

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1122363

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [06426744](#)

Registered 2008-01-17

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

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Activities

Objects: • To relieve financial hardship, destitution and any other needs among refugees, asylum seekers, other migrants and their families including, but not limited to, the provision of legal services, advice, advocacy and other support which they could not otherwise obtain through lack of resources; • To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of refugees, asylum seekers, other migrants and their families especially, but not exclusively, by providing advice and advocacy to assist them to access suitable housing, health care and other relevant services; and • To advance the education of the public in general about issues relating to refugees, asylum seekers, other migrants and their families.

Activities: Hackney Migrant Centre is a community-based charity that provides free advice and support for refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants, regardless of their nationality or immigration status. The centre focuses on four main areas: immigration, housing, welfare, and holistic support.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND IN PARTICULAR IN EAST LONDON.
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£561,736	£479,105	£261,825	10
2024-03-31	£488,900	£544,217	-	-
2023-03-31	£436,929	£362,880	-	-
2022-03-31	£306,888	£408,423	-	-
2021-03-31	£453,212	£476,398	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Abdullahi Omodolapo Yussuf		2024-03-04
Courtney Jae Youngberg		2025-01-28
DANIEL ALEXANDER PASTERNAK OPPENHEIMER		2025-10-20
Dr Belinda John-Baptiste		2025-11-05
Elizabeth Olubukola Kolawole-Johnson		2020-04-06
Katharine Meade		2019-06-24
Kathryn Jane Busby		2024-09-17
OLUSOLA OLAYINKA ERIOLUWA		2026-02-04
SUSAN MARGARET SHUTTER		2026-02-04
Saraf Anan		2022-09-02

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Hackney Migrant Centre

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2024-2025

Trustees

Chair	Augusta Itua	
Vice Chair	Daniel Alexander Pasternak Oppenheimer	(Appointed on 20 October 2025)
Treasurer	Kathryn Jane Busby	(Appointed on 17 September 2024)
Treasurer	Christopher John Wheatley	(Resigned on 05 December 2024)
	Courtney Jae Youngberg	(Appointed on 28 February 2025)
	Belinda John-Baptiste	(Appointed on 05 November 2025)
	Elizabeth Olubukola Kolawole-Johnson	
	Saraf Anan	
	Katharine Meade	
	Abdullahi Omodolapo Yussuf	
	Hannah Rymer Mcconnachie	(Resigned on 13 November 2024)
	Georgina Laming	(Resigned on 24 November 2025)
	Henna Alicia Charania	(Resigned on 12 January 2026)
	Roger Besong	(Resigned on 20 January 2026)

Charity number	1122363
Company number	06426744
Registered office	Hackney Migrant Centre, The Old Fire Station, 61 Leswin Road, London N16 7NX
Independent Examiner	Samir Shah FCA, ATII Ramon Lee Ltd Chartered Accountants, 93 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4BA
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindley Place, Birmingham B1 2JB

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note to the financial statements and comply with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Public Benefit Statement

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance "Public Benefit: Running a Charity". The achievements and activities outlined in this report demonstrate the public benefit arising through the charity's activities.

What we do

Hackney Migrant Centre (HMC) delivers free legal representation, advice, and support for migrants. We call people using our services 'visitors'. Visitors are supported with issues relating to immigration, housing, welfare and access to healthcare. HMC also delivers regular community sessions with wellbeing activities and a drop-in holistic support service, where volunteers support with meeting basic needs (e.g. opening a bank account, foodbank vouchers). We support visitors to resolve their immigration problems and move out of homelessness and destitution in the long-term, as well as assisting them to address immediate issues. Most of our visitors lack secure immigration status and are destitute as a result, a situation exacerbated by hostile immigration policies. We welcome all migrants, regardless of immigration status, nationality or current place of residence.



Our Purpose



To demonstrate solidarity with migrants in Hackney and beyond, including the most vulnerable and marginalised, by welcoming them as our visitors and helping them to access rights and overcome injustice in the immigration system.

HMC's Charitable Objects:

The Charity's objects are restricted specifically, in each case only for the public benefit to:

- 1.To relieve financial hardship, destitution and any other needs among refugees, asylum seekers, other migrants and their families including, but not limited to, the provision of legal services, advice, advocacy and other support which they could not otherwise obtain through lack of resources;
- 2.To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of refugees, asylum seekers, other migrants and their families especially, but not exclusively, by providing advice and advocacy to assist them to access suitable housing, health care and other relevant services; and
- 3.To advance the education of the public in general about issues relating to refugees, asylum seekers, other migrants and their families.

HMC's Strategic Aims (2025-2028):

- 1.To foster a safe community space where migrants can participate and access opportunities to remove barriers in their daily lives.
- 2..To improve access to high-quality advice, representation, and well-being support, working to achieve better outcomes for migrants with insecure housing or immigration status, and those living in destitution.
- 3.To build partnerships and campaign, using our knowledge to advance migrants' rights locally and nationally.
- 4.To champion good leadership and governance, by challenging oppressive systems and structures, and striving for justice, while advocating for equity, diversity, and inclusivity.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charitable company should undertake.

A message from Augusta Itua, Chair of Hackney Migrant Centre's Board of Trustees:

It has been a pleasure to continue as Chair of Hackney Migrant Centre (HMC), and I am proud of the fantastic achievements of our staff and volunteers in an increasingly hostile environment.

For nearly twenty years, our holistic support model has been a vital source of support and solidarity for migrant communities. HMC is a lifeline for hundreds of migrants each year, with our Level 3 Immigration Advice Authority (IAA) accredited immigration advice service entering its fifth year.

2024-25 marked an important period of adjustment for HMC. We have prioritised stability and sustainability in a changing fundraising environment. Although reported income reached an historic high this year, this largely reflects exceptional one-off funding received late in the period and we will be undertaking a gradual, reduction in expenditure in 2025-26 to ensure HMC's future sustainability. We are immensely grateful for the support of our community, after raising over £100,000 in a community fundraiser, demonstrating not only the support for HMC's work but also the solidarity with migrants across London and the desire to support access to justice.

The environment for migrants in the UK remains hostile. The changes in policy (both implemented and proposed), continue to profoundly impact our visitors, the members of our team who live with precarious immigration statuses and those who work with HMC and bear witness to the severe challenges migrants face when attempting to exercise their basic rights and access justice in the UK.

We have protected our frontline services this year, focusing our resources on our core activities and strengthening our systems for the future. I am pleased to report that HMC is now operating on a more resilient footing, and on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank our staff, volunteers, funders and supporters for their support during this period of change. Despite the challenges, we look forward to the future with optimism and a strong sense of purpose.

Best wishes,

Augusta Itua

HMC's year in numbers...

Immigration Advice Impact

90

people provided with long term 1-1 support to apply to secure their immigration status in the UK

94%

success rate for applications submitted with HMC's support

85%

of applications resulted in access to public funds, without the No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) condition

20

appeals lodged to challenge negative decisions on immigration claims

87

people supported to set-up and address errors on eVisas during initial rollout

23

people supported with evidence gathering or challenging decisions through PAP, formal complaints or Change of Condition applications

HMC's year in numbers...

Housing & Destitution Advice Impact

66

people received tailored support to alleviate or prevent homelessness and access secure accommodation

39

families and individuals supported to access benefits, including Universal Credit & Pension Credit

73%

of visitors supported to make homeless applications and access housing through Local Authority support

£23K

of individual grants distributed to visitors facing destitution in collaboration with Catalyst's Samaritan Fund, Nawaal Benevolence Fund, Heinz, Anna and Carol Kroch Foundation (HACK) and Fund for Human Need (FFHN)

Community Building & Holistic Advocacy Impact

1020

visits to, and hot meals served at, our 27 community sessions in 2024-25

176

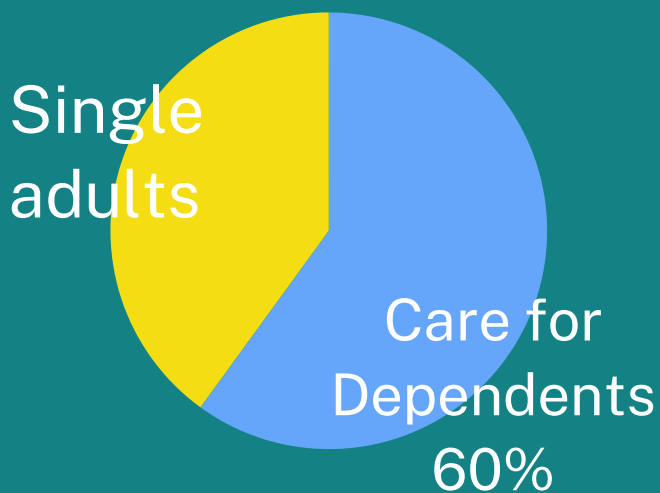
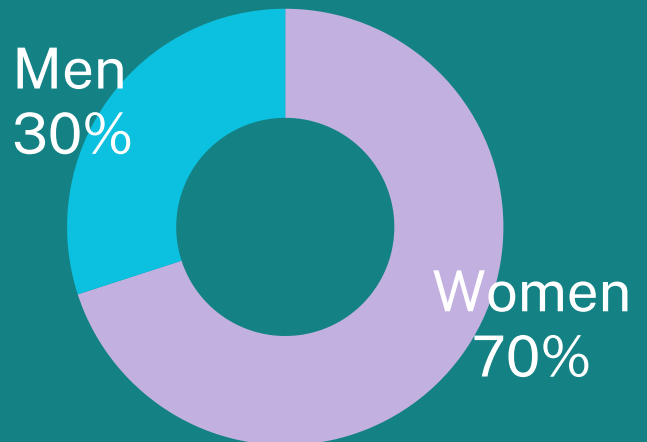
people with NRPF granted financial support in partnership with London Borough of Hackney

About the people who have accessed support from HMC...

We call the people who access our services 'visitors'

319

visitors received support from HMC in 2024-25



75+

the age of 12 visitors, with a third of all visitors over 55 years old.



HMC's visitors arrived in the UK from

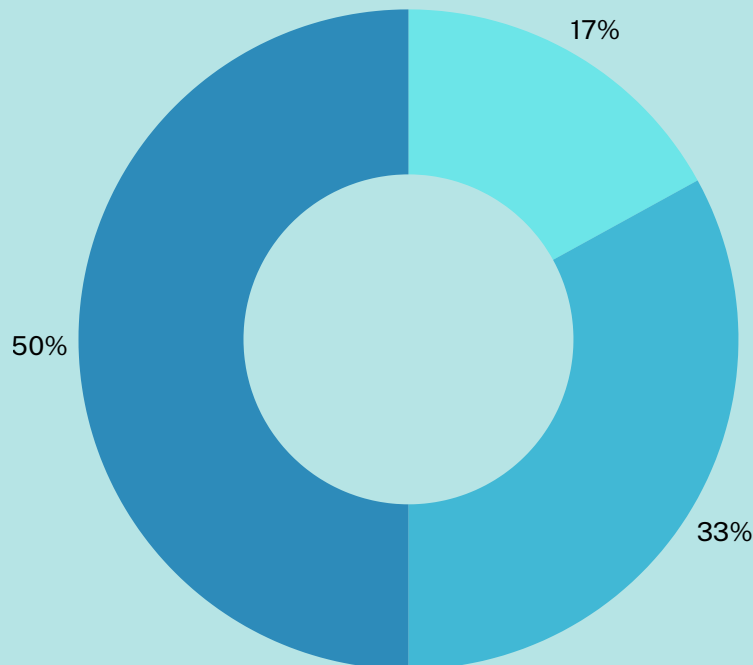
60+

countries, with the most common country Nigeria

About HMC's Team...

65

Dedicated, experienced
volunteers supporting our
service



50% of our volunteers have
lived experience of
migration, with a third of our
volunteers having accessed
support from HMC
themselves

75%

of HMC's Board of Trustees
have lived experience of
migration, including
trustees with lived
experience of using HMC's
services



Immigration
Advice
Authority
(IAA)
accreditation

HMC has three employed IAA
accredited advisors, up to
Level 3. Two of HMC's
volunteers have obtained or
increased their accreditation
levels this year too.

Case Studies

HMC advised a young woman previously in Local Authority care and in full time education who had been incorrectly advised by a private solicitor that she was not eligible to apply for Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) and to instead make a costly application for temporary leave. The private solicitor had submitted the wrong application and failed to include the correct details for the visitor, which could have resulted in her application for leave being invalidated, leaving her an unlawful overstayer in the UK. HMC supported the visitor to sit the Life in the UK test and apply for ILR, which was successful. HMC also worked to ensure the incorrect application was halted and the fees refunded.

HMC supported a family who had arrived in the UK from Iraq and been granted Humanitarian Protection, but had not been provided with their grant letters or BRPs by the Home Office. The family were left unable to evidence their status in the UK for many months, resulting in severe financial challenges. HMC supported the family to make formal complaints and pursue the Home Office to access the family's documentation.

A mother with pre-settled status through the EU settlement scheme was struggling to cope after the birth of her second child. She had been incorrectly refused Universal Credit on the basis of her immigration status and her attempts to challenge the refusal had been unsuccessful. HMC took the appeal to the Social Security and Child Support Tribunal and was successful in getting the incorrect decision overturned. Before the appeal, the mother had been without income for over a year. HMC provided destitution advice and support and successfully supported the mother to apply for Statutory Maternity Pay and support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 from the Local Authority.

HMC supported an undocumented woman who presented in an active situation of exploitation, after a living in forced slavery since her arrival in the UK almost 20 years previously. HMC supported the visitor to access specialist advice, and subsequently, with her consent, referred her to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) as a victim of trafficking. HMC supported the visitor to attend appointments with First Responders and into accommodation whilst a decision was reached. A positive decision was later reached and the visitor was accommodated in a safe house.

Systems change, campaigning & influencing

Alongside our frontline work supporting individuals and families to navigate an increasingly hostile immigration system, we remain committed to challenging the systems and policies that create harm in the first place. HMC continued to play an active role in advancing systemic change for migrants through campaigning, policy engagement and collaborative working. We used our expertise and frontline insight to advocate for change, contribute to policy discussions and work alongside partners to address the structural barriers faced by people affected by the hostile environment.

During the year, we engaged directly with national and local decision-makers, including meeting with policymakers in Government and our local authority to advocate for fair and humane immigration policies. We co-organised a public event in partnership with the London School of Economics (LSE) and sector partners exploring the relationship between housing and migrant justice, contributing to wider sector learning and public discourse. We also continued to support Citizens UK's campaign for free bus travel for people seeking asylum in London, a key priority identified in consultation with HMC's visitors, recognising the importance of access in enabling participation in community life and in accessing support.

We continued to grow our collaborative partnerships at a local level, including through participation in the Women in Hackney Network (funded by the Smallwood Trust) where we work in partnership with local organisations to support and advocate for women furthest from support. Across the year, we remained actively engaged in consultations, networks and forums, and consistently used our voice to challenge inaccurate and inflammatory narratives about migration and call for change.



Financial Review

During the year the charity's income amounted to £561,736, which was higher than the previous year (2024: £488,900) and the first time the charity's income has exceeded £500,000. However half of this came from one-off interventions (including £120k from a community fundraiser, and a one-off financial support grant of £45k from Hackney Council) which we do not expect to be repeated in future years. Expenditure for the year was £479,105 (2024: £544,217); this was lower than the previous year as we reduced costs to protect the longer term sustainability of the charity in a very challenging funding climate. The result for the year was a surplus of £82,631 (2024 deficit: (£55,317)), which, combined with our funds brought forward, gives us total funds of £261,825 at 31 March 2025. Out of these funds, £12,490 are restricted for specific purposes set by the donors and therefore £249,335 are unrestricted, enabling us to begin the next year in a stable financial position, while recognising the significant fundraising challenges ahead.

In common with other charitable organisations of a similar size, we rely on our funder to provide the finances which enable the organisation to operate. We cannot assume that such funding will continue so we are constantly attempting to ensure that adequate funding is in place to continue our services. The trustees and Chief Executive Officer consider it appropriate to ensure that we are able to continue the service in the event of a funding hiatus. We estimate that an unrestricted reserve of a minimum of three months' expenditure, £105,500 for the year ahead, is necessary for this purpose.

The reserves held in unrestricted funds, which have not been designated or invested in fixed assets, at 31 March 2025 were £249,335 (2024: £128,645), therefore meeting our reserves requirements and setting us up for a good start to the 2025/26 financial year.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 14 November 2007 and registered as a charity on 17 January 2008. The company's operations are governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 14 November 2007.

Recruitment and appointment of directors/trustees

The directors of the company are also the charity's trustees for the purposes of charity law.

The number of directors shall not be less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum. The directors have no beneficial interest in the company other than as members and all guarantee to contribute up to £1 in the event of winding up.

No paid employee is eligible to serve as a director or trustee.

The usual term of office for a Director (but not a Youth Director) shall be three years, at the end of which they shall retire. Subject to article 15.2, a Director shall be eligible for reappointment by the Directors for up to a further two terms, each of three years.

No Director shall serve for more than nine consecutive years, unless the Directors consider it would be in the best interests of the Charity for a particular Director to continue to serve beyond that period and that Director is reappointed in accordance with the Articles.

Trustee induction and training

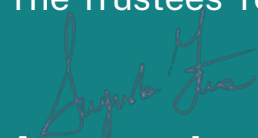
New trustees are provided with copies of the Articles of Association, the most recent annual report, minutes of board meetings, and the Charity Commission's guidance 'The essential trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do'. All trustees are expected to maintain a good working knowledge of charity and company law, as well as current best practice, by reviewing Charity Commission guidance and attending relevant external training courses, which are also included in the trustee induction pack. Upon appointment, trustees with no prior board experience are required, and all other trustees are encouraged, to complete the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) trustee training modules and provide a certificate of completion.

Pay policy for staff

Staff remuneration is determined with reference to National Joint Council bandings, sector pay benchmarks, and the skills required for each role. A London Weighting Payment is applied where appropriate. An annual review of remuneration is undertaken to consider equity and cost-of-living adjustments.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Augusta Itua', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Augusta Itua, Chair of Trustees

28 January 2026

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hackney Migrant Centre (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my Independent Examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Samir Shah FCA, ATII

Ramon Lee Ltd
Chartered Accountants
93 Tabernacle Street
London
EC2A 4BA

Dated: 03.11.2025.....

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	376,954	184,782	561,736	488,900
Total income		376,954	184,782	561,736	488,900
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	4	30,239	6,947	37,186	33,141
Charitable activities	5	225,532	216,387	441,919	511,076
Total expenditure		255,771	223,334	479,105	544,217
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		121,183	(38,552)	82,631	(55,317)
Gross transfers between funds		(493)	493	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		120,690	(38,059)	82,631	(55,317)
Fund balances at 1 April 2024		128,645	50,549	179,194	234,511
Fund balances at 31 March 2025		249,335	12,490	261,825	179,194

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 7 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	11	100		29,608	
Cash at bank and in hand		277,736		189,184	
		<u>277,836</u>		<u>218,792</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(16,011)</u>		<u>(39,598)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>261,825</u>		<u>179,194</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		12,490		50,549
Unrestricted funds			<u>249,335</u>		<u>128,645</u>
			<u>261,825</u>		<u>179,194</u>

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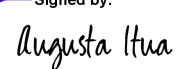
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:
- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
 - preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5 November 2025

Signed by:

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Augusta Itua
Chair

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Hackney Migrant Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and has no share capital. The registered office is Hackney Migrant Centre, The Old Fire Station, 61 Leswin Road, London, N16 7NX. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charitable company.

1.4 Income

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

The 'grants, donations and legacies' heading on the Statement of Financial Activities includes unrestricted grants and donations, given in general to the organisation and restricted grants and donations which are given for specific elements of our work.

For legacies, entitlement is taken when a distribution is received from the estate. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Allocation of support costs

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. Costs are allocated to a particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. Costs of an indirect nature necessary to support charitable activities are allocated to the relevant activity as appropriate, including drop-in services and advice costs.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation costs are allocated to activities on the basis of the use of the related assets in those activities. Assets are reviewed for impairment if circumstances indicate their carrying value may exceed their net realisable value and value in use.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings and computer equipment 4 years

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Financial instruments

The charitable company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charitable company's balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

1.10 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charitable company has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charitable company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in net income/(expenditure) in the period in which it arises.

