

BLESSING FAMILY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1118767

Details

Other names BFA, BLESSING FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2007-04-11

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

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") BEING PARTICULARLY FURTHERED IN THE AREA OF LONDON ARE:1. TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY BY PROVIDING ADVICE ON SEEKING EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, DEBT AND MONEY COUNSELLING AND RELATED FINANCIAL ADVICE;2. TO PROMOTE EDUCATION ON MATTERS THAT AFFECT THE CONGOLESE AND FRENCH SPEAKING FAMILIES OF LONDON;3. TO UNDERTAKE RESEARCH ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE CONGOLESE COMMUNITY AND TO DISSEMINATE THE RESULTS OF SUCH RESEARCH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT;4. TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION IN MATTERS RELATING TO THE CONGOLESE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS; AND5. TO GENERALLY RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF THE CONGOLESE FRENCH SPEAKING FAMILIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY:A. SHARING SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WITH CONGOLESE AND FRENCH SPEAKING FAMILIES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE EUROPEAN UNION AND AFRICA;B. PROVIDING A RESEARCH AND RESOURCE FORUM FOR CONGOLESE FRENCH SPEAKING FAMILIES, LOCAL GROUPS AND GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES;C. TO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF CONGOLESE FAMILIES AND REPRESENT THEIR VIEWS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

Activities: BFA deliver a six-month Befriend project for refugee families from French-speaking communities within Croydon who are isolated, lonely, and stressed to empower them to participate in weekly meetings. They can build knowledge on health issues. We run various sessions of dance, art, music, drama and life skills for young people with the help of volunteers to support young people.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED. IN PRACTICE CROYDON
- Croydon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£20,393	£19,764	-	-
2024-03-31	£31,002	£28,242	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,294	£18,327	-	-
2022-03-31	£19,988	£16,120	-	-
2021-03-31	£10,254	£9,947	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MAMIE MASUNDA		2023-06-01
Nehemie Nengou		2025-11-05
PROSPER TEKABADIKADYO KABA		

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Accounts

Blessing Family Association Charity

Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31st January 2025

The trustees of Blessing Family Association present the annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31st January 2025.

The trustees are responsible for overseeing the charity's activities and deciding how funds are spent

OUR WORK AND AIMS

Blessing Family Association is a registered charity (No. 1118767), established in November 2003, with the aims of:

1. Alleviating poverty within the Croydon French Speaking community by providing:
 - a. Advice on employment and training,
 - b. Money and debt counselling
2. Promote educational attainment
3. Undertake research within Croydon's Congolese community and disseminating the result
4. Advance public awareness about the Congolese community in Croydon by providing seminars, workshops, conference and publications
5. Relieving the needs of Congolese families in Croydon by sharing:
 - a. Sharing skills, knowledge and experience with Congolese and French-speaking families, local groups and government and other agencies
 - b. Advocate on behalf of Congolese families and represent their views within the community, government departments, non-governmental organisations and regional and international organisations.

OUR ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Our operations rely on 10 volunteers who help to provide unique services which can be targeted to individuals or specific groups which include:

- Interpretation and translation
- Visiting refugees and asylum seekers in their homes, detention centres, hospitals, and hostels
- Running ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes and Homework Clubs for children aged 6 to 12 years
- Providing advice, information and counselling on health, parenting, alcohol, drugs and advocacy for families
- Organising outings, events, workshops, training, and opportunities for play, drama, swimming, fitness, and dance

In the last annual year, the charity has focussed on providing a meal service for those who have been impacted by the cost of living crisis and struggled to access services such as food banks and running skills workshops in basic cooking which promote healthy eating and a balanced diet.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The incoming resources were £31,002. With no funds in restricted donations received. The charity would like to be more accessible to the public than it currently is. The fact that it operates mainly from a CVA hall means that it is usually only available over the weekend and the charity's other activities are carried out at separate locations during the week. We have therefore, as part of our long-term goals, secure a permanent building or base to operate from.

**Blessing Family Association Statement
of Financial Activities**

Accounting period 31st March 2024

Charity Number 118767

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total for
		Funds	Income	This Year
		£	£	£
<u>Total incoming resources</u>	(3)			
Donations & others		31,002	000	31,002
		<u>31,002</u>	<u>000</u>	<u>31,002</u>
<u>Resources expended</u>				
Cost of activities and Trading		6,000	0	6,000
Cost of Charitable activities		4,102	0	4,102
Depreciation		200	0	200
Salaries to staff		5,000	0	5,000
Accountancy fee		400	0	400
Telephone, postage and stationery		1,322	0	1,322
Media and Publicity		141	0	141
Cost Governance		7,375	0	7,375
legal and professional fees		300	0	300
Miscellaneous		3,300	0	3,300
Bank charges		102	0	102
<u>Total resources expended</u>		<u>28,242</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28,242</u>
<u>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</u>		<u>2760</u>		<u>2760</u>
<u>Other recognised gains/(losses)</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Gains and losses on investment assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Net movement in funds</u>		<u>2,760</u>		<u>2,760</u>
			<u>0</u>	
<u>Total funds carried forward</u>		<u>2,760</u>		<u>2,760</u>

Blessings Family Association
Balance Sheet
Year Ending 31/03/2024

		Total this year	
Fixed assets		<u>79</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash at bank and in hand			
<i>Total current assets</i>		2,760	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u> </u>	
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	(11)	2,760	
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		<u>0</u>	<u> </u>
<i>Net assets</i>		2,760	
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Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		2,760	
Designated funds			
Total unrestricted funds		0	
Restricted income funds		0	
	(12)		
<i>Total funds</i>		<u>2,760</u>	<u>—————</u>
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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Members of the Blessings Family Association

I report on the accounts of Blessings Family Association (Charity Number 118767) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner's

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; we consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993(the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act)

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43 (7) (b) of the 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 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 account, 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiners 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 requirement
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the act, have 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.

Joseph Phiri ACCA

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30th October 2024

CHARITY TRUSTEES AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Name	Position
Tekabadikadyo Prosper Kaba	Chair
Mamie Masunda	Vice Chair
Marcel Nengou	Secretary
Elenge Mobali	Treasurer