

Trustee Report for the Year ended 30 November 2020

Registered Charity Number: 1120160

Somali Cultural Resource Centre Coventry

**Trustee's Report and Financial statements for the year ended
30 November 2020**

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Charity information

Charity name: SOMALI CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTRE COVENTRY

Charity registration number: 1120160

Registered office and
Operation address: 29 Walsgrave Road
CV2 4HE, COVENTRY

Organising committee:

The organising committee who served during the year were as follows:

Trustees:	H K FIDOW	(CHAIR MAN)
	M Abtidon	(SECRETARY)
	M A MAHAMAD	(TREASURER)
	S ALI	(BOARD MEMBER)

Bank: Barclays bank PLC
Foleshill Branch
P O Box No 2, 25 High Street
Coventry CV1 5QZ

Auditors: Mahad ise
20 Binley Road
CV3 1JA Coventry

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The organisation is established in June 2004 and registered as a charity on 20 July 2007. The organisation was established under a constitution of association which established the objects and powers of the charity and is governed under its articles of association.

Recruitments, appointment induction and training of new trustees

The member who is present at an AGM meeting agrees with the current trustee to be continues until next year, and not appointed any new trustees during these financial years. Induction and training of trustees is carried out in house in accordance with charity commission guidelines.

Organisational structure

Somali Cultural Resource Centre Coventry has an organisational committee who meets every two months and is responsible of the strategic decisions and policy of the charity. At present the committee has 4 members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. Various volunteers continuously support and work within the organisation.

Risk management

Risk assessments are carried out by health and safety representatives. Assessing potential risks in building and safety of workspace. Financial and related risks are also being assessed, and are reviewed annually.

Objectives and activities

- ☐ To advance the education and training of the Somali community within Coventry and their independent needs, so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community.
- ☐ The relief of unemployment of the members of the Somali Community in Coventry, by the provision of vocational and skills training, advice and support.
- ☐ To promote the benefit of the individuals of the Somali community without any distinction, to provide facilities and equipment in the interest of social welfare, recreation to improve educational opportunities and better health facilities, and to improve the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
- ☐ To be financially stable, achieving sustained and varied funding streams for future growth.

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- ☐ The number of the volunteers is still growing. Last year we had 12 volunteers an increase and now during this year we now have 10 volunteers contributing their time to the work of the charity.

Significant activities

- ☐ The boards have agreed that a induction to board training should be done, this was done successfully with support from Trainee.
- ☐ Our main project to date is the supplementary school that we run, our organisation is particularly proud of this project as it is the project; we have seen the most progress in. We have a special affinity towards children and young people, and endeavour to enhance their chances of getting the appropriate support to achieve educational attainment and ensure they become responsible and good citizens, as we have experience of them getting wrongly influenced by external and peer pressures leading to anti-social behaviour. Therefore, we currently run a supplementary school every Saturday, attended by 80 children aged between 6 – 16 years, run with qualified tutors and volunteers, to raise attainment levels in mainstream schools, and also to educate the parents in the curriculum and help to support their children and understand the importance of education.
- ☐ We exercise a system to bring the children's confidence up and allow them to be the best they can be in what they choose. We believe this brings out more success. Due to COVID-19, there was no face-to-face contact this year but so to continue the spirit of celebration students and parents received letters. This was our fifth ceremony and the fact that the children have excelled in the mainstream school and it's no surprise our organisation is bringing a difference, whether it is community language or mainstream academic subjects. We also provide A-level Mathematics tuition in SCRCC Centre for Sunday afternoons between 4 pm to 6 pm, again a majority of the sessions were virtual due to pandemic.

Achievements and performance

This year has been a predominantly successful year it has helped us ensure high level of professional support and we have pushed our abilities to our utmost strength to help our community stand up and become a useful source in the environment. Through our monitoring system we have been able to identify that our service users have gained a substantial amount of progress.