1.11 Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

1.12 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.13 Pensions

The charity pays employer contributions to defined contribution pension schemes.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<i>Trusts and Foundations:</i>				
AB Charitable Trust	30,000	2,500	32,500	30,000
Lloyds Bank Foundation	27,500	-	27,500	-
Souter Charitable Trust	3,000	-	3,000	-
The Mbili Charitable Trust	1,000	-	1,000	-
Hackney Parochial Charities	30,000	-	30,000	10,000
London Catalyst	-	6,500	6,500	-
London Churches Refugee Fund	-	750	750	1,000
Charles S French Charitable Trust	-	2,500	2,500	-
Mrs Smith & Mount Trust	-	-	-	15,000
Hackney Council	-	50,000	50,000	100,000
Garfield Weston	25,000	-	25,000	-
Sisters of the Holy Cross	-	-	-	10,000
South Hackney Parochial Charity	15,000	-	15,000	4,000
The Albert Hunt Trust	7,000	-	7,000	7,000
The Smallwood Trust	-	10,000	10,000	-
Trust for London Trustee Distribution Fund	-	54,000	54,000	54,000
West Hackney Parochial Charity	20,000	-	20,000	-
Anonymous and other small grants	35,500	750	36,250	-
The Norman Trust	1,000	-	1,000	-
Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund	-	-	-	67,275
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	-	-	20,000
Postcode Society Trust	-	-	-	25,000
Nationwide Community Fund	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
The Chalk Cliff Trust	5,000	-	5,000	-
Schroder Charity Trust	-	-	-	5,000
The Leigh Trust	2,500	-	2,500	-
The David & Ruth Lewis Charitable Trust	-	-	-	50,000
Garden Court Chambers	3,000	-	3,000	-
Big Lottery Fund	-	20,000	20,000	-
	205,525	162,000	367,525	413,275
<i>Grants for Individuals:</i>	-	22,782	22,782	28,898
<i>Community Supporters:</i>	-	-	-	1,585
<i>Corporate Supporters</i>	7,070	-	7,070	-
<i>Individual Donations and gift aid:</i>	21,249	-	21,249	29,558
<i>Fundraising:</i>	143,135	-	143,135	15,584
	376,954	184,782	561,736	488,900
For the year ended 31 March 2024	161,727	327,173		488,900

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4 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Other fundraising costs	3,862	-	3,862	1,586
Staff costs	26,377	6,947	33,324	31,555
	30,239	6,947	37,186	33,141
For the year ended 31 March 2024	33,141	-		33,141

5 Charitable activities

	Drop-In and Advice Service £	Charitable Hardship Fund £	Activities Grants for Individuals £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs	195,813	-	6,786	202,599	254,556
Legal advisors	12,322	-	-	12,322	17,433
Interpreting and other direct costs	2,816	-	-	2,816	7,824
Grants for individuals	-	-	49,347	49,347	46,305
Hardship fund - grants	-	1,623	-	1,623	5,620
Rent & storage for Drop-In centre	8,910	-	-	8,910	12,950
Volunteer and intern expenses	5,468	-	-	5,468	8,665
Food and kitchen supplies	1,422	-	-	1,422	2,850
Drop-In centre running costs	8,322	-	-	8,322	8,012
Subscriptions and membership	582	-	-	582	1,169
	235,655	1,623	56,133	293,411	365,384
Share of support costs (see note 6)	142,966	-	-	142,966	142,909
Share of governance costs (see note 6)	5,542	-	-	5,542	2,783
	384,163	1,623	56,133	441,919	511,076
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds	225,532	-	-	225,532	181,841
Restricted funds	158,631	1,623	56,133	216,387	329,235
	384,163	1,623	56,133	441,919	511,076
For the year ended 31 March 2024					
Unrestricted funds	178,864	2,977	-		181,841
Restricted funds	261,174	2,643	65,418		329,235
	440,038	5,620	65,418		511,076

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6 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	116,183	-	116,183	101,419
Other staff costs	8,660	-	8,660	13,514
Office rent	8,004	-	8,004	7,104
Internet	740	-	740	569
Office equipment and supplies	2,662	-	2,662	10,266
Finance and admin	2,573	-	2,573	4,011
Insurance	3,544	-	3,544	4,637
Subscriptions and membership	600	-	600	1,369
Professional fees	-	-	-	20
Independent Examiner's fees	-	5,349	5,349	2,376
Trustee expenses	-	159	159	394
AGM and Annual Report	-	34	34	13
	<u>142,966</u>	<u>5,542</u>	<u>148,508</u>	<u>145,692</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>142,966</u>	<u>5,542</u>	<u>148,508</u>	<u>145,692</u>
	<u>142,966</u>	<u>5,542</u>	<u>148,508</u>	<u>145,692</u>

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

7 Grant making

We grant small amounts of cash, usually £10 or £20 to visitors to our Drop-In centre, known as Hardship grants which cover emergency costs they may have such as food, travel and personal care items. Each grant is assessed on an individual basis and the visitor signs a receipt confirming they have received it. Grants are paid from our restricted Hardship Fund, which is funded by grants and donations specifically earmarked for the purpose.

We also apply for grants on behalf of visitors to our centre which we pass on to them.

During the year we received 140 grants (2024: 145) totalling £22,782 (2024: £28,898) for our visitors. The grants received are kept in a separate bank account to the rest of the organisation's cash. The grants are received and paid to the individuals usually within 2 weeks of receipt. In the rare occasion that we cannot contact the grant recipient the funds are paid back to the grantor. During the year grants were received from the following organisations:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fund for Human Need	2,080	1,740
Heinz, Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation	17,150	21,528
Southall Black Sisters	780	2,700
R L Glasspool Charity Trust	-	790
New City College	-	270
The Nawaal Fund	1,020	1,600
The Biscuit Fund	490	270
Project 17	242	-
St Martin	350	-
Steph Philips	670	-
	<u>22,782</u>	<u>28,898</u>

8 Net movement in funds

Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Operating lease rentals: Property	8,004	7,104
Independent Examiners' remuneration	2,829	2,376
	<u>10,833</u>	<u>9,480</u>

9 Trustees

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2024: £nil).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2024: £nil). Two trustees claimed travel expenses in 2025 Totaling £159 (2024 : £nil).

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10 Employees

The average number of full- time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) was as follows:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Raising funds	0.80	0.70
Charitable activities	4.60	5.80
Support and governance	2.20	2.30
Total	7.60	8.80

The average monthly number of employees during the year was: 10 (2024 - 11)

Employment costs	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	307,628	327,031
Temporary staff cover	-	3,643
Social security costs	20,504	31,011
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	23,974	25,845
	352,106	387,530

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £136,061 (2024: £128,362).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

11 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2025 £	2024 £
Grants and donations receivable	100	200
Other debtors	-	2,408
Prepayments and Accrued income	-	27,000
	100	29,608

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12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,821	6,193
Taxation and social security	7,303	8,567
Other creditors	1,838	4,764
Accruals and deferred income	4,049	20,074
	<u>16,011</u>	<u>39,598</u>

13 Retirement benefit schemes

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charitable company in an independently administered fund.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds				
	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Drop-In and Advice Service:</i>								
Arnold Clark	678	-	(343)	335	-	(335)	-	-
Charles S. French Charitable Trust	-	-	-	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Smallwood Trust	-	25,000	(25,000)	-	10,000	(9,000)	-	1,000
Trust For London	20,575	54,000	(65,640)	8,934	54,000	(62,934)	-	-
London Catalyst	-	-	-	-	6,500	(6,500)	-	-
Hackney Council	-	70,136	(36,520)	4,977	-	(4,977)	-	-
Big Lottery Fund	-	7,000	(7,000)	-	20,000	(12,820)	-	7,180
Hackney Cost of Living	4,451	28,898	(33,349)	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Mrs Smith & Mount Trust	15,000	15,000	(30,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Nationwide Community Fund	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
The MSN Fund	7,577	-	(7,577)	-	-	-	-	-
South Hackney Parochial Charity	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Grants for Individuals:</i>								
Hackney Council	-	29,864	(24,887)	33,616	-	(33,616)	-	-
Grants for Individuals	-	-	-	-	22,782	(23,275)	493	-
<i>Hardship Fund:</i>								
Hardship Fund	4,330	1,000	(2,643)	2,687	-	(877)	-	1,810
London Churches Refugee Fund	-	-	-	-	750	(750)	-	-
<i>Other purpose:</i>								
<i>AB Charitable Trust</i>	-	-	-	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Hackney council - Financial Intervention support Grant	-	-	-	-	45,000	(45,000)	-	-
Hackney Giving	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	750	(750)	-	-

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14 Restricted funds									(Continued)
Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund		-	67,275	(67,275)	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>52,611</u>	<u>327,173</u>	<u>(329,234)</u>	<u>50,549</u>	<u>184,782</u>	<u>(223,334)</u>	<u>(493)</u>	<u>12,490</u>

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

14 Restricted funds

(Continued)

Arnold Clark

This funding is towards our social sessions which take place at our Wednesday drop in service.

Charles S. French Charitable Trust

This grant supports our drop-in and advice service.

Smallwood Trust

This funding is for the salaries of our Housing and Destitution staff and related volunteer costs.

Trust For London and Big Lottery Fund

This funding is for salaries of our immigration staff and related costs.

Hackney Council

The funding for our drop-in and individual grants is used to support migrants with no recourse to public funds. The funding for other purposes supports the continuation of all our services.

Nationwide & London Catalyst

This funding is to cover Housing and Destitution work.

Grants for individuals

Grants received from organisations passed on to individual visitors.

Hardship Fund

Donations received for our Hardship Fund pays out small grants or pays for emergency accommodation to individuals in need.

AB Charitable Trust

In addition to unrestricted funding, emergency grant used to support staff training following far-right violence impacting organisation in August 2024.

Hackney Giving

This funding supports our drop-in service.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:						
Current assets/(liabilities)	249,335	12,490	261,825	128,645	50,549	179,194
	<u>249,335</u>	<u>12,490</u>	<u>261,825</u>	<u>128,645</u>	<u>50,549</u>	<u>179,194</u>
	<u><u>249,335</u></u>	<u><u>12,490</u></u>	<u><u>261,825</u></u>	<u><u>128,645</u></u>	<u><u>50,549</u></u>	<u><u>179,194</u></u>

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

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16 Related party transactions

Hardship payment of £20 to one Trustee.

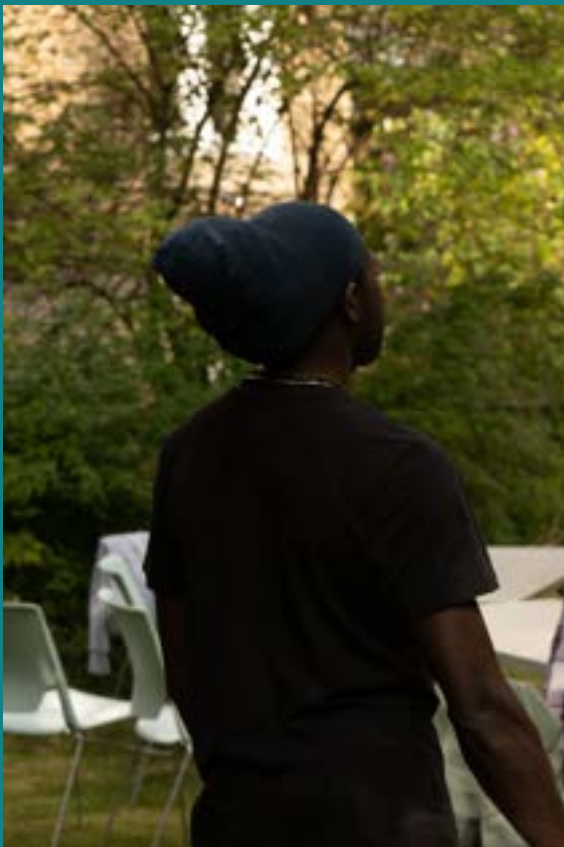
The family of one Trustee have received 2 hardship grants and one individual grant: Total (£310).

Accounts

Hackney Migrant Centre

Annual Report & Unaudited Financial statements

2023/2024



Charity Registration number
1122363

Company Registration number
06426744 (England and Wales)

Legal and Administrative Information

Chair

Co-Chair

From 4th December 2023 until 13 November 2024

Chair

Until 4th December 2023

Secretary Until 13th November 2024

Treasurer

Augusta Itua

(Appointment 20 June 2023)

Katharine Meade

Hannah McConnachie

Christopher Wheatley

Kathryn Busby

(Appointment 17 September 2024)

Saraf Anan

Roger Besong

(Appointment 06 November 2023)

Henna Charania

(Appointment 18 January 2024)

Rayah Feldman

(Retired 20 June 2023)

Georgina Laming

(Appointment 17 March 2024)

Elizabeth Kolawole

-Johnson

Secretary

Until Resignation

Dr Rosemary Sales

(Resigned 04 December 2023)

Thomas Sasse

(Resigned 04 December 2023)

Youth Trustee

Abdullahi Yussuf

(Appointment 17 March 2024)

Charity number	1122363
Company number	06426744
Registered office	Hackney Migrant Centre, The Old Fire Station, 61 Leswin Road, London N16 7NX
Independent Examiner	Samir Shah FCA, ATII Ramon Lee Ltd Chartered Accountants, 93 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4BA
Bankers	Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindley Place, Birmingham B1 2JB

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note to the financial statements and comply with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Public Benefit Statement

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance "Public Benefit: Running a Charity". The achievements and activities outlined in this report demonstrate the public benefit arising through the charity's activities

Our Purpose

To stand in solidarity with migrants in Hackney and beyond, especially those most marginalised, by creating a welcoming space and supporting migrants to understand and assert their rights, while working together to challenge injustices both within the immigration system and in wider society.

Hackney Migrant Centre's (HMC) charitable objects are to:

1. To relieve financial hardship, destitution and any other needs among refugees, asylum seekers, other migrants and their families including, but not limited to, the provision of legal services, advice, advocacy and other support which they could not otherwise obtain through lack of resources;
2. To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of refugees, asylum seekers, other migrants and their families especially, but not exclusively, by providing advice and advocacy to assist them to access suitable housing, health care and other relevant services; and
3. To advance the education of the public in general about issues relating to refugees, asylum seekers, other migrants and their families.

Our strategic aims (2024-2027)

1. To foster a safe community space where migrants can participate and access opportunities to remove barriers in their daily lives.
2. To improve access to high-quality advice, representation, and well-being support, working to achieve better outcomes for migrants with insecure housing or immigration status, and those living in destitution.
3. To build partnerships and campaign, using our knowledge to advance migrants' rights locally and nationally.
4. To champion good leadership and governance, by challenging oppressive systems and structures, and striving for justice, while advocating for equity, diversity, and inclusivity.

A Message from our Chair of Trustees's – Augusta Itua

Throughout 2023-2024, HMC has continued to provide high quality, specialist services to migrants in Hackney and across London. This was our second year as a Level 3 OISC accredited organisation, enabling us to provide expert immigration advice and legal representation alongside our invaluable housing and destitution casework. As we witness the ongoing scarcity in immigration Legal Aid advice and representation, HMC remains one of the few organisations in East London providing specialist immigration advice for free, ensuring access to justice for those most in need.

This year we saw changes in both our Board and staff team, most notably with the departure of Dr Rosemary Sales from our Board after 13 years active in HMC and our CEO, Charlotte Buckley. In an increasingly competitive fundraising environment, the funding secured under Charlotte's leadership allowed us to develop our services in response to the growing demand for immigration, housing and welfare advice. Despite, the impacts of the hostile immigration policies on our visitors and the sector, we continue to forge relationships and build local partnerships with organisations and key individuals working towards similar goals.

In May 2024, we welcomed Becky Moore as our new CEO. Becky joins HMC at a pivotal time, and we are looking ahead with a focus on stabilising the organisation and securing the resources needed to continue to deliver our services and support our visitors, staff and volunteers. After 17 years embedded in our community, we remain committed to HMC's long-term sustainability, so we can continue to stand in solidarity with all migrants in our community.

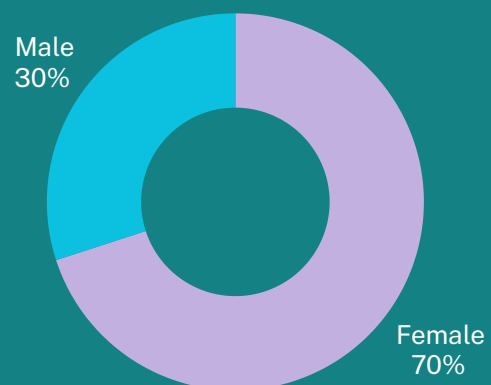
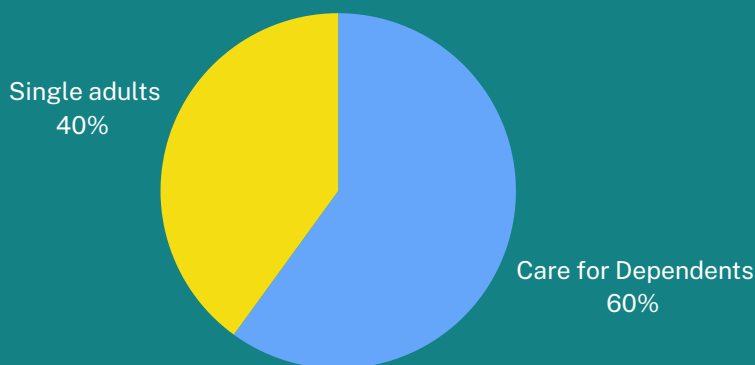
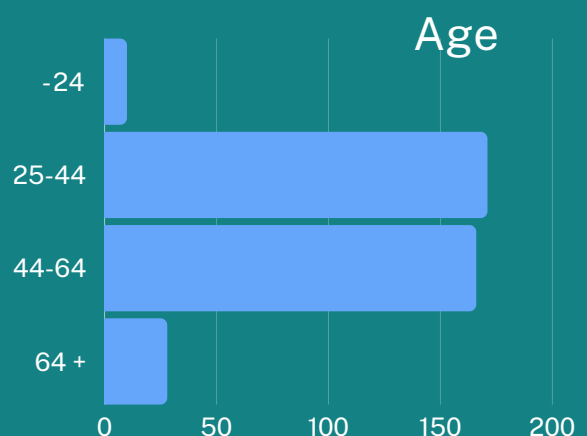
Best wishes,



"When i came to Hackney Migrant Centre i felt half dead, they made me feel hope when I have none, they made me strong, psychologically, emotionally and physically'."

700

Individuals engaged with our service across Immigration, Housing, Advocacy and Community



63

countries are represented among the people HMC supports

Nikesh's story

Nikesh*, who had been living and working in the UK, was accepted into a postgraduate teacher training program with a bursary in 2023. However, delays in switching to a student visa forced him to defer his course. Unable to work whilst his visa application was pending, Nikesh faced the risk of losing his accrued years toward UK settlement if he had to leave the country to earn an income.

Nikesh sought HMC's advice on his immigration options. HMC determined that the Home Office delay was likely unjustified and advised him to apply for "leave outside the rules" to preserve his employment rights. As Nikesh by then had no income, HMC successfully supported Nikesh to apply to have the fee for the application waived on the grounds of financial hardship.

In April 2024, HMC supported Nikesh to secure a permanent employment position and visa sponsorship from his new employer. Nikesh has expressed his deep gratitude for HMC's support in navigating the challenges of complex immigration systems and retaining his right to remain in the UK.

*Name changed to protect identity



What we do

HMC provides free advice and support to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers based in London. Our service users, known as our 'visitors', can approach our service directly without requiring a referral. Most of our visitors are destitute or homeless as a result of their immigration status and have been unable to move forwards in their lives because they can't access specialist legal advice. HMC works to address the severe shortage of free immigration advice for those most in need and provides tailored support to empower our visitors to resolve both the immediate and long-term issues impacting their lives. Our tailored support offer recognises the intersecting challenges that migrants face and interlinks the services available to prevent individuals from falling through the gaps.

