most excluded and disadvantaged to access high quality learning in a unique, non-judgemental, ethnically appropriate environment. In the past our courses have empowered people to challenge poverty of aspiration and enter further education, employment and training.

Some of our most recent highlights include:

- Jcom jobs fair partnership.
- Paediatric first aid training for teachers and parents, both men and women
- Safeguarding event for parents.
- Engagement of many hard to reach families through the launch of our summer programme.
- Development of partnership to use kosher savers as another venue to deliver form over the summer.
- Award nomination for adult's computers for dummies course
- Sue Woodgate's minuted comments of appreciation at OJF in August re Hershel Weiss help with the Ofsted good safeguarding result within Salford council.
- Engagement of many hard to reach families through the incredible summer programme.
- Development of new adult education programme based on engaging with the most hard to reach
- Engagement of many new families moving into the lower Broughton area through the kosher savers summer programme
- Consultation on outdoor area

Trustee's Report (cont'd...)

- CVS model bid to lottery for extra support based on Hershel Weiss case study
- Successfully winning of 5 years reaching community funding for our new project jigsaw in partnership with binoh and salford to support the most vulnerable

All this has been recognised and paid off and in February 2017 Salford Council informed us that we are one of only 2 groups in Salford to receive a 5 year contract for services starting April 2017 for Aguda North West at a time of such government austerity this is the highest accolade we could receive. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy.

Trustee's Report For the year ended 31 March 2024

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the financial year. In preparing those financial statements giving a true and fair view, the board of trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of applicable law and regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued March 2005) and in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board of directors and trustees on 30 March 2025.

Mr D Smus
Trustee

Independent examiners report for the trustees For the year ended 31 March 2024

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, 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 Commissioners. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirement of the Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr. S. Yodaiken

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Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<i>Incoming resources</i>			
Voluntary income	4	59,005	41,006
Local authority funding		82,171	84,448
Investment income	5	303	665
Other income	6	135,896	195,849
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Total incoming resources		277,375	321,968
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<i>Resources expended</i>			
Grants payable		136,105	192,692
Administrative expenses	9	117,707	137,400
Governance costs	10	2,300	2,100
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Total expenditure		256,112	332,192
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Operating surplus/(deficit)		21,263	(10,224)
Surplus B/F		254,003	264,227
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Surplus C/F		275,266	254,003
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There are no recognisable gains and losses other than those stated in the SOFA.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets	7		52,853	57,142
Current assets				
Debtors		80,329		90,642
Cash at bank		156,073		110,697
		236,402		201,339
Creditors: due in one year	8	(13,989)		(4,478)
Net current assets			222,413	196,861
Total assets less current liabilities			275,266	254,003
Funds				
Unrestricted funds			275,266	254,003

In preparing these financial statements:

- (a) The directors are of the opinion that the company is entitled to the exemption from audit conferred under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (b) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:
 - (i) complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts and
 - (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

Mr. D Smus
Director

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting Conventions

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the charities statement of recommended practise on accounting by charities (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011).

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants and donations and is included on the SOFA when receiveable.

Resources expensed

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the accountancy fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All overhead and support costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource.

2. Taxation

The company is non profit making and a registered charity and as such there is no corporation tax.

3. Depreciation

Depreciation is charged at 15% reducing balance on office equipment and fixtures and fittings.

4. Voluntary income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	59,005	41,006
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5. Investment income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank interest received	303	665
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6. Other income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable activities	135,896	195,849
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7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Office equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
B/F	131,245	6,807	138,052
Additions	5,036	---	5,036
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	136,281	6,807	143,088
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Depreciation			
B/F	74,852	6,057	80,909
Charge for the year	9,214	112	9,326
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	84,066	6,169	90,325
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Net book value			
• 31 March 2024	52,215	638	52,853
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• 31 March 2023	56,392	750	57,142
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8. Creditors: amounts due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	13,989	4,478
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9. Administrative expenses

	2024	2023
	£	£
Telephone and PPSA	5,275	11,048
Property maintenance	95	---
Administration expenses	9,516	12,059
Bank charges and interest	195	168
Wages and salaries	90,560	101,053
Childcare costs	2,739	2,988
Depreciation	9,327	10,084
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	117,707	137,400
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10. Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accountancy	2,300	2,100
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11. Trustees

No remuneration was paid and no expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year.