The organisation committee have been able to make use of the financial help we received from various parties and hope in the next coming years we can build up on the progress. This year it

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was essential for us to succeed in a time that significant numbers of people were seeking advice regarding Benefit Gap; training etc. and we found ourselves having to push that extra mile to give the best possible support. The biggest focus being on the COVID-19 advice in line with government guidelines, ensuring that information is translated so that our community has access to the daily updates.

We have embarked on a project that we named 'Get that job' where we conducted training CV advice to increase chances of employment. We have continued with this project to support individuals during this difficult time. This project was supported by Groundwork UK specifically for those in unemployment.

The organising committee remain optimistic that adequate resources can be identified to enable SCRCC to move forward. The varied member of the Somali community like young people, refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants have free access to use our office and ICT facilities to search for job, The weekend supplementary schools, Interpretation and Translation, Advice and Information, Education, Health, Welfare benefits, General Signposting and any other information that they need. During the pandemic, we were able to support our members in different ways whether it be through sending letters, virtual meetings or phone call conversations.

Financial review

The board regularly reviews the amounts of funds that the charity requires, to ensure that the funds are in place to fulfil its obligations.

Principal funding sources

During this year SCRCC submitted 4 applications for funding, 3 were approved and 1 was rejected. The following organisations provided grants; financial support to projects and activities: BBC Children in Need, Awards for All - COVID- 19 response and Coventry City Council. Objectives for each individual fund are monitored in line with audit and evaluation processes.

It goes without saying that the work would not happen if it were not for our funders and a special word of thanks goes to them. We would not be in existence if it were not for the support we get from statutory and voluntary organisations with whom we work in partnership; many thanks go to them also. In particular, we would like to thank BBC Children In Need who has supported us in our efforts to improve the standards of education and living prospects of the community. Ultimately we aim to support the upbringing of the young folks in our community as they are the future.

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Future plans

- ☐ The aim is to sustain existing programmes within SCRCC and build services in line with the ever changing needs of the Somali community.
- ☐ To ensure that SCRCC trustee are informed of their roles and responsibilities, better understanding how SCRCC is working and how it supports the trustee.
- ☐ To ensure that SCRCC serves everyone's needs (staff, volunteers, members, trustees, funders) better.
- ☐ To ensure that SCRCC provide a better understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the importance of the vaccine.
- ☐ To ensure long term success of SCRCC.
- ☐ To help grow the roots of a healthy foundation, we establish a fund raising co-ordinator within SCRCC. The key task would be to ensure that SCRCC is better placed to submit applications to grant making bodies being successful with large grants for long periods of time and to help the growth of SCRCCs consultancy practice.

Responsibilities of the management committee

- ☐ Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ☐ Make judgements estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- ☐ Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the organisation will continue on that basis.

The organising committee is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the companies' act 2006. The organising committee is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Member of the Management committee

Members of the organisation committee who are trustees for the purpose of the charity law and who served during the year are set out on page 2.

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charities are unaware, and each trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as trustee in order to make them aware of any audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

Mahad Ise was appointed as the charitable auditors at the AGM in 7th August 2020.

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Approval

This report was approved by the organising committee on 18th September 2020) and signed on its behalf by:

Hassan Fidow (Chair)

Independent Auditors Report to the member of Somali Cultural Resource Centre

Opinion on Financial Statement

Basis of audit opinion

In my opinion:

- ☐ In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention regarding any problems.
- ☐ The financial statements are true and fair.
- ☐ The financial statements have been properly prepared.
- ☐ The information given in the trustee's annual report is consistent with the financial statements.

Auditors:

Mahad Ise
20 Binley Road,
CV3 1JA
Coventry



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Somali Cultural Resource Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

30 November 2020

Charity
no (if
any)

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Set out on pages

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**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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- 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 statement**

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 (other than that disclosed below *)

1. 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
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Mahad

Date:

4th September 2020

Name:

Mahad Ise

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

UPS Driver

Address:

20 Binley CV3 1JA

Coventry

West midlands

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.