HMC's core services include:

Immigration Advice

- Our specialist team provides legal advice and representation. We offer comprehensive guidance to navigate complex processes, ensuring access to accurate, professional support.

Housing & Welfare Advice

- HMC delivers essential support around housing and welfare through information, advocacy, and casework. We assist individuals and families with urgent housing issues, benefits, and other vital needs.

Holistic Advocacy

- Beyond traditional services, HMC offers holistic support that addresses the full spectrum of our visitors' needs. Our advocacy connects individuals to resources, facilitates access to healthcare, and ensures fair treatment across systems that impact their lives.

Community Building

- Through regular community sessions, we foster a warm, inclusive environment where visitors can enjoy a hot meal, participate in social activities, and access childcare in our creche. In collaboration with local organisations, we also host workshops and information sessions to equip our community with practical knowledge and skills.

Immigration Advice

When migrants can access legal advice and fair processes, they can challenge unjust policies, and secure the right to work, housing, and essential services. Our small in-house immigration team includes highly skilled and experienced immigration solicitors and caseworkers. We also work with partner charities and organisations to secure specialist advice and representation for visitors, including Islington Law Centre, RAMFEL and KIND.

Key services our immigration team provides include:

1. Private life claims: Assisting individuals seeking lawful residence based on their private/family life in the UK, including human rights claims, claims based on significant obstacles to returning to their country of origin and on 20 years of continuous residence in the UK. HMC also supports young people in this area.
2. Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR): Assisting individuals seeking ILR based on lawful residence, domestic violence, and/or discretionary grounds.
3. Accessibility and fee waivers: For destitute individuals or those unable to afford Home Office application fees and Immigration Health Surcharges, we assist with fee waiver applications.
4. Change of Conditions (CoC) applications: Supporting those with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) to apply for access to public funds.
5. Asylum claims: We will formally support and represent individuals with their asylum claims.
6. Refugee family reunion: Supporting refugees to apply for family members to join them in the UK under refugee family reunion rules. We also assist based on human rights grounds.
7. Family members: Legal support extends to applications for family members of British citizens, those with settled status or leave to remain in the UK.



70%

of Leave to Remain applications
made with HMC's support were
successful



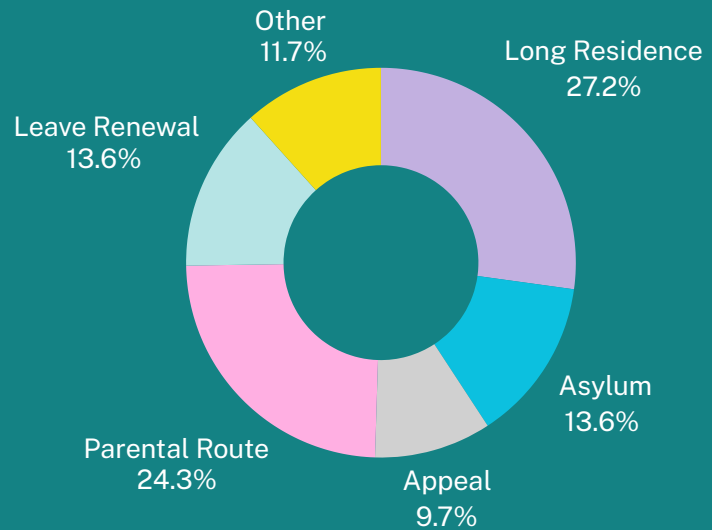
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Individuals Granted Leave to
Remain in 2023-24

Immigration Impact

85%

Visitors with NRPF saw the condition lifted after HMC-supported immigration applications



- 96% of Fee Waiver applications made with HMC's support were successful
- HMC facilitated 108 additional legal advice appointments with external advisors visiting our service
- 40-60 people were supported every week by our immigration advisors and caseworkers, to progress their immigration cases

Alleviating and preventing destitution

HMC's visitors experience intersecting problems and face complex challenges. These issues and the immigration challenges must be addressed simultaneously. Our 360-degree model provides integrated support to alleviate or prevent homelessness and destitution while immigration cases are being resolved.

Housing Advice

Our dedicated team, supported by specialist volunteers, works closely with legal partners like Hackney Community Law Centre, Miles and Partners, and Together with Migrant Children to assist with complex cases. Key services our housing team provides include:

1. Facilitate access to legal representation: Visitors have access to specialised legal advice and representation through our network of partners.
2. Initiate legal action: Issue pre-action protocol letters (letters before legal action) to address accommodation and support disputes.
3. Advocate for higher quality accommodation: Actively pursue more suitable housing conditions for visitors.
4. Offer advice on evictions: Provide comprehensive guidance on eviction processes and rights, including supporting access to legal advice and representation where needed.
5. Submit applications to shelters: Assist those facing street homelessness by submitting applications to local shelters and temporary accommodation services.
6. Referrals to local authorities: Under the Care Act 2014 or the Children Act 1989 to secure accommodation and subsistence support for destitute individuals and families.
7. Homeless applications to local councils: Help visitors complete and submit homeless applications to access housing support and resources.
8. Asylum support and accommodation: Aid with asylum support applications and accommodation provisions for those seeking asylum.
9. Apply for benefits and appeal refusals: Assist in applying for benefits, accessing public funds, and appealing refusals where necessary to ensure welfare rights and financial support are secured for those most in need.

Housing Impact

Adaku's story

Adaku* is an older woman with sight loss, who was living in the UK without status after overstaying her leave. Adaku came to HMC facing street homelessness after an eviction. HMC successfully advocated for Care Act accommodation and care for the visitor, before beginning to work with Adaku to support her to regularise her status.

*Name changed to protect identity



81%

Homeless visitors
secured safe housing
with HMC's support



50%

More visitors are able to
access welfare payments,
after support from HMC.

No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)

Many migrants have No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) and are unable to access the support they might otherwise be eligible for.

In 2023-2024, HMC coordinated and delivered Hackney Council's 'No Recourse to Public Funds' grant. We developed strategic referral pathways with key partners, ensuring impactful grant distribution and emergency respite accommodation to those in immediate need.

Holistic Advocacy

Our dedicated volunteers advocate to help visitors meet basic needs and access community and statutory services, including:

1. Healthcare services, e.g. registering with a GP and a dentist.
2. Direct financial help, including grants from charitable trusts
3. Opening bank accounts
4. Free School Meals
5. Travel cards, e.g. Freedom Passes and Oyster Cards
6. Donated clothes, baby items, toys and school supplies
7. Information on open foodbanks and baby banks and the provision of vouchers for those requiring referrals.
8. Signposting visitors to specialist services, including organisations for survivors of violence and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)



HMC distributed £28,898 in grants last year, plus an additional £20,506 from the NRPF fund."



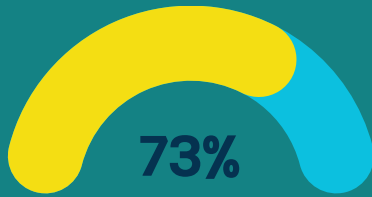
20+ Visitors to access NHS Services



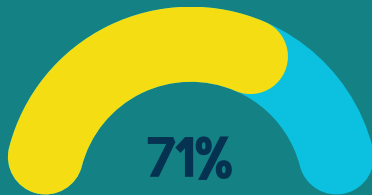
100+ visitors to access foodbank vouchers

Community Building

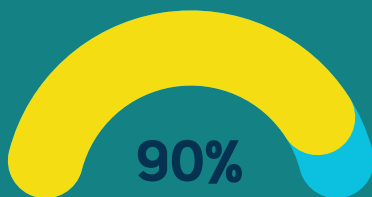
Our community includes over 60 dedicated volunteers, a third of whom have lived experience of migration in the UK, and some are present or past visitors of HMC. In 2023-2024, we supported two volunteers and one staff member to gain OISC accreditation, through training, work experience, and ongoing support, thereby contributing to capacity building in the sector.



of volunteers at HMC report an improved sense of purpose



of volunteers at HMC report feeling an improved connection to their community



of volunteers felt HMC helped increase their awareness of issues impacting migrants

Recognising the severe isolation that many of our visitors experience, we provide a weekly community space with a creche in an accessible venue in Hackney.

40–60

Visitors attend the service each week.

2,300

Hot meals have been distributed through our community sessions

We also:

- Partnered with local organisations to deliver tailored workshops and activities, including crafts with Mamasuze, singing with Singing Blankets, storytelling with Tall Stories and much more.
- Hosted a winter and summer community gathering, to celebrate our communities



Thank you

We want to express our gratitude to everyone who has contributed to HMC's mission and successes in 2023-2024. Our collaborative network of staff, volunteers, trustees, partners and supporters makes our work possible.

We are particularly grateful for the unceasing support of our local community, including the businesses and individuals who consistently stand in solidarity with us.

Finally, a special thanks to the trusts and foundations that support our work and stand alongside HMC to show solidarity with migrants, including:

Trust for London
City Bridge Trust
Mr Smith & Mount Trust
Garfield Weston
Paul Hamlyn
Postcode Lottery
David & Ruth Lewis
Sisters of the Holy Cross
London Churches Refugee Fund

Whole Foods
Nationwide Community Fund
The Schroder Charity Trust
AB Charitable
Albert Hunt
Hackney Parochial Charities
Lottery Cost of Living
South Hackney Parochial Charities

Structure, Governance and Management

HMC is guided by a committed and diverse Board of trustees who ensure we stay aligned with our mission. Led by Chair Augusta Itua, a Children's Rights Lawyer specialising in Youth Justice, Family and Community Care Law, our Board includes members with lived migration experience — three of whom are former HMC visitors, including a Youth Trustee who was appointed in March 2024. As an explicitly anti-racist organisation, our vision is a society free from oppression and discrimination. We prioritise our visitors' voices in our casework and operations through co-production and active participation with our visitors and volunteers.

HMC delegates the day-to-day management of HMC to a Chief Executive Officer. In 2023-2024, HMC's staff team consisted of 11 staff, with 9 full-time equivalent roles. Our work was supported by more than 60 volunteers, extending our reach and activities as an organisation.

Trustees' recruitment and induction

HMC is governed by a Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed for 3-year terms, up to 9 years. The trustees had no beneficial interests in, or contracts with, HMC during the year.

The induction process for new trustees includes the provision of information, as specified by the Charity Commission, on their roles and responsibilities and HMC's policies and procedures. Trustees are also supported to visit HMC and meet staff.

Financial review

Our income for 2023-24 amounted to £488,900. This was a fantastic achievement in the face of a very competitive funding environment and was largely helped by Hackney Council's 'No Recourse to Public Funds' grant. Unrestricted funds received in the year fell from £305,716 in 2022-23 to £161,727.

Our expenditure for the year was £544,217 (2023: £362,880). The main factors which have contributed to this increase are:

- The delivery of the 'No Recourse to Public Funds' grant
- An increase in our staff numbers
- Increased operating costs and salary costs due to cost of living increases

The result for the year was a deficit of £55,317 (2023 surplus: £74,049). Our reserves policy is to carry forward a reserve of a minimum of three months' expenditure to ensure future financial security. For the year under review such reserves would be a minimum of £136,000 which we have exceeded with a reserve of £179,194.

Risk Management

The management team and Board of Trustees assess key risks affecting the charity's operations and future. A risk register, covering strategic, operational, financial, governance, compliance, and external risks, is regularly updated by the management team and reviewed by the Board quarterly. Actions to mitigate risks are identified and addressed promptly.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Augusta Itua

Chair of Hackney Migrant Centre's Board of Trustees

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hackney Migrant Centre (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my Independent Examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Samir Shah FCA, ATII

Ramon Lee Ltd
Chartered Accountants
93 Tabernacle Street
London
EC2A 4BA

Dated:

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	161,727	327,173	488,900	436,798
Other income	4	-	-	-	131
Total income		<u>161,727</u>	<u>327,173</u>	<u>488,900</u>	<u>436,929</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	5	33,141	-	33,141	25,702
Charitable activities	6	181,841	329,235	511,076	337,178
Total expenditure		<u>214,982</u>	<u>329,235</u>	<u>544,217</u>	<u>362,880</u>
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(53,255)	(2,062)	(55,317)	74,049
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		<u>181,900</u>	<u>52,611</u>	<u>234,511</u>	<u>160,462</u>
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		<u><u>128,645</u></u>	<u><u>50,549</u></u>	<u><u>179,194</u></u>	<u><u>234,511</u></u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 7 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	12	29,608		3,088	
Cash at bank and in hand		189,184		250,436	
		<u>218,792</u>		<u>253,524</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(39,598)		(19,013)	
Net current assets			<u>179,194</u>		<u>234,511</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		50,549		52,611
Unrestricted funds			128,645		181,900
			<u>179,194</u>		<u>234,511</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 13/11/2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:



Augusta Itua

Chair

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Hackney Migrant Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and has no share capital. The registered office is Migrant Centre, The Old Fire Station, 61 Leswin Road, London, N16 7NX. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charitable company.

1.4 Income

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

The 'grants, donations and legacies' heading on the Statement of Financial Activities includes unrestricted grants and donations, given in general to the organisation and restricted grants and donations which are given for specific elements of our work.

For legacies, entitlement is taken when a distribution is received from the estate. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Allocation of support costs

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, the cost of overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising the salary and overhead costs of the central function, is apportioned to the Moving out of Hardship project where the budget allows and the balance to the Drop-In Centre activities, where the bulk of our resources are used. The Hardship Fund and the Grants for Individuals are co-ordinated mainly by volunteers.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation costs are allocated to activities on the basis of the use of the related assets in those activities. Assets are reviewed for impairment if circumstances indicate their carrying value may exceed their net realisable value and value in use.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment	4 years
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1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Financial instruments

The charitable company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charitable company's balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

1.10 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charitable company has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charitable company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in net income/(expenditure) in the period in which it arises.

1.11 Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

1.12 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.13 Pensions

The charity pays employer contributions to defined contribution pension schemes.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Trusts and Foundations:</i>				
AB Charitable Trust	30,000	-	30,000	10,000
Allen & Overy Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,000
The Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	-	-	1,000
Charles S. French Charitable Trust	-	-	-	2,500
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	10,000
Hackney Parochial Charities	10,000	-	10,000	11,000
London Catalyst - Samaritan Grant	-	-	-	1,000
London Churches Refugee Fund	-	1,000	1,000	1,000
Mrs Smith & Mount Trust	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
The MSN Fund	-	-	-	21,087
Sisters of the Holy Cross	-	10,000	10,000	-
Society of the Holy Child Jesus	-	-	-	10,000
South Hackney Parochial Charity	-	4,000	4,000	-
The Albert Hunt Trust	-	7,000	7,000	7,000
The Blue Moon Trust	-	-	-	10,000
The Leigh Trust	-	-	-	2,500
Trust for London Trustee Distribution Fund	-	54,000	54,000	119,000
West Hackney Parochial Charity	-	-	-	5,000
Anonymous and other small grants	-	-	-	75,000
Hackney Council	-	100,000	100,000	-
Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund	-	67,275	67,275	-
Postcode Society Trust	-	25,000	25,000	-
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	20,000	-	20,000	-
Nationwide Community Fund	-	15,000	15,000	-
The David & Ruth Lewis Charitable Trust	50,000	-	50,000	-
Schroder Charity Trust	5,000	-	5,000	-
	115,000	298,275	413,275	314,087
<i>Grants for Individuals:</i>	-	28,898	28,898	23,640
<i>Community Supporters:</i>	1,585	-	1,585	4,031
<i>Individual Donations and gift aid:</i>	29,558	-	29,558	44,767
<i>Fundraising:</i>	15,584	-	15,584	50,273
	161,727	327,173	488,900	436,798
For the year ended 31 March 2023	305,716	131,082		436,798

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Earned income	-	-	131
	-	-	131
For the year ended 31 March 2023	131		131

5 Raising funds

	Cost of Raising funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other fundraising costs	1,586	1,586	910
Staff costs	31,555	31,555	24,792
	33,141	33,141	25,702
For the year ended 31 March 2023	25,702		25,702

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

6 Charitable activities

	Drop-In and Advice Service £	Charitable Hardship Fund £	Activities Grants for Individuals £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	235,443	-	19,113	254,556	120,306
Legal advisors	17,433	-	-	17,433	15,570
Interpreting and other direct costs	7,824	-	-	7,824	6,345
Grants for individuals	-	-	46,305	46,305	23,640
Hardship fund - grants	-	5,620	-	5,620	3,383
Rent & storage for Drop-In centre	12,950	-	-	12,950	11,200
Volunteer and intern expenses	8,665	-	-	8,665	5,881
Food and kitchen supplies	2,850	-	-	2,850	3,291
Drop-In centre running costs	8,012	-	-	8,012	4,644
Working from home costs	-	-	-	-	859
Subscriptions and membership	1,169	-	-	1,169	-
	<u>294,346</u>	<u>5,620</u>	<u>65,418</u>	<u>365,384</u>	<u>195,119</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	142,909	-	-	142,909	140,631
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	2,783	-	-	2,783	1,428
	<u>440,038</u>	<u>5,620</u>	<u>65,418</u>	<u>511,076</u>	<u>337,178</u>
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds	178,864	2,977	-	181,841	243,798
Restricted funds	261,174	2,643	65,418	329,235	93,380
	<u>440,038</u>	<u>5,620</u>	<u>65,418</u>	<u>511,076</u>	<u>337,178</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2023					
Unrestricted funds	216,775	3,383	23,640		243,798
Restricted funds	93,380	-	-		93,380
	<u>310,155</u>	<u>3,383</u>	<u>23,640</u>		<u>337,178</u>

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	101,419	-	101,419	100,948
Other staff costs	13,514	-	13,514	16,732
Office rent	7,104	-	7,104	8,799
Internet	569	-	569	569
Office equipment and supplies	10,266	-	10,266	3,781
Finance and admin	4,011	-	4,011	1,088
Insurance	4,637	-	4,637	2,173
Subscriptions and membership	1,369	-	1,369	1,732
Professional fees	20	-	20	4,809
Independent Examiner's fees	-	2,376	2,376	1,428
Trustee expenses	-	394	394	-
AGM and Annual Report	-	13	13	-
	<u>142,909</u>	<u>2,783</u>	<u>145,692</u>	<u>142,059</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>142,909</u>	<u>2,783</u>	<u>145,692</u>	<u>142,059</u>
	<u>142,909</u>	<u>2,783</u>	<u>145,692</u>	<u>142,059</u>

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8 Grant making

We grant small amounts of cash, usually £10 or £20 to visitors to our Drop-In centre, known as Hardship grants which cover emergency costs they may have such as food, travel and personal care items. Each grant is assessed on an individual basis and the visitor signs a receipt confirming they have received it. Grants are paid from our restricted Hardship Fund, which is funded by grants and donations specifically earmarked for the purpose.

We also apply for grants on behalf of visitors to our centre which we pass on to them.

During the year we received 145 grants (2023: 144) totalling £28,898 (2023: £23,640) for our visitors. The grants received are kept in a separate bank account to the rest of the organisation's cash. The grants are received and paid to the individuals usually within 2 weeks of receipt. In the rare occasion that we cannot contact the grant recipient the funds are paid back to the grantor. During the year grants were received from the following organisations:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust	-	3,000
Fund for Human Need	1,740	1,690
Heinz, Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation	21,528	15,725
R L Glasspool Charity Trust	790	1,075
Severn Wells	-	2,000
The Nawaal Fund	1,600	-
We Belong	-	150
Southall Black Sisters	2,700	-
New City College	270	-
The Biscuit Fund	270	-
	<u>28,898</u>	<u>23,640</u>

9 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Operating lease rentals: Property	7,104	8,799
Independent Examiners' remuneration	2,376	1,428
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10 Trustees

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2023: £nil).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2023: £nil). No trustee claimed travel expenses in 2024 or 2023.

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11 Employees

The average number of full- time equivalent employees (including casual and part-time staff) was as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Raising funds	0.70	0.70
Charitable activities	5.80	2.90
Support and governance	2.30	1.90
Total	8.80	5.50

The average monthly number of employees during the year was: 11 (2023 - 7)

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	327,032	201,919
Temporary staff cover	3,643	13,902
Social security costs	31,011	13,911
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	25,844	16,314
	387,530	246,046

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £128,362 (2023: £101,399).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	2,608	1,965
Prepayments and Accrued income	27,000	1,123
	29,608	3,088

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	6,193	3,152
Taxation and social security	8,567	4,639
Other creditors	4,764	4,094
Accruals and deferred income	20,074	7,128
	39,598	19,013

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14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Drop-In and Advice Service:</i>							
The Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	1,000	(322)	678	-	(343)	335
Mrs Smith & Mount Trust	-	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	(30,000)	-
Trust For London	-	54,000	(33,426)	20,574	54,000	(65,640)	8,934
The MSN Fund	4,550	21,087	(18,060)	7,577	-	(7,577)	-
Postcode Society Trust	-	-	-	-	25,000	(25,000)	-
Hackney Council	-	-	-	-	29,864	(24,887)	4,977
Nationwide Community Fund	-	-	-	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Charles S. French Charitable Trust	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-	-	-
Hackney Parochial Charities	-	11,000	(10,000)	-	-	-	-
<i>Grants for Individuals:</i>							
Hackney Council	-	-	-	-	70,136	(36,520)	33,616
Other	4,451	23,640	(23,640)	4,451	28,898	(33,349)	-
<i>Hardship Fund:</i>							
Hardship Fund	3,908	-	(3,433)	4,330	1,000	(2,643)	2,687
<i>Restricted core costs:</i>							
South Hackney Parochial Charity	2,000	-	(2,000)	-	4,000	(4,000)	-
Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund	-	-	-	-	67,275	(67,275)	-
Albert Hunt	-	-	-	-	7,000	(7,000)	-
Sisters of the Holy Cross	-	-	-	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
	<u>14,909</u>	<u>131,082</u>	<u>(93,381)</u>	<u>52,611</u>	<u>327,173</u>	<u>(329,234)</u>	<u>50,549</u>

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Restricted funds

(Continued)

- Drop-In Centre**
All grants received for the Drop-In Centre were towards general running costs of the service, with the exception of The MSN Fund, which is towards salary costs for the the Volunteer Co-ordinator post.
- Arnold Clark**
This funding is towards our social sessions which take place at our Wednesday drop in service.
- Mr & Mrs Smith Mount**
This funding is to cover housing work.
- Trust For London**
Funding from Trust for London is for the salary of our Immigration Manager and related costs.
- Grants for individuals**
Grants received from organisations passed on to individual visitors.
- Hardship Fund**
Donations received for our Hardship Fund pays out small grants or pays for emergency accommodation to individuals in need.
- Hackney Council**
This funding is used to support migrants with no recourse to public funds.

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Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 are represented by:						
Current assets/(liabilities)	128,645	50,549	179,194	181,900	52,611	234,511
	<u>128,645</u>	<u>50,549</u>	<u>179,194</u>	<u>181,900</u>	<u>52,611</u>	<u>234,511</u>

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Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023 - none).

Accounts

Charity registration number 1122363

Company registration number 06426744 (England and Wales)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Hannah Rymer McConnachie - Chair	
	Saraf Anan - Vice Chair	(Appointed on 02 September 2022)
	Christopher Jon Wheatley - Treasurer	
	Dr Rosemary Sales	(Resigned on 04 December 2023)
	Thomas Sasse	(Appointed on 01 June 2022 and Resigned on 04 December 2023)
	Katharine Meade	
	Elizabeth Kolawole- Johnson	
	Augusta Itua	(Appointed on 20 June 2023)
	Roger Besong	(Appointed on 06 November 2023)
	Rayah Feldman	(Retired on 20 June 2022)
Secretary	Hannah McConnachie	(Appointed on 04 December 2023)
	Dr Rosemary Sales	(Resigned on 04 December 2023)
Charity number	1122363	
Company number	06426744	
Registered office	Migrant Centre	
	The Old Fire Station	
	61 Leswin Road	
	London	
	N16 7NX	
Independent examiner	Samir Shah FCA, ATII	
	Ramon Lee Ltd	
	Chartered Accountants	
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Bankers	Unity Trust Bank	
	Four Brindleyplace	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTOR'S REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Forward.

The trustees, who are also the Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual directors' report with the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Public Benefit statement.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance "Public Benefit: Running a Charity". The achievements and activities outlined in this report demonstrate the public benefit arising through the charity's activities.

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What we do

Hackney Migrant Centre (HMC) provides free advice and support to vulnerable refugees, asylum seekers and migrants (our 'visitors'). Our services are centred around immigration, housing, welfare, and community engagement. The service is dedicated to addressing both immediate concerns and long-term issues, particularly focusing on resolving immigration problems and helping individuals move out of homelessness and destitution.

Our Purpose

To demonstrate solidarity with migrants in Hackney and beyond, including the most vulnerable and marginalised, by welcoming them as our visitors and helping them to access rights and overcome injustice in the immigration system.

Our objects, as in our governing document are:

1. To relieve the needs of migrants, especially those whose immigration status is precarious, irregular and/or temporary, through the provision of legal and other advice and advocacy.
2. To relieve financial hardship and destitution among migrants, especially those whose immigration status is precarious, irregular and/or temporary, through the provision of legal and other advice, advocacy and support.
3. To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of migrants, especially those whose immigration status is precarious, irregular and/or temporary, by providing advice and advocacy to assist them to access health and other relevant services.
4. To advance the education of the public in general about issues relating to migrants especially those whose immigration status is precarious, irregular and/or temporary, through the provision of legal and other advice and advocacy.

This year:

- ✓ 717 visitors received active support with Hackney Migrant Centre in 2022/23.
- ✓ 493 new visitors were welcomed and received a needs assessment.
- ✓ 27% of this year's visitors reside in Hackney
- ✓ 50% + of those visitors had no access to public funds (NRPF)

Our strategic aims

Strategic Aim 1

To provide a safe space for our visitors to gather and be welcomed and supported by staff, advisers and volunteers from local communities.

Strategic Aim 2

To deliver high quality immigration advice, representation, guidance and support for our visitors.

Strategic Aim 3

To deliver high quality advice, representation and guidance to help our visitors secure housing and move out of destitution.

Strategic Aim 4

To campaign to secure changes in policy and practice to advance migrants' rights locally and nationally.

Strategic Aim 5

To build partnerships with relevant organisations, enabling us to assist those visitors whom we are unable to help in-house by referring and signposting them to other agencies.

Strategic Aim 6

To comprehensively serve the interests of HMC's visitors by ensuring the highest quality leadership, governance and management of the organisation within a framework of diversity and inclusion.

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HMC welcomes migrants regardless of their immigration status, nationality, or current place of residence. HMC's core service includes a weekly drop-in advice session, where staff, volunteers, community organisations, and professional advisers collaborate to provide holistic support to our visitors. We not only offer practical assistance but also prepare and serve a meal and organise community events.

Message from the Chair

As I write my third report as Chair of the Trustees, I am pleased to say that Hackney Migrant Centre still reflects its roots as a community organisation that supports migrants in need regardless of their immigration status. HMC is lucky to count so many current and former visitors, volunteers, staff, partners, funders and supporters as part of its community.

The environment facing migrants has become ever more hostile. Harsh policies are having a profound human impact. Asylum seekers have long been housed in overcrowded hotels, and are often moved without notice. The government currently seeks to replace hotel accommodation with prison-style barges. Children's education is disrupted as a result of this and constant uncertainty leads to stress and anxiety. Even those who make it out of the asylum system face more challenges. While the cost-of-living crisis continues, fees for immigration applications and renewals have once again been increased, amounting to many thousands of pounds for some families. Throughout these changes HMC continues to do what it in solidarity with migrants in Hackney, and beyond. The hard-work of our staff team and volunteers, has enabled us to continue providing support to an increasing number of visitors this year.



Our Chair with staff, trustees and volunteers at the
London Legal Walk

Some things have stayed the same since we began in 2008: we still have a dedicated group of volunteers assisting our visitors and staff, including a wonderful team who cook a shared meal every Wednesday; and we continue to work with our external partners who provide high quality professional advice to our visitors. Other aspects of our organisation have grown and evolved: we now have a dedicated in-house team providing immigration advice and housing casework support, as a response to the reduction in the availability of Legal Aid. This year we adopted some of the practices developed during the pandemic: new visitors complete an online form before attending our Wednesday advice session and those who we are not able to see are directed to other services. This has addressed the issue of visitors having to queue outside the drop-in centre, from early-hours, often in harsh winter conditions. We continue to monitor access to our service to ensure we are accessible to those who need us. On average, HMC provides ongoing assistance to over 50 individuals per week through advice, guidance, and community engagement. Examples are outlined in our case studies below. This accomplishment serves as a testament to the commitment of everyone involved with HMC.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole HMC community for its continued support. Thanks also to the board of trustees for their commitment and expertise this year in steering HMC through challenges, both old and new.

Thank you.

Activities, Achievements and performance

Recognising the many challenges faced by our visitors, we have developed a comprehensive support model that addresses their diverse needs. Our work is organised into three main projects:

1. Access to justice
2. Supporting migrants in crisis
3. Pathways to integration

Access to Justice

The Access to Justice project delivers legal advice and support to address immigration and housing issues faced by vulnerable migrants. Migrants come to weekly drop-in sessions and see the Immigration team and the Housing team, which work closely together.

The Immigration team assists vulnerable migrants who do not qualify for legal aid representation. Our expert team, aided by trained volunteers and local partners, provides diagnostic advice, empowering visitors with realistic options for their immigration status.

The Housing team offers advice from external legal advisors, which may be followed by in-house casework from our Housing and Destitution Caseworkers and trained volunteers. The support varies based on individual circumstances, ranging from Care Act referrals to securing housing for refugees.

We achieve this project through:

- **Needs Assessments:** volunteers gain a thorough understanding of the visitor's needs through a detailed interview 'Needs Assessment'.
- **Expert Casework:** provided by in-house caseworkers, legal advisors, and to support visitors with their immigration and/or in accessing housing.
- **Legal Advice from External Partners:** detailed one-off legal advice to inform visitors of their options.
- **Referrals to legal representatives:** referrals to external legal representatives (including on a pro bono basis) to take forward our visitors' cases. This often involves applying for Legal Aid through Exceptional Case Funding, collecting evidence and drafting witness statements.

VISITOR CASE-STUDY

Visitor A, sought assistance from Hackney Migrant Centre after his temporary accommodation was closed down, leaving him street homeless. In response, we provided several hardship payments to address his immediate needs such as food, travel, and toiletries. While our caseworkers worked to secure him access to more stable accommodation, we also pursued additional funding from external sources through a one-off grant to further support him with basic living expenses.

A regularly attended our Wednesday drop-in sessions, where he could shower, eat a hot meal and enjoy company. 'I wish everyday was a Wednesday He also participated in our monthly social sessions. Recently we secured a placement for him in a night shelter, where he currently resides. He continues to visit our center on Wednesdays, and we are actively assisting him with an immigration application on the basis of his 20 years residence.

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- **Accompaniment to Home Office and Immigration Tribunals:** caseworkers or volunteers sometimes accompany visitors to the Home Office or an Immigration Tribunal, providing crucial support during an often-intimidating process.

Immigration and Housing Outcomes

- ✓ 24 Leave to Remain fee waivers submitted
- ✓ 5 Leave to Remain applications submitted
- ✓ 4 20-year applications submitted
- ✓ 22 Substantive applications submitted
- ✓ 18 Accessed legal representation
- ✓ 11 visitors attained a more secure immigration status
- ✓ 24 Supported into short term and emergency accommodation
- ✓ 14 Supported into longer term accommodation

Supporting Migrants in Crisis

The Supporting Migrants in Crisis project is designed to tackle non-legal issues, including homelessness, destitution, hunger and isolation. Our specialised case workers primarily address housing and destitution concerns, while our drop-in service and volunteer support focus on breaking down barriers related to isolation, low income and hunger.

We achieve this project through:

- **£20 hardship payments:** to extremely vulnerable visitors and support in searching for emergency accommodation.
- **Grant applications:** volunteers guide visitors through the application process for grants from a variety of sources, most notably the Heinz, Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation
- Assistance is offered to visitors in obtaining foodbank vouchers, Healthy Start vouchers and free school meals.
- **Lift NRFP:** The Access to Justice team supports visitors in lifting the No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) condition from their Leave to Remain status.
- **Warm meal:** a hot, nutritious and delicious meal for all visitors and volunteers.
- **Community space:** providing a safe space for visitors with community sessions on the last Wednesday of every month.
- **Donations:** staff and volunteers collaborate to source clothes, food, toys, pushchairs, and school supplies for children.



Our Kitchen Volunteers serving a nutritious meal

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- **Children's play:** a creche service is provided by volunteers, enabling visitors to discuss their needs confidentially.

Pathways to Integration

The Pathways to Integration project aims to empower visitors to confront enduring challenges they face as migrants, supporting them to add stability and security to their lives and to help them to thrive. These activities are conducted by our team of volunteers to help to strengthen HMC's visitor community providing opportunities to integrate into, and contribute to, their local communities and the broader London area.

We achieve this project through:

- **Community space:** a Community Day is held once a month in partnership with Mama Suze, an organisation dedicated to improving the lives of survivors of forced displacement and gender-based violence through weekly workshops in various art forms.
- **Mental health: supporting visitors to** access external mental health services.
- **Access to free medication:** completing HC1 applications enables visitors to access free prescriptions.
- **Healthcare Charging:** challenging and/or manage healthcare charges.
- **Freedom Passes:** support to apply for Freedom passes.
- **Banking:** setting up bank accounts and obtaining national insurance numbers.
- **GP Registration:** support to register with a GP.

- ✓ 12 Community workshops
- ✓ 36 Visitors referred to mental health support
- ✓ 35 Freedom passes received

VISITOR CASE-STUDY

Visitor B, 23, is a volunteer at HMC. He has Cerebral Palsy, left hemiplegia, and mental health conditions. He faced persecution and discrimination in West Africa, enduring traumatic experiences, including torture and 'magic' rituals. Branded as "evil" and "possessed," he and his family suffered bullying and exclusion so they sought refuge in the UK in 2012. HMC has been supporting the family since 2014 with their immigration, housing, and welfare issues. Visitor B lodged his asylum claim in November 2018, and waited over 5 years for a decision from the Home Office. He recently received a refusal. HMC is currently working on appealing the decision. Prohibited from paid work, Visitor B, a 2021 Social Anthropology graduate from SOAS, is pursuing an MSc in Human Rights at LSE on a full scholarship. He is dedicated to campaigning for migrant rights, has co-published an academic article, and organised an event 'licence to DV8' at the Royal Albert Hall in April 2023.

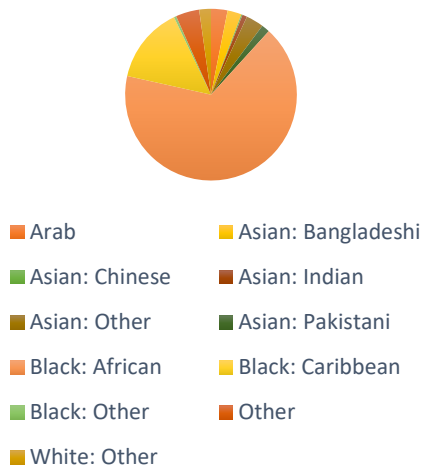
Reflecting on the impact of being unable to take up a recent job offer, Visitor B says, "That's when it really hit me hard." He became more aware of how his asylum seeker status has put his life on hold. Despite this, he continues to volunteer at HMC and another charity, Coram, dedicating time to advocate for migrants and make a positive impact.

Visitor B commitment to volunteering stems from his passion for changing lives. He says, "I am eager to work and move forward with my life, but being at HMC allows me to feel good about making a difference. It's an opportunity to comprehend immigration rules, and understand my rights."

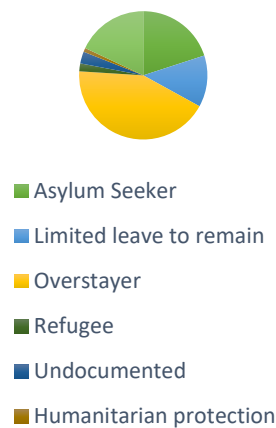
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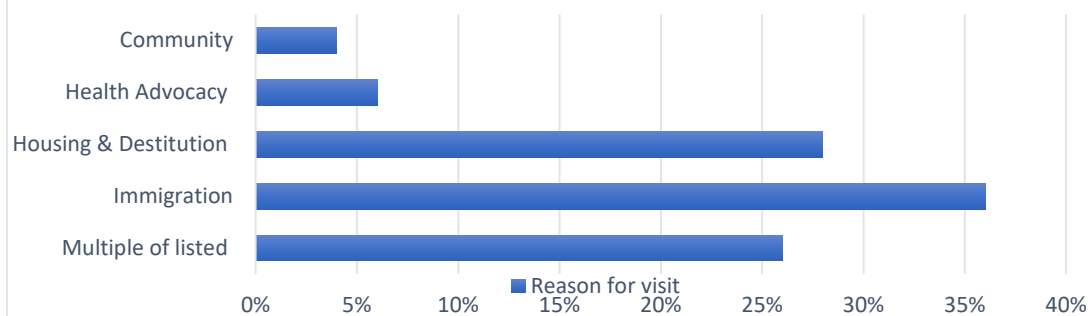
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Immigration Status

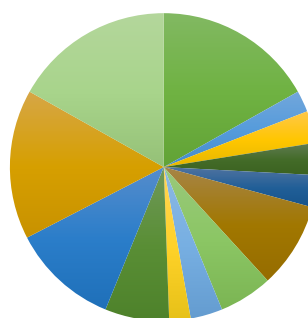


Reason for visiting HMC



Accommodation Type

- Asylum support accommodation
- Care Act accommodation
- Facilitated by religious network
- Housing accommodation
- Night shelter
- Privately renting
- Section 17 : Interim Accommodation
- Section 4 : Accommodation
- Section 95 : Accommodation
- Sofa Surfing
- Temporary Accommodation



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Thank you

Thank you to everyone contributing to HMC's mission—a complex and essential endeavour. Our incredible staff, volunteers, trustees, partners, and supporters play a vital role. Despite the continuous demand for support surpassing our resources, their dedication ensures success. Together, we've achieved significant impacts over the past year. We're grateful for the overwhelming support from HMC's community, both within and beyond Hackney. Special thanks to individual donors, Trusts, and Foundations supporting our work.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| - Albert Hunt Trust | - Leigh Trust |
| - Allen & Overy | - London Catalyst |
| - Arnold Clark Community Fund | - London Churches Refugee Fund |
| - Blue Moon Trust | - MSN Fund |
| - Charles S French | - Society of the Holy Child |
| - Denton's | - South Hackney Parochial Charities |
| - Dischma Charitable Trust | - Trust for London |
| - Hackney Parochial Charities | - West Hackney Parochial Charities |

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Structure, Governance and Management

Management and Staffing

The trustees delegate the day-to-day work and operations of HMC to a small number of dedicated staff. The Management Team includes Charlotte Buckley, Chief Executive; Megan Allen, Operations Manager and Sian Davin; Immigration Manager.

In addition to a team of 11 staff, our work is supported by more than 68 volunteers, extending the capacity and reach of the charity.

Trustees' recruitment and induction

HMC is governed by a Board of trustees. Each year a third of trustees stand down and are eligible for re-election. The trustees had no beneficial interests in, or contracts with, HMC during the year.

The trustees are selected for their experience, skills and expertise to reflect the diversity of the community with respect to age, ethnicity, sex and disability and a representation of a variety of backgrounds, particularly those from the local

community of Hackney or with lived experience of migration.

The induction process for new trustees includes the provision of information as specified by the Charities Commission on their roles and responsibilities, policy and procedures, meetings with key staff and the Chair of trustees and visits to HMC both by arrangement and informally.

Risk Management

The management team present an annual risk register to the trustees, which includes the strategic, operational, financial, governance, compliance and external risks the charity faces. The review identifies actions required to mitigate risks. In addition, the Chief Executive updates the trustees on risk at regular board meetings. The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed - which focus on funding and staffing - and have satisfied themselves that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate these and other risks.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Hannah McConnachie, **Chair**



Date: 05/12/2023

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hackney Migrant Centre (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my Independent Examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charitable company's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charitable company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of , which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Samir Shah FCA, ATII

Ramon Lee Ltd
Chartered Accountants
93 Tabernacle Street
London
EC2A 4BA

Dated:

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	305,716	131,082	436,798	301,490
Other income	4	131	-	131	5,398
Total income		305,847	131,082	436,929	306,888
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Raising funds	5	25,702	-	25,702	32,456
Charitable activities	6	243,798	93,380	337,178	375,967
Total expenditure		269,500	93,380	362,880	408,423
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/ Net movement in funds		36,347	37,702	74,049	(101,535)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		145,553	14,909	160,462	261,997
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		181,900	52,611	234,511	160,462

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	12	3,088		30,077	
Cash at bank and in hand		250,436		166,861	
		<u>253,524</u>		<u>196,938</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(19,013)</u>		<u>(36,476)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>234,511</u>		<u>160,462</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds	14		52,611		14,909
Unrestricted funds			181,900		145,553
			<u>234,511</u>		<u>160,462</u>

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

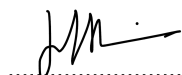
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 4/12/2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Hannah McConnachie
Chair

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Hackney Migrant Centre is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and has no share capital. The registered office is Migrant Centre, The Old Fire Station, 61 Leswin Road, London, N16 7NX. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charitable company.

1.4 Income

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

The 'grants, donations and legacies' heading on the Statement of Financial Activities includes unrestricted grants and donations, given in general to the organisation and restricted grants and donations which are given for specific elements of our work.

For legacies, entitlement is taken when a distribution is received from the estate. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Allocation of support costs

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, the cost of overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising the salary and overhead costs of the central function, is apportioned to the Moving out of Hardship project where the budget allows and the balance to the Drop-In Centre activities, where the bulk of our resources are used. The Hardship Fund and the Grants for Individuals are co-ordinated mainly by volunteers.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation costs are allocated to activities on the basis of the use of the related assets in those activities. Assets are reviewed for impairment if circumstances indicate their carrying value may exceed their net realisable value and value in use.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment	4 years
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1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.8 Financial instruments

The charitable company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charitable company's balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

1.10 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when the charitable company has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the charitable company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in net income/(expenditure) in the period in which it arises.

1.11 Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

1.12 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.13 Pensions

The charity pays employer contributions to defined contribution pension schemes.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<i>Trusts and Foundations</i>				
AB Charitable Trust	10,000	-	10,000	20,000
Allen & Overy Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	5,000
Anton Jurgens Fonds	3,000	-	3,000	-
The Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	1,000	1,000	-
Charles S. French Charitable Trust	-	2,500	2,500	3,000
Dischma Charitable Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Garfield Weston	10,000	-	10,000	-
Hackney Parochial Charities	-	11,000	11,000	10,000
London Catalyst - Samaritan Grant	-	1,000	1,000	2,000
London Churches Refugee Fund	-	1,000	1,000	-
London Community Response Fund	-	-	-	30,000
Mrs Smith & Mount Trust	-	15,000	15,000	5,000
MSN Fund	-	21,087	21,087	18,200
Sir Jules Thorn Trust	-	-	-	1,250
Sisters of the Holy Cross	-	-	-	20,000
Society of the Holy Child Jesus	10,000	-	10,000	-
South Hackney Parochial Charity	-	-	-	2,000
Southall Trust	-	-	-	1,000
The Albert Hunt Trust	7,000	-	7,000	-
The Blue Moon Trust	10,000	-	10,000	-
The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington	-	-	-	30,000
The David & Ruth Lewis Charitable Trust	-	-	-	20,000
The Leigh Trust	2,500	-	2,500	-
Trust for London Trustee Distribution Fund	65,000	54,000	119,000	-
West Hackney Parochial Charity	5,000	-	5,000	-
Anonymous and other small grants	75,000	-	75,000	-
<i>Grants for Individuals</i>				
Hackney Parochial Charities	-	-	-	587
Heinz, Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation	-	15,725	15,725	25,820
Kanlungan Filipino	-	-	-	750
Methodist Church Fund for Human Need	-	-	-	640
Anton Jurgens Funds	-	3,000	3,000	-
Fund for Human Need	-	1,690	1,690	-
Severn Wells	-	2,000	2,000	-
Other small grants	-	1,225	1,225	1,250
<i>Community Supporters</i>	4,031	-	4,031	13,087
<i>Individual Donations and gift aid</i>	44,631	-	44,631	79,012
<i>Fundraising</i>	49,418	855	50,273	7,894
	<u>305,716</u>	<u>131,082</u>	<u>436,798</u>	<u>301,490</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2022	<u>201,757</u>	<u>99,733</u>		<u>301,490</u>

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

4 Other income

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Earned income	131	131	5,398
	<u>131</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>5,398</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2022	<u>5,398</u>		<u>5,398</u>

5 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Other fundraising costs	910	910	417
Staff costs	24,792	24,792	32,039
	<u>25,702</u>	<u>25,702</u>	<u>32,456</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2022	<u>32,456</u>		<u>32,456</u>

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

6 Charitable activities

	Drop-In and Advice Service £	Charitable Hardship Fund £	Activities Grants for Individuals £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	120,306	-	-	120,306	176,545
Project partners' costs	-	-	-	-	10,811
Legal advisors	15,570	-	-	15,570	18,365
Interpreting and other direct costs	6,345	-	-	6,345	10,436
Grants for individuals	-	-	23,640	23,640	29,453
Hardship fund - grants	-	3,383	-	3,383	3,753
Hardship fund - emergency accommodation	-	-	-	-	1,475
OCT purchases	-	-	-	-	18,224
Evaluation and monitoring	-	-	-	-	5,550
Other direct costs	-	-	-	-	623
Rent & storage for Drop-In centre	11,200	-	-	11,200	9,799
Volunteer and intern expenses	5,881	-	-	5,881	3,636
Food and kitchen supplies	3,291	-	-	3,291	1,867
Drop-In centre running costs	4,644	-	-	4,644	4,772
Working from home costs	859	-	-	859	2,446
	<u>168,096</u>	<u>3,383</u>	<u>23,640</u>	<u>195,119</u>	<u>297,755</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	140,631	-	-	140,631	78,212
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	1,428	-	-	1,428	-
	<u>310,155</u>	<u>3,383</u>	<u>23,640</u>	<u>337,178</u>	<u>375,967</u>
Analysis by fund					
Unrestricted funds	216,775	3,383	23,640	243,798	179,123
Designated funds	-	-	-	-	62,503
Restricted funds	93,380	-	-	93,380	134,341
	<u>310,155</u>	<u>3,383</u>	<u>23,640</u>	<u>337,178</u>	<u>375,967</u>
For the year ended 31 March 2022					
Unrestricted funds	166,240	-	-		179,123
Designated funds	28,801	-	25,469		62,503
Restricted funds	101,315	5,228	3,984		134,341
	<u>296,356</u>	<u>5,228</u>	<u>29,453</u>		<u>375,967</u>

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	100,948	-	100,948	42,034
Depreciation	-	-	-	2,502
Other staff costs	16,732	-	16,732	10,831
Office rent	8,799	-	8,799	7,104
Internet	569	-	569	569
Office equipment and supplies	3,781	-	3,781	3,400
Finance and admin	1,088	-	1,088	7,657
Insurance	2,173	-	2,173	1,169
Subscriptions and membership	1,732	-	1,732	932
Other expenses	-	-	-	15
Professional fees	4,809	-	4,809	679
Independent Examiner's fees	-	1,428	1,428	1,320
	<u>140,631</u>	<u>1,428</u>	<u>142,059</u>	<u>78,212</u>
Analysed between				
Charitable activities	<u>140,631</u>	<u>1,428</u>	<u>142,059</u>	<u>78,212</u>

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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8 Grant making

We grant small amounts of cash, usually £10 or £20 to visitors to our Drop-In centre, known as Hardship grants which cover emergency costs they may have such as food, travel and personal care items. Each grant is assessed on an individual basis and the visitor signs a receipt confirming they have received it. Grants are paid from our restricted Hardship Fund, which is funded by grants and donations specifically earmarked for the purpose.

We also apply for grants on behalf of visitors to our centre which we pass on to them.

During the year we received 144 grants (2022: 166) totalling £23,640 (2022: £29,047) for our visitors. The grants received are kept in a separate bank account to the rest of the organisation's cash. The grants are received and paid to the individuals usually within 2 weeks of receipt. In the rare occasion that we cannot contact the grant recipient the funds are paid back to the grantor. During the year grants were received from the following organisations:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Hackney Parochial Charities	-	587
Anton Jurgens Funds	3,000	-
Fund for Human Need	1,690	-
Heinz, Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation	15,725	25,820
Kanlungan Filipino	-	750
Methodist Church Fund for Human Need	-	640
R L Glasspool Charity Trust	1,075	350
Severn Wells	2,000	-
Slough & District	-	450
The Nawaal Fund	-	300
We Belong	150	150
	<u>23,640</u>	<u>29,047</u>

9 Net movement in funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	-	2,502
Operating lease rentals: Property	8,799	7,104
Independent Examiners' remuneration	1,428	1,320
	<u></u>	<u></u>

10 Trustees

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2022: £nil).

No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2022: £nil). No trustee claimed travel expenses in 2023 or 2022.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

11 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Raising funds	0.70	0.80
Charitable activities	2.90	4.60
Support and governance	1.90	0.90
Total	5.50	6.30

Employment costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	201,919	212,781
Temporary staff cover	13,902	5,396
Social security costs	13,911	15,524
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	16,314	16,917
	246,046	250,618

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £101,399 (2022: £77,884).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

12 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	6,240
Other debtors	1,965	23,837
Prepayments	1,123	-
	3,088	30,077

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	3,152	5,802
Taxation and social security	4,639	5,442
Other creditors	4,094	5,066
Accruals and deferred income	7,128	20,166
	19,013	36,476

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 April 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
The Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	1,000	(322)	678
Charles S. French Charitable Trust	10,000	10,000	(20,000)	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
Hackney Parochial Charities	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	11,000	(10,000)	1,000
Mrs Smith & Mount Trust	-	18,200	(13,650)	-	15,000	-	15,000
MSN Fund	3,000	2,000	(3,000)	4,550	21,087	(18,060)	7,577
South Hackney Parochial Charity	5,000	-	(5,000)	2,000	-	(2,000)	-
Trust For London	20,012	-	(20,012)	-	54,000	(33,426)	20,574
London Catalyst - Samaritan Grant	4,855	29,047	(29,451)	-	1,000	-	1,000
London Churches Refugee Fund	-	30,000	(30,000)	-	1,000	-	1,000
Grants for Individuals	4,650	486	(3,228)	4,451	23,640	(23,640)	4,451
Hardship Fund	2,000	2,000	(2,000)	3,908	-	(3,433)	475
Community Supporters	-	-	-	-	855	-	855
	<u>49,517</u>	<u>99,733</u>	<u>(134,341)</u>	<u>14,909</u>	<u>131,082</u>	<u>(93,381)</u>	<u>52,611</u>

Drop-In Centre

All grants received for the Drop-In Centre were towards general running costs of the service, with the exception of MSN Fund, which is towards salary costs for the the Volunteer Co-ordinator post.

Grants for individuals

Grants received from the organisations listed in note 8 to be passed on to individual visitors.

Hardship Fund

Donations and gift aid received for our Hardship Fund which pays out small grants or pays for emergency accommodation to individuals in need.

Trust For London

Funding from Trust for London is for the salary of our Immigration Manager and related costs.

The Arnold Clark Community Fund

This funding is towards our social sessions which take place at our Wednesday drop in service.

Mr & Mrs Smith Mount

This funding is to cover housing work.

HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:						
Current assets/(liabilities)	181,900	52,611	234,511	145,553	14,909	160,462
	<u>181,900</u>	<u>52,611</u>	<u>234,511</u>	<u>145,553</u>	<u>14,909</u>	<u>160,462</u>

16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

Accounts



TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2022



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**HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE
TRUSTEES REPORT
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TRUSTEES REPORT
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Forward

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

Reference and Administrative Details

Company number: 06426744

Charity number: 1122363

Directors and trustees who served during the year:

Hannah McConnachie	Chair
Elizabeth Kolawole-Johnson	Vice-Chair
Rosemary Sales	Secretary
Roy Hiscock	Treasurer (until January 2022)
Christopher Wheatley	Treasurer (from November 2021)
Rayah Feldman	Trustee
Katharine Meade	Trustee
Hannah Ward	Trustee (until April 2022)

Senior Management during the financial year:

Dafydd Viney	Director of Services (until December 2021)
Sue Marris	Director of Operations (until September 2021)
Dilara Harvey-Smith	Operations Manager (from September 2021)

**HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

Registered office: Migrant Centre, The Old Fire Station, 61 Leswin Road, London N16 7NX

Independent examiner: Samir Shah, Chartered Accountant
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Bankers: Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2JB

Public Benefit Statement

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance "Public Benefit: Running a Charity". The achievements and activities outlined in this report demonstrate the public benefit arising through the charity's activities.

**HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE
TRUSTEES REPORT
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What We Do

Hackney Migrant Centre (HMC) delivers a free, weekly advice and support service for vulnerable migrants on immigration, housing, welfare and access to healthcare. Volunteers also cook and serve a delicious meal each week. We support visitors to our service to resolve their immigration problems and move out of homelessness and destitution in the long-term, as well as assisting them to address immediate issues. Most of our visitors lack secure immigration status and are destitute as a result, a situation exacerbated by the Hostile Environment. We welcome all migrants, regardless of immigration status, nationality or current place of residence.

Our Purpose

To demonstrate solidarity with migrants in Hackney and beyond, including the most vulnerable and marginalised, by welcoming them as our visitors and helping them to access rights and overcome injustice in the immigration system.

Our objects as per our governing document are:

1. to relieve the needs of migrants, especially those whose immigration status is precarious, irregular and/or temporary, through the provision of legal and other advice and advocacy
2. to relieve financial hardship and destitution among migrants, especially those whose immigration status is precarious, irregular and/or temporary, through the provision of legal and other advice, advocacy and support
3. To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of migrants, especially those whose immigration status is precarious, irregular and/or temporary, by providing advice and advocacy to assist them to access health and other relevant services.
4. To advance the education of the public in general about issues relating to migrants especially those whose immigration status is precarious, irregular and/or temporary, through the provision of legal and other advice and advocacy

Our Strategic Aims

1. To provide a safe space for our visitors to gather and be welcomed and supported by staff, advisers and volunteers from local communities.
2. To deliver high quality immigration advice, representation, guidance and support for our visitors in order to obtain secure immigration status.
3. To deliver high quality advice, representation, guidance and wellbeing support to help our visitors secure housing and move out of destitution.
4. To campaign to secure changes in policy and practice to advance migrants' rights locally and nationally.
5. To build partnerships with relevant organisations and use our knowledge to support the broader immigration sector and migrant communities.
6. To ensure we are an organisation with strong leadership and good governance, within a framework of diversity and inclusion.

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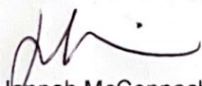
Chair's Report

It has been another busy year for the team of volunteers and staff at Hackney Migrant Centre. Together with our professional advisors, we have continued to provide vital support and advice to our visitors to help them resolve their immigration, housing and welfare problems.

The global pandemic continued but there was no 'pause' for our visitors. Their immigration and housing problems have been exacerbated by the pandemic and the Hostile Environment which has meant that the avenues for obtaining external immigration advice and support for homeless and destitute people became even more limited as many services closed. It also became harder to raise funds for our work in a climate where there is more and more need but less charitable funding available. All this has put great pressure on our volunteers and staff in their work of supporting visitors through the complex processes required to get legal aid, to find immigration advisers, and to organise secure and long-term housing solutions. I want to thank all of the staff who continue to work so hard in difficult circumstances and the volunteers who provide invaluable support to our community of visitors.

In 2021/2022 we said good bye to some excellent members of staff: Daf Viney, Director of Services; Sue Marris, Director of Operations; Anna Mulcahy, Access to Justice Worker; and Lauren Stewart, Caseworker for Migrant Families and Young People. We also had the opportunity to welcome a great new member of staff, Dilara Harvey-Smith as Operations Manager. While not in the financial year of this report, we've just welcomed another two members of staff, Charlotte Buckley as Director and Sian Davin as Immigration Advisor, and I want to take the opportunity to thank Catherine Devlin, Casework Administration and Support Assistant, who has supported HMC through the last 16 months. The Board of Trustees are excited that our new Director, Charlotte, is leading on a collaborative review of our service with all our stakeholders to ensure we maximise our impact in this Hostile Environment and post-pandemic landscape. The review will also look at how our new Immigration Advisor post can best support our visitors. While there are many challenges in the charity and migrant sector, there are reasons to be positive as we look to the future of HMC. A big thank you to our community of volunteers and supporters, and I am always in awe by the resilience shown by our visitors in such difficult circumstances.

Thanks to the other Trustees who make chairing the Board at Hackney Migrant Centre a pleasure.


Hannah McConnachie

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Our Year in Numbers

Including on-going cases, we worked with a total of **592** people, with over **700** dependents and family members during the year. **202** people accessed immigration advice and **129** people received welfare and housing advice

Demographics

Our visitors came from **69** different countries and identified as:

- Black (including Black African, Caribbean and other Black identities): **84%**
- Asian, Arab or Middle Eastern: **12%**
- Mixed, white or other: **4%**

Locations

- **40%** of our visitors were based in Hackney and immediately surrounding boroughs
- **35%** approached HMC from other inner London boroughs
- **25%** were from the Greater London area or from outside London

Immigration Status

The status of our visitors when they came to us was:

- Undocumented or overstayed visa: **48%**
- Limited Leave to Remain: **22%**
- Refused asylum seeker: **10%**
- Asylum seeker: **7%**
- Refugee/ILR/naturalised British Citizen: **6%**
- Other or unknown: **5%**
- EU citizens with pre-settled or no status: **2%**

Themes

Our visitors presented with the following issues:

- **43%** were homeless
- **69%** had no recourse to public funds
- **32%** had a disability or other significant physical or mental health concern

Outcomes

- ✓ Secured Exceptional Case Funding for **58** people
- ✓ Assisted **183** people to access legal representation
- ✓ **73** people had a positive immigration outcome, such as being granted leave to remain
- ✓ **44** people were supported into short-term and emergency accommodation
- ✓ **48** people were supported into longer term accommodation

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Housing and Destitution Casework

As we have returned to face-to-face housing advice at our Advice Service following the relaxation of Covid-19 safety measures, we have continued to see migrants experiencing extreme hardship as a result of the Hostile Environment policies. These include being forced into street homelessness, sofa-surfing which impacts on their physical and mental health. We have continued to stand in solidarity with our visitors during extremely difficult periods and worked to ensure they have had access to their housing rights and entitlements.

As Covid-19 safety measures reduced, we saw several Local Authorities attempt to evict migrants from 'Everyone In' Covid-19 homelessness accommodation. Despite this, we were able to support all of our visitors who have received evictions into alternative accommodation, a large number of whom were granted status whilst they were accommodated by Local Authorities.

As the year progressed, we worked with an increasingly older and more vulnerable group of migrants. We have frequently had to make referrals for assessments by Adult Social Services under the Care Act 2014 to request accommodation and support for migrants with severe physical and mental health conditions. This has required a large amount of advocacy to challenge poor practice and gatekeeping by Adult Social Services and Mental Health teams.

The asylum support system has continued to falter under long-term mismanagement as part of the Hostile Environment. At the end of 2021 over 25,000 people including children continue to be housed in hotel accommodation for indefinite periods. We have continued to help individuals access asylum support – routinely challenging delays to decision making and failures by sub-contracted private companies to provide accommodation after it has been granted by the Home Office.

Providing migrants with accommodation helps them to access advice and support to regularise their status. We have helped many migrants with homelessness applications to Local Authorities and advocated for their entitlements whilst they were being accommodated under the homelessness duties.

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Access to Justice

The ongoing deterioration in access to legal representation due to the decline in capacity of Law Centres and immigration solicitors at private firms (that have Legal Aid contracts) continues increase the work required to find reliable legal representation. The Hostile Environment has made the suffering of people without immigration status increasingly acute, meaning support needs are more urgent and it is often not possible to provide one-off advice only.

Looking back to 2016, around 26% of new visitors had no current valid immigration status, rising to 56% in 2021. Last year 40% of visitors were homeless, whereas 10 years earlier only 10% had no home. The majority of this cohort are older single adults. They have experienced prolonged and severe hardship because of being undocumented for many years, which in turn created barriers to securing documentation without assistance. For example, they are often homeless, sometimes street homeless, they do not have access to a computer, or family members to assist them, and have been excluded from mainstream systems for a long period. All this creates both practical and personal barriers to navigating the often complex and hostile processes necessary to access their records from statutory services, such as the NHS and the Home Office.

These factors have combined to create a situation where HMC's work has shifted from primarily providing one-off advice/on-the-day support and referrals/signposting, to providing in-depth casework and support to visitors over time. Over the last year, HMC has started the important process of reviewing our service delivery model and developing a longer-term strategy for ensuring that we are providing the best possible service to visitors, including what level of intervention should be offered to each person, assessing the availability of other support options and determining the right balance between reaching as many people as possible with the ability to support each person meaningfully.

In 2021, HMC has partnered with Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex & London (RAMFEL) on a pilot project to undertake casework to effectively assist visitors to gather the evidence to make a successful application based on 20 years' continuous residence in the UK. The outcome of the Access to Justice team's support with evidence-gathering has been a clear increase in the speed at which applications are progressing. In addition, we have observed Legal Aid firms become more willing to take the cases on when we have gathered the evidence. Although more work is required to prepare, the cases are progressed more quickly resulting in visitors being granted Leave to Remain and moving out of homelessness and destitution sooner.

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Case studies

Visitor names have been changed to protect confidentiality.

Grace

Grace arrived in the UK in 1998 to join her father who was a British national. She attended HMC for advice in early 2022. At the time she was without a legal status in the UK despite having been eligible for almost four years to apply for leave to remain based on 20 years' continuous residence in the UK. Grace had made multiple attempts to regularise her status since 2018 but she had not been able to access affordable legal advice. She applied for a Fee Waiver on three occasions, but the Home Office refused because she had not provided sufficient supporting documentation. Grace had been destitute and homeless for many years, sofa surfing and relying on friends for food. When Grace first came to HMC, she was sleeping in a chair at a friend's house, which was exacerbating her asthma and arthritis. In mid-2019, in response to the refusal of the Fee Waiver, the Home Office placed her on immigration bail.

→ HMC assisted Grace to secure medical records that proved her continuous residence since 1998.

John

John is refugee who is living with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). After many years of struggling to manage his condition, he eventually suffered a breakdown. During this time, he failed to renew his visa, which meant he lost his right to work in the UK and consequently his job. John became homeless and slept rough, while still suffering from acute PTSD symptoms. At HMC, John accessed immigration advice to help him understand the situation he was in and his options. We helped John find an immigration solicitor. However, in the meantime, John's mental and physical health worsened to the point that he became a severe risk to himself. HMC made a referral for John under the Care Act and advocated to help him access the accommodation and support he needed for his health.

→ Eight months after initial referral, John was able to move into self-contained accommodation and begin accessing community mental health services, while awaiting the outcome of his immigration application. John attends the monthly wellbeing and social support sessions at HMC and is hoping to

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Social Sessions

One of the ways we kept the sense of community alive at HMC during the 16 months that the centre was closed due to Covid-19 was through the Collective Care Team project, which provided visitors with ongoing material and social support throughout the worst of the pandemic. Volunteers were paired with individual visitors and kept in regular touch over the phone, developing strong and supportive friendships over this time. But while this connection provided a 'lifeline' for many people, these individual relationships could never replace the benefit of community-based, peer support.

We returned to face to face sessions from August 2021 onwards, but the Advice Service was 'paused' on the last Wednesday of each month, to provide an opportunity to invite visitors back to the centre for social support and to start rebuilding the community connections lost during the pandemic. These monthly "Social Sessions" provided a space for newer visitors to connect with others, as well as a chance for former visitors to reconnect with the volunteers and staff who had supported them over the phone during the pandemic.

From the outset, the sessions were set up as an open social space, where visitors could come and spend the day, meet others and socialise, have a cup of coffee, a nutritious lunch, take part in activities or find a quiet space to sit and read. It was always intended to be an active space, where returning visitors could be involved directly in the activities which took place during the session:

- Our resident poet, Erin*, has been able to facilitate the HMC Creative Writing & Poetry group once a month, culminating in a poetry showcase in July 2022 at St Mary's Old Church, a local community arts venue.
- Our talented hair stylist, Anabel*, has led numerous Black haircare skill-sharing demonstrations, such as stitch in weave and crochet hair style.
- Our Recovery College facilitator, Aries*, has led an ongoing therapeutic craft session, which amongst various activities has focused on cross-stitch, as well as delivering a talk on 'empowerment'.

The Social Session has provided an opportunity for caseworkers to speak with visitors in person fairly regularly, which is often preferable to checking in over the phone. It has also been an avenue for engaging with other projects and local organisations outside of HMC, such as the 'Singing Blankets'. After about 10 months of supporting the development of this space, it is clear how much potential there is for visitors to support each other in a meaningful way on their own terms, as well as contributing to HMC services and community.

**Name changed to protect identity.*

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Our Volunteers

We have over 50 volunteers at any one time supporting the advice service. Many of them are former visitors who remain part of the HMC community. It wouldn't be possible to run our service without their help and support – from welcoming visitors to cooking lunch, collecting donations of food and carrying out a range of casework tasks to help visitors access services and the support they need – volunteers are an integral part of who we are.

“Hopelessness, helplessness and the fear of the unknown future was what I was feeling when I walked into Hackney Migrant Centre (HMC). There is a saying that “Life is like a book. Some chapters are sad, some happy and some are exciting. But if you never turn the page, you will never know what the next page holds. HMC is my next page. HMC had been very helpful and supportive. HMC had made me realise that “Life is like a camera. Just focus on what's important, capture the good times, develop from negatives and if things don't turn out. Take another shot”. My other shot is being a volunteer at HMC. I am grateful to HMC for allowing me to volunteer during the social gathering where lots of activities were involved. I lead the art and craft class. I teach how to do cross stitch designs and mod podge creations. I gave a talk on Empowerment for men and women, this is to encourage other people whom might have been in the same position as I was previously. Volunteering at HMC had enabled me to socialise with other people, helped me to get my self-esteem back, teach other people skills that will be helpful and relaxing for them. I am now hopeful for a better future”.

Aries*

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Campaigns

Our casework team use the knowledge and experience gained through their casework to inform campaigns that seek to tackle some of the root causes of the problems facing the people we work with. Below are some examples of this:

We contributed data, case studies and first-hand knowledge to Public Interest Law Centre's paper '**The Case for Broadening the Scope of Immigration Legal Aid**'. This briefing paper was produced in response to the Government's open consultation on the 'New Plan for Immigration', using evidence from HMC to demonstrate the need for bringing immigration cases back into "scope" for legal aid to replace the cumbersome and costly system of ECF.

We provided evidence as part of Islington Law Centre's litigation challenging the application of the "**10-Year-Route-to-Settlement**" for children and young people. The challenge successfully demonstrated that it is not proportionate to expect those who are born in or arrive in the UK as children to complete 10 years' continuous residence before being granted indefinite leave to remain. In October 2021, the Home Office published an updated policy which allowed young people aged 18-24 who have lived more than half their life in the UK to settle via a shorter concessionary route of five (rather than 10) years, in part in response to the litigation.

We contributed data and first-hand testimonies, both from visitors and HMC's Access to Justice Coordinator, to research conducted by the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI). Their report "**We Also Want To Be Safe – Undocumented Migrants Facing COVID in a Hostile Environment**" explores undocumented migrants' experiences of the Covid-19 pandemic and the charities such as HMC supporting this group and was used as part of JCWI's campaign to make sure the government's COVID inquiry includes migrants.

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Financial Review

During the year the charity's income amounted to £306,888, slightly less than the previous year (2021: £453,212). Expenditure for the year was £408,423 (2021: £476,398).

Our expenditure was lower than the previous year as we ended the CCT project which helped some of most vulnerable visitors. Our expenditure for 2021/22 was in line with our normal budget.

The result for the year was a deficit of £101,535 (2021 deficit: £23,186), which, combined with our funds brought forward, gives us total funds of £160,462 at 31 March 2022. Out of these funds, £14,909 are restricted for specific purposes set by the donors and therefore £145,553 are unrestricted.

Reserves policy

In common with other charitable organisations of a similar size, we rely on our funders to provide the finances which enable the organisation to operate. We cannot assume that such funding will continue so we are constantly attempting to ensure that adequate funding is in place to continue our services. While this has not so far been a problem, the director and trustees consider it appropriate to ensure that we are able to continue the service in the event of a funding hiatus. We estimate that an unrestricted reserve of a minimum of three months' expenditure is necessary for this purpose and for the year under review such reserves would be a minimum of £102,000.

The trustees consider that the charity's reserves will provide financial security for the future. The reserves held in unrestricted funds, which have not been designated or invested in fixed assets, at 31 March 2022 were £145,553 (2021: £149,976), therefore adequately meeting our reserves requirements.

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Structure Governance and Management

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 14 November 2007 and registered as a charity on 17 January 2008. The company's operations are governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 14 November 2007.

Recruitment and appointment of directors/trustees

The directors of the company are also the charity's trustees for the purposes of charity law.

The number of directors shall not be less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.

The directors have no beneficial interest in the company other than as members and all guarantee to contribute up to £10 in the event of winding up.

As set out in the Articles of Association, one third of the directors shall retire by rotation at each annual general meeting. No paid employee is eligible to serve as a director or trustee.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are initially provided with copies of the Memorandum and Articles of association together with the most recent annual report. All trustees continue to maintain a good working knowledge of charity and company law and best practice by studying the Charity Commission newsletters and attending appropriate external courses. The trustees aim to maintain a broad spectrum of specialised abilities and experience on the board, thus enhancing the ongoing successful operation of the organisation.

Organisation

The trustees are responsible for the development and operation of the charity and day to day tasks are delegated to the senior management team.

Pay policy for staff

Staff remuneration reflects appropriate skills level in National Joint Council salary levels and includes Inner London weighting.

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Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation To The Financial Statements

The trustees (who are also directors of Hackney Migrant Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

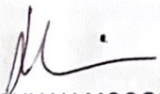
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 charitable company will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company 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 special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY


HANNAH MCCONNACHIE – CHAIR

19/12/2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

I report on the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my Independent Examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charitable 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 financial statements 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

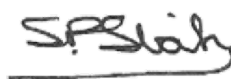
The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the ICAEW.

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 financial statements do not accord with such records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

SAMIR SHAH – CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
RAMON LEE LTD
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LONDON EC2A 4BA



19/12/2022

Hackney Migrant Centre

Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2022

		2022			2021				
	Note	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Income from:									
Grants, donations and legacies	2	201,757	-	99,733	301,490	178,577	-	268,295	446,872
Other income	3	5,398	-	-	5,398	6,340	-	-	6,340
Total income		207,155	-	99,733	306,888	184,917	-	268,295	453,212
Expenditure on:									
Raising funds	4	32,456	-	-	32,456	31,950	-	-	31,950
Charitable activities									
Drop-in and Advice Service	4	154,204	62,503	79,650	296,357	22,888	82,502	81,450	186,840
Moving out of Hardship	4	-	-	20,012	20,012	-	-	106,308	106,308
Grants for Individuals	4	-	-	29,451	29,451	-	-	26,056	26,056
Hardship fund	4	-	-	5,228	5,228	-	-	3,327	3,327
ECF	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,631	6,631
Covid-19 and Collective Care Team	4	24,919	-	-	24,919	22,794	-	92,492	115,286
Campaigns	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure		211,579	62,503	134,341	408,423	77,632	82,502	316,264	476,398
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		(4,424)	(62,503)	(34,608)	(101,535)	107,286	(82,502)	(47,970)	(23,186)
Transfers between funds				-	-	(60,000)	60,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,424)	(62,503)	(34,608)	(101,535)	47,286	(22,502)	(47,970)	(23,186)
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		149,977	62,503	49,517	261,997	102,691	85,005	97,487	285,183
Total funds carried forward		145,553	-	14,909	160,462	149,977	62,503	49,517	261,997

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 17 to the financial statements.

Hackney Migrant Centre

Balance sheet

Company no. 06426744

As at 31 March 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	11		-		2,502
			-		2,502
Current assets:					
Debtors	12	30,077		470	
Cash at bank and in hand		166,861		275,827	
		196,938		276,297	
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	36,476		16,802	
Net current assets / (liabilities)			160,462		259,496
Total assets less current liabilities			160,462		261,997
Total net assets / (liabilities)			160,462		261,997
The funds of the charity:	19				
Restricted funds			14,909		49,518
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		-		62,503	
General funds		145,553		149,976	
Total unrestricted funds			145,553		212,479
Total charity funds			160,462		261,997

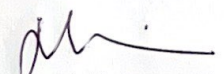
In preparing these financial statements:

For the financial year ended 31st March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 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 the small companies' regime.

These accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 19/12/2022 and were signed on its behalf by:


Hannah McConnachie
Chair of Trustees

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

b) Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

c) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

d) Income

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

The 'grants, donations and legacies' heading on the Statement of Financial Activities includes unrestricted grants and donations, given in general to the organisation and restricted grants and donations which are given for specific elements of our work.

For legacies, entitlement is taken when a distribution is received from the estate. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

e) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

f) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

g) Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

~ Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs

~ Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i) Allocation of support costs

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, the cost of overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising the salary and overhead costs of the central function, is apportioned to the Moving out of Hardship project where the budget allows and the balance to the Drop-In Centre activities, where the bulk of our resources are used. The Hardship Fund and the Grants for Individuals are co-ordinated mainly by volunteers.

j) Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

k) Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation costs are allocated to activities on the basis of the use of the related assets in those activities. Assets are reviewed for impairment if circumstances indicate their carrying value may exceed their net realisable value and value in use.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

~ Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment 4 years

l) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

m) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

n) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o) Pensions

The charity pays employer contributions to defined contribution pension schemes.

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2 Income from grants, donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<i>Trusts and Foundations</i>				
AB Charitable Trust	20,000		20,000	-
Allen & Overy Foundation	5,000		5,000	-
Charles S. French Charitable Trust		3,000	3,000	-
Choose Love			-	18,000
Churches Together Hampstead			-	3,000
Dischma Charitable Trust	5,000		5,000	-
East End Community Foundation : East End Emergency Fund			-	6,000
Hackney Parochial Charities		10,000	10,000	12,500
London Catalyst - Samaritan Grant		2,000	2,000	2,000
London Community Response Fund		30,000	30,000	18,425
London Legal Support Trust			-	-
Margaret Hayman Charitable Trust			-	-
Mrs Smith & Mount Trust		5,000	5,000	-
MSN Fund		18,200	18,200	13,200
Respond and Adapt Programme			-	30,000
Sir Jules Thorn Trust	1,250		1,250	-
Sisters of the Holy Cross	20,000		20,000	-
Society of the Holy Child Jesus			-	20,000
Souter Charitable Trust			-	3,000
South Hackney Parochial Charity		2,000	2,000	5,500
Southall Trust	1,000		1,000	1,000
The Blue Moon Trust			-	20,000
The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington	30,000		30,000	34,000
Th David & Ruth Lewis Charitable Trust	20,000		20,000	-
The Mbili Charitable Trust			-	2,000
The National Lottery Community Fund			-	105,004
Trust for London Trustee Distribution Fund			-	7,500
West Hackney Parochial Charity			-	5,000
Anonymous and other small grants			-	4,350
	102,250	70,200	172,450	310,479
<i>Grants for Individuals</i>				
Hackney Parochial Charities		587	587	527
Heinz, Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation		25,820	25,820	28,065
Kanlungan Filipino		750	750	-
Methodist Church Fund for Human Need		640	640	160
Other small grants		1,250	1,250	749
	-	29,047	29,047	29,501
<i>Community Supporters</i>	13,087		13,087	11,076
<i>Individual Donations and gift aid</i>	78,526	486	79,012	91,845
<i>Fundraising</i>	7,894		7,894	3,971
	201,757	99,733	301,490	446,872

3 Other income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Earned income	5,398		5,398	4,748
Government covid support (furlough and SSP)			-	1,592
	5,398	-	5,398	6,340

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4 Analysis of expenditure

	Charitable activities									
	Cost of raising funds	Drop-in and Advice Service	Moving out of Hardship	Hardship Fund	Grants for Individuals	ECF	Covid-19 and CCT	Support costs	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff salaries (Note 7)	32,039	166,240	3,610				6,695	42,034	250,618	227,556
Other staff costs								10,831	10,831	830
Project partners' costs			10,811						10,811	64,790
Legal advisors		18,365							18,365	18,460
Interpreting and other direct costs		10,436							10,436	7,563
Grants for Individuals					29,451				29,451	26,056
Hardship fund - grants				3,753					3,753	3,074
Hardship fund - emergency accommodation				1,475					1,475	252
CCT purchases							18,224		18,224	96,598
Evaluation and monitoring			5,550						5,550	-
Other direct costs		603	20						623	160
Rent & storage for Drop-In centre		9,799							9,799	1,575
Volunteer and intern expenses		3,636							3,636	106
Food and kitchen supplies		1,867							1,867	43
Drop-In centre running costs		4,772							4,772	3,530
Working from home costs		2,446							2,446	1,374
Fundraising	417								417	966
Office rent								7,104	7,104	7,922
Internet								569	569	379
Office equipment and supplies								3,400	3,400	134
Finance and admin								7,657	7,657	6,326
Insurance								1,169	1,169	870
Subscriptions and membership								932	932	1,593
Other expenses								13	13	1,509
AGM and Annual Report								679	679	400
Independent Examiner's fee								1,320	1,320	1,830
Depreciation								2,502	2,502	2,502
Support costs	32,456	218,166	19,992	5,228	29,451	-	24,919	78,212	408,423	476,400
	-	78,192	20	-	-	-	-	(78,212)	-	-
Total expenditure 2022	32,456	296,357	20,012	5,228	29,451	-	24,919	-	408,423	
Total expenditure 2021	31,950	186,840	106,309	3,326	26,056	6,631	115,286	-		476,400

Of the total expenditure, £217,006 is unrestricted (2021: £73,515), £62,503 designated (2021: £82,502) and £134,341 restricted (2021: £320,264).

5 Grant making

We grant small amounts of cash, usually £10 or £20 to visitors to our Drop-In centre, known as Hardship grants which cover emergency costs they may have such as food, travel and personal care items. Each grant is assessed on an individual basis and the visitor signs a receipt confirming they have received it. Grants are paid from our restricted Hardship Fund, which is funded by grants and donations specifically earmarked for the purpose.

We also apply for grants on behalf of visitors to our centre which we pass on to them.

During 2021/22, we received 166 grants (2021: 178) totalling £29,047 (2021: £29,501) for our visitors. The grants received are kept in a separate bank account to the rest of the organisation's cash. The grants are received and paid to the individuals usually within 2 weeks of receipt, therefore the balance on this fund carried forward will be paid subsequently. In the rare occasion that we cannot subsequently contact the grant recipient, then the funds are paid back to the grantor. The grants were received from the following organisations:

	2022 £	2021 £
Hackney Parochial Charities	587	527
Heinz, Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation	25,820	28,065
Hornsey Parochial Charities	-	170
Kanlungan Filipino	750	-
Methodist Church Fund for Human Need	640	160
R L Glasspool Charity Trust	350	-
Slough & District	450	-
The Nawaal Fund	300	-
We Belong	150	-
West Hackney Parochial Charity	-	579
	<u>29,047</u>	<u>29,501</u>

6 Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging / crediting:

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation	2,502	2,502
Loss or profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	7,104	7,922
Independent Examiners' remuneration	1,320	1,830
	<u>10,926</u>	<u>12,254</u>

7 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Salaries and wages	212,781	180,940
Temporary staff cover	5,396	18,793
Social security costs	15,524	13,356
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	16,917	14,467
	250,618	227,556

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2021: nil).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £77,884 (2021: £91,403). The higher than usual figure in 2020/21 was due to additional management support due to Covid.

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2021: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2021: £nil). No trustee claimed travel expenses in 2021 or 2022.

8 Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was as follows:

	Full Time Equivalent		Average Head Count	
	2022 No.	2021 No.	2022 No.	2021 No.
Raising funds	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0
Charitable activities	4.6	3.7	6.0	6.8
Support and governance	0.9	1.0	2.0	1.2
	6.4	5.6	9.0	9.0

9 Related party transactions

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties. There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

10 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings and computer equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At the start of the year	15,592	15,592
Additions in year	-	-
Disposals in year	-	-
At the end of the year	15,592	15,592
Depreciation		
At the start of the year	13,090	13,090
Charge for the year	2,502	2,502
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
At the end of the year	15,592	15,592
Net book value		
At the end of the year	-	-
At the start of the year	2,502	2,502

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

12 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Grants and donations receivable	6,240	112
Other debtors	23,837	358
	30,077	470

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	5,802	1,109
Taxation and social security	5,442	6,006
Accruals	20,166	9,226
Other creditors	5,066	461
	36,476	16,802

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Net current assets	145,553	-	14,909	160,463
Net assets	145,553	-	14,909	160,463

16 Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)

	General unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	62,503	-	62,503
Net current assets	149,976	-	49,518	199,494
Net assets	149,976	62,503	49,518	261,997

17 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

18 Movements in funds

	At the start of the year	Incoming resources & gains	Outgoing resources & losses	Transfers	At the end of the year
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
<i>Drop-In and Advice Service</i>					
Charles S. French Charitable Trust	-	3,000	(3,000)		-
Hackney Parochial Charities	10,000	10,000	(20,000)		-
Mrs Smith & Mount Trust		5,000	(5,000)		-
MSN Fund	-	18,200	(13,650)		4,550
South Hackney Parochial Charity	3,000	2,000	(3,000)		2,000
West Hackney Parochial Charity	5,000	-	(5,000)		-
<i>Moving Out of Hardship</i>					
The National Lottery Community Fund - Moving out of Hardship	20,012	-	(20,012)		-
<i>Grants for Individuals</i>	4,856	29,047	(29,451)		4,452
<i>Covid-19 Emergency Response and Collective Care Team</i>					
London Community Response Fund	-	30,000	(30,000)		-
<i>Hardship Fund</i>					
Hardship Fund	4,650	486	(3,228)		1,908
London Catalyst - Samaritan grant	2,000	2,000	(2,000)		2,000
Total restricted funds	49,518	99,733	(134,341)	-	14,909
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds:					
Fixed assets	2,503	-	(2,503)		-
Drop-in and advice service	60,000	-	(60,000)		-
Total designated funds	62,503	-	(62,503)	-	-
General funds	149,976	207,155	(211,578)	-	145,553
Total unrestricted funds	212,479	207,155	(274,081)	-	145,553
Total funds	261,997	306,888	(408,422)	-	160,462

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19 Movements in funds (prior year)

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds:					
<i>Drop-In and Advice Service</i>					
Charles S. French Charitable Trust	1,000		(1,000)		-
Hackney Parochial Charities	8,000	10,000	(8,000)		10,000
MSN Fund	-	13,200	(13,200)		-
Respond and Adapt Programme	-	13,250	(13,250)		-
Sisters of the Holy Cross	25,000	-	(25,000)		-
Souter Charitable Trust	1,000	-	(1,000)		-
South Hackney Parochial Charity	-	3,000			3,000
Tudor Trust	15,000	-	(15,000)		-
West Hackney Parochial Charity	2,500	5,000	(2,500)		5,000
<i>Access to Justice: Exceptional Case Funding Project</i>					
London Legal Support Trust	4,631		(4,631)		-
Individual donation	2,000		(2,000)		-
<i>Moving Out of Hardship</i>					
The National Lottery Community Fund - Moving out of Hardship	21,316	105,004	(106,308)		20,012
<i>Grants for Individuals</i>	1,411	29,501	(26,056)		4,856
<i>Covid-19 Emergency Response and Collective Care Team</i>					
Anonymous grant		3,000	(3,000)		-
Choose Love		18,000	(18,000)		-
Churches Together Hampstead		3,000	(3,000)		-
East End Community Foundation: East End Emergency I		6,000	(6,000)		-
Hackney Parochial Charities		2,500	(2,500)		-
Individual and community donations	8,472	10,125	(18,597)		-
London Catalyst - Samaritan grant			(720)	720	-
London Community Response Fund		18,425	(18,425)		-
Respond and Adapt Programme		16,750	(16,750)		-
Souter Charitable Trust		3,000	(3,000)		-
South Hackney Parochial Charity		2,500	(2,500)		-
Tesco Community Grants		500	(500)		-
The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington		4,000	(4,000)		-
The Mbili Charitable Trust		2,000	(2,000)		-
<i>Hardship Fund</i>					
Hardship Fund	6,437	690	(2,477)		4,650
London Catalyst - Samaritan grant	720	2,000	-	(720)	2,000
London Churches Refugee Fund	-	850	(850)		-
Total restricted funds	97,487	272,295	(320,264)	-	49,518
Unrestricted funds:					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Fixed assets	5,005		(2,502)		2,503
Drop-in and advice service	80,000		(80,000)	60,000	60,000
Total designated funds	85,005	-	(82,502)	60,000	62,503
General funds	102,691	180,917	(73,632)	(60,000)	149,976
Total unrestricted funds	187,696	180,917	(156,134)	-	212,479
Total funds	285,183	453,212	(476,398)	-	261,997

Purpose of Restricted and Designated Funds 2021/22:

Drop-In Centre

All grants received for the Drop-In Centre were towards general running costs of the service, with the exception of **MSN Fund**, which is towards salary costs for the the Volunteer Co-ordinator post.

Moving Out of Hardship

National Lottery Community Fund- Moving out of Hardship - funding for our "Moving Out of Hardship" project, which was carried out in partnership with Coram Children's Legal Centre and Haringey Migrant Support Centre. The project finished in May 2021.

Covid-19 Emergency Response and Collective Care Team

We received funding from the **London Covid Response Fund** to continue the work of our Collective Care Team and move to post-covid working. The Collective Care Team has distributed food, phone credit and other necessities throughout the crisis.

Grants for individuals

Grants received from the organisations listed in note 5 to be passed on to individual visitors.

Hardship Fund

Hardship Fund - donations and gift aid received for our Hardship Fund which pays out small grants or pays for emergency accommodation to individuals in need

London Catalyst Samaritan Grant - for hardship payments to visitors

Designated Funds

Fixed Assets - the net book value of the fixed assets has been transferred to a designated fund from which the depreciation will be expensed each year over the useful life of the assets.

Drop-in and advice service - the trustees designated these funds, made up of grants received in March 2021, for use in our Drop-in and Advice Service in the 2021/22 year, to cover staff costs, running costs and legal advice costs, to ensure that this service can operate effectively. This income has now been spent.

Accounts



**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021**

Company No: 06426744

Charity No: 1122363



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TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
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**HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE
DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting for Charities: Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company number: 06426744

Charity number: 1122363

Directors and trustees who served during the year:

Rayah Feldman	Chair (until April 2021)
Hannah McConnachie	Chair (from April 2021)
Mark Palframan	Vice-Chair (resigned Jan 2021)
Rosemary Sales	Secretary
Roy Hiscock	Treasurer
Elizabeth Kolawole-Johnson	
Katharine Meade	
Hannah Ward	

Senior Management during the financial year

Dafydd Viney	Director of Services
Sue Marris	Director of Operations

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Independent examiner: Samir Shah, Chartered Accountant
Ramon Lee Ltd, 93 Tabernacle Street London EC2A 4BA

Bankers: Unity Trust Bank, Four Brindleyplace, Birmingham B1 2JB

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance "Public Benefit: Running a Charity". The achievements and activities outlined in this report demonstrate the public benefit arising through the charity's activities.

**HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE
DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES REPORT
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WHAT WE DO

Hackney Migrant Centre was established in 2008 by local people and community organisations, to provide advice and support for migrants in Hackney and surrounding areas, irrespective of their immigration status.

We work with in-house and external advisors to provide professional advice on immigration, welfare and housing and our team of dedicated volunteers welcome visitors, help them access health and other services. Volunteers also cook and serve a delicious meal each week. Our service specialises in supporting migrants who have few other sources of support and people with complex cases, including victims of trafficking and human rights abuses; survivors of gender-based violence; undocumented people; refused asylum seekers; and those who are homeless or facing destitution.

The charity's objects are:

1. To relieve the needs of migrants, especially those whose immigration status is precarious, irregular and/or temporary, through the provision of legal and other advice and advocacy.
2. To relieve financial hardship and destitution among migrants, especially those whose immigration status is precarious, irregular and/or temporary, through the provision of legal and other advice, advocacy and support.
3. To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of migrants, especially those whose immigration status is precarious, irregular and/or temporary, by providing advice and advocacy to assist them to access health and other relevant services.

Over the 2020-21 financial year, HMC continued to operate remotely due to the Covid-19 pandemic, delivering a weekly Remote Advice Service and ongoing casework support as well as providing material and practical support to some of our most destitute visitors.



**HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE
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Messages from the Trustees and Management

From Rayah Feldman, outgoing chair

The last years have seen dramatic change at HMC, beginning with the start of a national lockdown which affected not only our service but the whole of life in the UK, and impacted particularly harshly on migrants in precarious circumstances.

Many of our visitors lost work or were unable to continue to rely on financial support from friends, relatives, and community organisations on whom they had hitherto depended.

Our drop-in service closed abruptly but re-opened within three weeks as a Remote Advice Service, operating online and via phone, alongside a brand-new Collective Care Team formed to provide practical and material support to our most vulnerable visitors.

The range of advice services to which we were able to signpost and refer visitors shrunk considerably as a result of the pandemic. This, together with continuing Hostile Environment policies, put great pressure on our in-house staff carrying out casework to support visitors through the complex processes required to get legal aid, find immigration advisers and organise secure housing solutions. In spite of the problems we have faced, we expanded our workforce over the year and have been delighted to welcome Mark Dunn, Anna Mulcahy, Sarah Hull and Catherine Devlin to our staff team.

Besides the closure of our face-to-face service, we suffered a devastating blow as our Director of Services, Daf Viney, became ill with Covid-19 in October 2020, and subsequently developed "Long Covid". We were lucky that Amy Murtagh was able to stand in as a temporary replacement and we are immensely grateful to her for taking on this task at a difficult time and with such skill.

We have also had some changes to trustees. Mark Palframan, our Vice-Chair and co-founder of HMC, resigned early in 2021. Mark was instrumental in helping us shape the character and ethos of our service, and provided stalwart support.

I have also resigned as Chair of the trustees, a position I held, like Mark, since we were constituted as an organisation. I am immensely grateful to all our present and past trustees, staff and volunteers for the work they have done, and the support they have given me in establishing and building our service. Hannah McConnachie has replaced me as Chair, and she has already shown herself to be outstandingly capable and committed to our work of helping migrants to achieve safe and secure lives in the UK.

**HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE
DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

From Hannah McConnachie, new chair from April 2021

It has been an eventful time to take over as Chair of HMC. As Rayah has outlined, there have been many challenges this past year and while some of them have been difficult, it also means we have had lots of opportunity to grow and develop HMC as we continue to provide support and advice for our resilient visitors.

I want to take the opportunity to thank the staff, volunteers and trustees for welcoming me into this role. Their hard work, positivity and dedication to HMC and support of our visitors is inspiring. I am humbled to be representing and supporting HMC in its vital work. Rayah's stewardship and vision over these past 10 years has seen HMC grow from a small group of volunteers with a part-time centre manager to a bustling organisation with 8 employed staff, almost 50 regular volunteers and a budget of over £400,000 per year. Our community has been enriched by Rayah and her dedication to welcoming migrants in Hackney. I am pleased Rayah is staying on as a trustee, where she will continue to advise me and the Board. As many of our volunteers will know Rayah is continuing as a regular volunteer at our weekly advice service.

This report details the period from April 2020 to March 2021. Since then we are pleased to have been able to reopen our face-to-face service, although we are still being mindful of the persistent threat of Covid-19 and operating on an appointment-basis to limit numbers. More details on this will be shared in the next report. We have unfortunately also had to say good bye to Sue Marris and Daf Viney as Directors, and we want to take this opportunity to thank them for the huge contribution they made over the last year, and in previous years. Daf has been an inspirational figure in our organisation, motivating staff, volunteers and trustees alike. He developed an encyclopaedic knowledge of the migrant advice sector, and retained a deep and visible commitment not only to migrants' rights generally, but to all the visitors he got to know through HMC. Sue has been described by the staff team as their "anchor" through the difficult period of the pandemic, and provided the leadership needed to see HMC through an uncertain and tumultuous time, guided by an inspiring empathy and commitment. They will be very much missed.

Finally, thank you to the entire community that continues to support HMC. This organisation wouldn't be possible without many people taking positive actions, no matter how small, in solidarity with migrants' rights.

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Message from the Director of Services

The Covid-19 pandemic forced us to close our drop-in in March 2020, but in April, thanks to the dedication of our staff team and volunteers, we were able to repurpose the advice part of our service and open our “Remote Advice Service” just three weeks after the last of our drop-in session. The drop-in was replaced with appointments booked through a new dedicated phone line.

We kept a similar structure to the advice provision at our drop-in. At our Remote Advice Service session each Wednesday, volunteers had initial conversations with visitors to discuss what we could do for them. Appointments with specialist advisers were made for later in the week with follow-up casework taking place over a longer period. Running the service in this way provided new challenges, but regular meetings with our staff and volunteers meant that new skills were shared and any technological issues resolved.

Initially fairly quiet, the phone line soon became very busy. We realised that with the way we had redesigned our service, we were now able to provide advice as easily to someone in Hartlepool as to someone in Hackney. We were aware that some of the most vulnerable people who used to queue to access our drop-in were now unable to make appointments, so we developed partnerships with local frontline organisations which worked with vulnerable and homeless people so that they could refer people and have priority access.

We were fortunate that practically all of the external advisors who had provided advice at our drop-in were able to continue, carrying out their roles remotely. A huge thank you goes to Islington Law Centre, Coram Children’s Legal Centre, Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, and Gentili Stark solicitors for continuing to provide initial immigration advice, and to Hackney Community Law Centre, Lou Crisfield of Miles and Partners and Kathy Meade for making sure we were still able to provide high quality legal advice on housing matters. An extra big thank you to Together with Migrant Children who have supported an increased number of families to access housing and other support.

In addition to our advice service, Sarah Hull and an exceptional team of volunteers speedily set up a Collective Care Team. They provided practical and emotional support to visitors who were left isolated by the sudden absence of their usual support structures at the beginning of the first lockdown. The wonderful work carried out by this team deserves a whole report in itself.

We would like to say thank you to the countless people who donated to our appeal to fund the Collective Care Team and the rest of our work over the course of the pandemic. This meant that we could provide support to the people who needed it the most and whose usual sources of support were no longer functioning.

During the last year we’ve been fortunate to recruit some wonderful new staff to new roles. Sarah Hull joined us as our Collective Care Team coordinator and as our Volunteer Coordinator (both part-time roles). Anna Mulcahy took on a full-time role as our Access to Justice Coordinator; Mark Dunn joined as our new Destitution Services Coordinator, the first time this role has been a full time one; and Catherine Devlin is our Casework Support Assistant.

I would also like to thank the staff who took on short-term roles over the pandemic when extra work was needed. Robin Walden, Lucy Rix and Miranda Lickert all carried out tremendous work and were able to hit the ground running when we needed them most. A huge thank you is due to Amy Murtagh, who stepped in when Covid-19 caught up with me and I was forced to take extended time away from work. There are very few people who could have taken on the role at such short notice and carried it out so effectively and I will be forever grateful to Amy.

Daf Viney, Director of Services

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OUR WORK, PROJECTS AND IMPACT

Our Year in Figures

Including on-going cases, we worked with a total of **598 people**, and their **519 dependents** and family members during the financial year.

We held **47 remote advice sessions** over the course of the year, which were attended by **406 people**.

- 296 people accessed immigration advice
- 169 people received welfare and housing advice

Our visitors came from **79 different countries** and identified as:

- Black (including Black African, Caribbean and other Black identities): 79%
- Asian, Arab or Middle Eastern: 12%
- Mixed, white or other: 7%

They presented with the following issues:

- 40% were homeless
- 78% had no recourse to public funds
- 25% had a disability or other significant physical or mental health concern

80% of those we have worked with approached HMC in the need of immigration advice. The immigration status of our visitors when they came to us was:

- Undocumented or overstayed visa: 45%
- Limited Leave To Remain: 18%
- Refused asylum seeker: 11%
- Asylum seeker: 10%
- Refugee/ILR/naturalised British Citizen: 7%
- Other or unknown: 6%
- EU citizens with pre-settled or no status: 2%



Outcomes

- We secured Exceptional Case Funding for 56 people
- We assisted 186 people to access legal representation
- 67 people (107 including dependents) had a positive immigration outcome, such as being granted leave to remain
- 23 (45 including dependents) people were supported into short-term and emergency accommodation
- 88 people (140 including dependents) were supported into longer term accommodation

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The impact of our work extends further than the above outcomes. This is explained further in the project reports and case studies on the following pages and illustrated by the visitor quotes below:

"Having been let down, judged and stigmatised by those I thought were professionals I had given up on both my life and the system. This all changed after having met some amazing unsung heroes at Hackney Migrant Centre. It's been a whole year and that year's first experience was with Anna. She listened to my story and never pushed me. Instead Anna - whom at that time I spoke to about once a week - gave me some reassurance that this is not going to be easy but we will do our best to help. As I had a lot going on at that time Anna referred me to a few of her colleagues in different departments."



"Mark in the last year became the person I could speak to without fear or being judged or having to choose what I say. Mark's professionalism throughout the months was second to none. Mark would call me every week on a Thursday at 1100 hrs on the dot and would go through my week and how things were. I was told that I could call Mark when I needed to vent or just speak to someone, not only have to wait on the Thursday, and yes there were days that I did call and the support I got was above and beyond. Mark never looked at me as a case but as a person."

"HMC staff are second to none. I am grateful to the team for all their support and making my journey with them a memory that will always lift me up."

Moving Out of Hardship

The Moving out of Hardship project, funded by The National Lottery Community Fund, was set up in 2016 to support vulnerable migrants in London. It is a joint project between HMC, Haringey Migrant Support Centre (HMSC) and Coram Children's Legal Centre (CCLC), and was designed to assist vulnerable migrant families and young people to access the advice and support needed to improve their situation. The project funds the Caseworker for Migrant Families and Young People at HMC, an equivalent post at HMSC and legal advice delivered by CCLC's Immigration Advisers at both Centres.

This year was the final year of the project (ending May 2021), and delivery was dominated by the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, which affected the services provided across all three organisations. Providing advice and supporting families and young people remotely has generally been more complex and slower. The introduction of the "Everyone In" scheme and the changes to the asylum support system meant, however, that a larger proportion of young people had housing options and in turn could benefit from casework and advice.

All three partner organisations are very proud of what has been achieved during the lifetime of the project. Upwards of 1,000 families have been supported to gain greater security and move on with their lives.

Working collaboratively as a team enabled us to untangle complex issues and work simultaneously across multiple areas of concern including housing, welfare and immigration. This ensured that visitors were not re-traumatised by having to explain their story repeatedly to multiple different agencies, and that any urgent developments could be communicated and responded to by a team of specialists.

All of the issues for migrant families and young people that this project was set up to address, however, remain, or have even worsened. This means there is a need for continued support and advice to find routes out of irregularity and hardship. HMC is dedicated to continuing to build on the lessons learnt from the Moving out of Hardship project to improve our response to the changing and deepening needs of the migrant communities we support.

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Collective Care Team

The Collective Care Team (CCT) was originally set up as a short-term emergency outreach project in response to the first Lockdown in March 2020. It was made possible by some generous community donations and entirely volunteer-led. At that time, no one envisaged that the project would run for a further 18 months – and it managed to do so, thanks to a wonderfully dedicated volunteer team and numerous Covid-related emergency grants, which also funded a part-time Coordinator to manage the project.

The aim of CCT was to support those hit hardest by the pandemic. The already challenging circumstances faced by people with insecure immigration status were exacerbated tenfold; as services closed their doors, support networks withered and precarious sources of income dried up, many were left without access to basic necessities such as food, phone credit or baby products.

Over 180 individuals received supermarket vouchers through the CCT to ensure they had access to food and other essentials during the pandemic. Throughout the project, volunteers also delivered shopping to individuals and families who were 'isolating' or shielding, topped up mobile phone credit (and data) and stayed in touch with visitors through regular phone calls. Over 80 people received ongoing volunteer support in the form of weekly or fortnightly telephone calls to ease the impact of isolation.

Many described the regular voucher as a life line. The combination of legal, housing and other casework from HMC, the emotional support provided by CCT volunteers and the security of being able to get food and other necessities throughout the pandemic has offered hope and combated the feeling of being "abandoned" in a public health crisis.



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Housing and Destitution Support Team

The urgency of our work to secure housing for destitute migrants became even more acute during the Covid-19 pandemic. Many visitors are at high risk of Covid-19 due to their age, ethnicity, health and being forced into poverty and destitution by the Hostile Environment. Many have no, or unsuitable, accommodation to be able to safely shield, isolate or follow stay at home orders. Many migrants lost their employment and income when sectors of the economy suddenly closed down. Those with Limited Leave to Remain with No Recourse to Public Fund conditions attached to their status suddenly found their income disappear and were required to make a Change of Conditions application to the Home Office before they could apply for welfare benefits. Those working informally lost their employment and income with no safety net at all, including in some cases losing accommodation linked to their employment – for example those working as live-in carers and nannies.

Many experienced that family, friends and support networks that may have previously offered accommodation were now reluctant to allow visitors to stay due to fears around the virus. Places of worship - where many visitors establish networks of support for food, shelter and solidarity - were forced to close. Migrant and homeless charities were suddenly unable to operate face-to-face or meet indoors. Night shelters and hostels had to close or

significantly reduce the amount of bed spaces available to protect the safety of their guests.

In April 2020 the Government told all Local Authorities to accommodate all rough sleepers – regardless of their recourse to public funds or immigration status - a scheme known as 'Everyone In'. Despite this welcome response, significant advocacy was required by HMC for our visitors to access this accommodation. Many Local Authority housing departments attempted to exclude applicants on the basis of immigration status or questioning whether individuals were truly rough sleeping. Despite the on-going public health risks from Covid-19 they refused to accommodate most rough



sleepers who had been made newly homeless since summer 2020. A significant number of local authorities also routinely sent threatening eviction letters those who were accommodated. HMC has supported 48 people accommodated by Local Authorities due to Covid-19 to prevent evictions and helped them access long-term accommodation.

For asylum seekers, the situation was different but still tough. The asylum support system has been significantly weakened due to the impact of Covid-19, following years of mismanagement under the Hostile Environment. After years of failing to secure enough asylum accommodation and with no new spaces becoming available following a halt on evictions during the pandemic, accommodation providers contracted by the Home Office procured a large number of hotels across the country to accommodate newly arrived asylum seekers and those made destitute during Covid-19. In addition, the Asylum Support Tribunal ruled that refused asylum seekers who were destitute were eligible for Section 4 support (housing and limited financial support) regardless of the usual conditions.

Asylum seekers in hotels received no financial support and were provided with inadequate food. Many received no information on the asylum process, their rights to access healthcare and legal representation and have spent months living in hotel accommodation. We have advocated for people to ensure they had access appropriate food, healthcare and legal representation, and helped the most vulnerable into regular asylum accommodation.

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We have also continued to support destitute families and adults with care needs to access accommodation and support from Social Services. With the success of our Access to Justice team, we have seen more visitors being granted more secure immigration status which has allowed our housing team to support visitors to access accommodation under Local Authorities' homelessness duties.

Covid-19 has exposed and exacerbated the housing crisis and the injustices caused by the Hostile Environment to vulnerable migrants. With the help of our external housing advisors at Hackney Community Law Centre, Miles & Partners, Together with Migrant Children, as well as pro-bono advisers, we have continued to provide visitors with high quality housing advice and advocacy to navigate these changes and to secure their rights and entitlements to accommodation. Secure accommodation is vital to the ability to keep safe from Covid-19.

Access to Justice

The last year has been an exciting time of growth and development for HMC's Access to Justice work. In November 2020, HMC employed a full time Access to Justice Coordinator. This new role has allowed us to increase the support we can offer to visitors to overcome the systemic barriers within the immigration system.

The Hostile Environment agenda continues to create intentional obstacles for people attempting to regularise their immigration status in the UK. A key problem is the difficulty in accessing legal aid and good quality legal representation in order to be able to navigate the complex Home Office application process. The sweeping cuts to Legal Aid since 2012 have resulted in a significant decline in the capacity of immigration lawyers to take on new cases. Meanwhile, the fee to make an application for leave to remain has now risen to over £2,500 per person. These factors create what are often insurmountable obstacles to regularising immigration status and accessing rights.



HMC supports many families and individuals who are trapped in extreme destitution due to their status despite having strong human rights claims which would entitle them to Leave to Remain, because they have been unable to navigate the Home Office system themselves or access legal assistance.

In response, HMC has developed our Access to Justice work with the aim of providing holistic support and connections to expert legal advice to help people overcome the systemic barriers to justice. Good legal advice, representation and support contributes to providing sustainable outcomes for people: as securing leave to remain is a crucial first step to moving out of destitution and homelessness long term.

HMC's Access to Justice team assists visitors to apply for Legal Aid, secure legal representation and supports them to navigate the complex and hostile immigration system, for example, with help to access key documentary evidence for their application. We have close partnerships and relationships with local Law Centres and expert legal representatives that allow us to maximise limited resources within our organisation and the wider legal sector. There is a huge demand for this work and the new full-time Access to Justice Coordination role has allowed us to significantly expand the support we can provide to visitors, allowing us to work in tandem with legal representatives to progress people's applications more quickly and effectively.

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The Access to Justice team directly assisted **194** people, including securing legal representation for **177** individuals and families so that they could make an application for leave to remain. During this period, **51** of these families and individuals received positive immigration outcomes following advice and assistance from our service. This included assisting people to apply for family reunion, to secure Refugee status or Indefinite Leave to Remain, or assisting them to remove the 'No Recourse to Public Funds' condition from their visa. Crucially, **22** individuals and families, including 14 dependent children, were granted leave to remain, allowing them to access housing, employments, education and benefits in this country for the first time so they can begin to rebuild their lives.

CASE STUDIES

Our teams work closely together with a lot of our visitors using all the services that we provide, as explained in these case studies. All names have been changed to preserve privacy.



Amma

Amma was a visa overstayer when she first came to HMC. She was sofa-surfing with friends after leaving an abusive relationship. Amma had been diagnosed with a brain tumour and had an urgent operation, leaving her with severe weakness. We referred her into accommodation under the 'Everyone In' scheme in April 2020. As a result, she was accommodated in various hotels and received regular support from our Collective Care Team. We advocated to get appropriate support (e.g. suitable food, access to laundry facilities) whilst Amma was staying in the hotels. She was granted Limited Leave to Remain with Recourse to Public Funds this year with the help of our Access to Justice team.

We referred Amma to her local authority homelessness team who provided her with Temporary Accommodation under local authority homelessness duties. We successfully advocated to get her more suitable accommodation, access to benefits and provided practical and emotional support during the difficult transitions from inadequate support systems.

Ines

Ines and her young daughter first came to HMC in October 2019. They had been staying with a friend, but now urgently needed somewhere else to stay. Ines did not have leave to remain in the UK so they were unable to access statutory support although her daughter is a British Citizen.

HMC provided Ines and her daughter with multiple forms of assistance, including securing emergency accommodation from the local authority and support to find a place in a special needs nursery for her daughter.

Our partner organisation, Coram Children's Legal Centre supported Ines to submit an application for leave to remain as the mother and primary carer of a British child, which was granted – giving Ines much more security and recourse to public funds. They are now in a suitable long-term home near the nursery.

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Nina

Nina contacted HMC in July 2020. She was in crisis as she was homeless with her young son. Nina had arrived to the UK over seven years before following a sexual assault in her home country. As she did not have leave to remain, she faced the sharp end of the Hostile Environment and was unable to access employment or any form of state support. By excluding many migrants from state benefits and the right to work, the Hostile Environment forces vulnerable people into exploitative and dangerous situations. Nina had been forced to rely on friends, community members and sometimes strangers for shelter.

Nina had spent years doing her best to survive and provide for her young son. However, like many others, the pandemic cut her off from key sources of support in her community. By the time she approached HMC, the family was homeless and Nina and her four-year-old son had been sleeping on a church floor.

"I contacted HMC as a single mum of a lovely boy, we were vulnerable and homeless.... I was charged thousands of pounds just for having a Caesarean Section when my son was born. We needed this treatment to save mine and my son's life... my son was admitted to the ICU as soon as he was born and was in hospital for a month... I was charged £45,000 for this treatment... the NHS debt agency will not allow me to rest with many threatening letters and phone calls..."

HMC assisted the family to access emergency accommodation from Social Services. Unfortunately, Social Services terminated the support after a few weeks, despite the ongoing pandemic and lockdown, due to Nina's lack of immigration status. The family became homeless again. HMC and our partner organisations helped them to access a hosting scheme, which provided a stable place for them to stay. HMC's Access to Justice team supported Nina to get immigration advice, apply for legal aid and secure an experienced legal representative.

"When the local authority terminated our accommodation and threw us out I was left hopeless again. I was severely depressed and anxious, I just wanted my son to be safe. During this time, HMC never left us alone. They kept supporting us with food, essential needs, clothes and supermarket vouchers. They helped me to get a good lawyer to put in an application for me and my son. My caseworker at HMC was lovely, selfless, encouraging, humble, respectful and listened without being judgemental, and above all did exceedingly great work with my case."

One of HMC's key aims is to provide a welcoming, community space for visitors to socialise, have a hot meal and access advice and support. Nina has joined HMC's diverse volunteer team and now assists every week to welcome new visitors at our centre. Nina has become integral to creating this sense of community and solidarity for new visitors.

"With all the support they provided to me, I decided to give back. Meeting with the staff and volunteers at HMC really helped me discover my talent and eased my depression and anxiety. I'm happy to be a volunteer at HMC".

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Patrick

Patrick first came to HMC in April 2020. At the time, he was homeless and staying at his local church. From the beginning of the first lockdown, he started to receive less and less financial support from the church members, finding himself isolated and often without enough money for food. Later that summer, Patrick was forced to leave the church, becoming street homeless.

HMC helped Patrick access Exceptional Case Funding and find legal representation, as well as helping him find

temporary accommodation. CCT supported Patrick with weekly supermarket vouchers, phone calls and phone top-ups during this time. Patrick was granted limited leave to remain in October 2020. He is now living in a stable accommodation and has found part-time work.



"Covid-19 has made it difficult for people like me to mix with others. It has changed how people see you – have you got Covid? – and this means you can't access services in the same way even when the services want to help you.

With my children, it makes it difficult to see them and they have not been able to go to school which has impacted their education. And, I am not registered with a GP and so it is not possible for me to get tested, as I am worried because they might ask for my ID.

Without the help of the data top-ups and the food vouchers and phone calls, I would not be anywhere to be found. It has really, really changed my life. Because – can you imagine – the system is unapproachable and this support is there to offer help. It is lifesaving to be honest.

HMC came at the right point in my life which was the end of the road for me, in March/April. There was nowhere to turn at that point. Even the food voucher – to be able to pay for what you want – this is a massive relief. It means I can buy things for my children too.

And having internet to listen to music or listen to the news – imagine you have nothing to distract you – this makes a huge difference. And having phone calls makes me realise I am not on my own. Without you, I would not have known about Akwaaba social centre for migrants – and that is the power of networking – I have interaction with people and that really helps.

All I can say is thank you – they took me from 0% to 70/80% – they told me there is still a bright light ahead. They gave me hope that tomorrow is going to be better than today."

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS

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Everyone individual who donated generously to support our work throughout the year, including those who give every month

Everyone who ran half-marathons and marathons, organised fundraising events and joined the legal walk to raise funds and awareness

All the anonymous donors we are unable to thank personally

Nadia and Mamie for their tireless campaigning work

All of our many volunteers, who generously donate their time so that HMC can continue to support so many people

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Hackney Migrant Centre has a generous pool of individual, corporate and community funders, and this really showed during the Covid-19 pandemic which dominated this financial year. Our supporters donated nearly £20k into our appeal for funds to run the Collective Care Team project, and we received £79k in grants for our Emergency Response and the CCT.

During the year the charity's income amounted to £453,212, slightly more than the previous year (2020: £435,318). Expenditure for the year was £476,398 (2020: £375,210).

The large increase in expenditure was due to the CCT project which cost £115,286 during the year. As mentioned, we did fundraise specifically for this project and this income of £99k was spent during the year and we contributed a further £16k from our reserves to cover the remaining costs.

The result for the year was a deficit of £23,186 (2020 surplus: £60,108), which, combined with our funds brought forward, gives us total funds of £261,997 at 31 March 2021. Out of these funds, £49,518 are restricted for specific purposes set by the donors. The trustees have decided to designate funds of £60,000, made up of grants received in March 2021, for the drop-in and advice service in the 2021/22 financial year to give some financial stability to the service.

Reserves policy

In common with other charitable organisations of a similar size, we rely on our funders to provide the finances which enable the organisation to operate. While we believe that our service delivery meets all the requirements of current funders, we cannot assume that such funding will continue (and in some cases, our funders specifically state this) and we are constantly attempting to ensure that adequate funding is in place. While this has not so far been a problem, the directors and trustees consider it appropriate to ensure that we are able to continue the service in the event of a funding hiatus. We would estimate that an unrestricted reserve of a minimum of three months' expenditure is necessary for this purpose and for the year under review such reserves would be a minimum of £119,000.

The directors consider that the charity's reserves will enhance the services provided and provide financial security for the future. The reserves held in unrestricted funds, which have not been designated or invested in fixed assets, at 31 March 2021 were £149,976 (2020: £102,691), therefore adequately meeting our reserves requirements.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 14 November 2007 and registered as a charity on 17 January 2008. The company's operations are governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 14 November 2007.

Recruitment and appointment of directors/trustees

The directors of the company are also the charity's trustees for the purposes of charity law.

The number of directors shall not be less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.

The directors have no beneficial interest in the company other than as members and all guarantee to contribute up to £10 in the event of winding up.

As set out in the Articles of Association, one third of the directors shall retire by rotation at each annual general meeting. No paid employee is eligible to serve as a director or trustee.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees are initially provided with copies of the Memorandum and Articles of association together with the most recent annual report. All trustees continue to maintain a good working knowledge of charity and company law and best practice by studying the Charity Commission newsletters and attending appropriate external courses. The

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trustees aim to maintain a broad spectrum of specialised abilities and experience on the board, thus enhancing the ongoing successful operation of the organisation.

Organisation

The trustees are responsible for the development and operation of the charity and day to day tasks are delegated to the senior management team.

Pay policy for staff

Staff remuneration reflects appropriate skills level in National Joint Council salary levels and includes Inner London weighting.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees (who are also directors of Hackney Migrant Centre for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 charitable company will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company 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 special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY



HANNAH MCCONNACHIE – CHAIR

23 MARCH 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HACKNEY MIGRANT CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Respective responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (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 the 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).

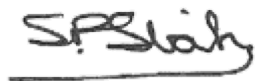
Independent examiner's statement

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.

The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales.



SAMIR SHAH – CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
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23 MARCH 2022

Hackney Migrant Centre

Statement of financial activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2020 Total £
Income from:									
Grants, donations and legacies	2	178,577	-	268,295	446,872	167,786	-	263,279	431,065
Other income	3	6,340	-	-	6,340	4,253	-	-	4,253
Total income		184,917	-	268,295	453,212	172,039	-	263,279	435,318
Expenditure on:									
Raising funds	4	31,950	-	-	31,950	24,619	-	-	24,619
Charitable activities									
Drop-in and Advice Service	4	22,888	82,502	81,450	186,840	97,293	30,002	53,500	180,795
Moving out of Hardship	4	-	-	106,308	106,308	-	-	104,438	104,438
Grants for Individuals	4	-	-	26,056	26,056	-	-	56,138	56,138
Hardship fund	4	-	-	3,327	3,327	2,000	-	6,619	8,619
ECF	4	-	-	6,631	6,631	-	-	369	369
Covid-19 and Collective Care Team	4	22,794	-	92,492	115,286	-	-	48	48
Campaigns	4	-	-	-	-	184	-	-	184
Total expenditure		77,632	82,502	316,264	476,398	124,096	30,002	221,112	375,210
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		107,285	(82,502)	(47,969)	(23,186)	47,943	(30,002)	42,167	60,108
Transfers between funds		(60,000)	60,000	-	-	(80,000)	80,000	-	-
Net movement in funds		47,285	(22,502)	(47,969)	(23,186)	(32,057)	49,998	42,167	60,108
Reconciliation of funds:									
Total funds brought forward		102,691	85,005	97,487	285,183	134,748	35,007	55,320	225,075
Total funds carried forward		149,976	62,503	49,518	261,997	102,691	85,005	97,487	285,183

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 17 to the financial statements.

Hackney Migrant Centre

Balance sheet

Company no. 06426744

As at 31 March 2021

	Note	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
Fixed assets:					
Tangible assets	11		2,502		5,005
			2,502		5,005
Current assets:					
Debtors	12	470		2,280	
Cash at bank and in hand		275,827		290,305	
		276,297		292,585	
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	16,802		12,407	
Net current assets / (liabilities)			259,495		280,178
Total assets less current liabilities			261,997		285,183
Total net assets / (liabilities)			261,997		285,183
The funds of the charity:	19				
Restricted funds			49,518		97,487
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds		62,503		85,005	
General funds		149,976		102,691	
Total unrestricted funds			212,479		187,696
Total charity funds			261,997		285,183

In preparing these financial statements:

For the financial year ended 31st March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period and of its profit or loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 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 the small companies' regime.

These accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors and Trustees on 23 March 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Hannah McConnachie
Chair of Trustees

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

b) Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

c) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

d) Income

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

The 'grants, donations and legacies' heading on the Statement of Financial Activities includes unrestricted grants and donations, given in general to the organisation and restricted grants and donations which are given for specific elements of our work.

For legacies, entitlement is taken when a distribution is received from the estate. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

e) Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised so refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

f) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

g) Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

h) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

~ Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs

~ Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

i) Allocation of support costs

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. However, the cost of overall direction and administration of each activity, comprising the salary and overhead costs of the central function, is apportioned to the Moving out of Hardship project where the budget allows and the balance to the Drop-In Centre activities, where the bulk of our resources are used. The Hardship Fund and the Grants for Individuals are co-ordinated mainly by volunteers.

j) Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

k) Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500. Depreciation costs are allocated to activities on the basis of the use of the related assets in those activities. Assets are reviewed for impairment if circumstances indicate their carrying value may exceed their net realisable value and value in use.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

~ Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment 4 years

l) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

m) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

n) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

o) Pensions

The charity pays employer contributions to defined contribution pension schemes.

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2 Income from grants, donations and legacies

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<i>Trusts and Foundations</i>				
AB Charitable Trust			-	20,000
Allen & Overy Foundation			-	10,000
Charles S. French Charitable Trust			-	1,500
Choose Love		18,000	18,000	-
Churches Together Hampstead		3,000	3,000	-
East End Community Foundation : East End Emergency Fund		6,000	6,000	-
Hackney Parochial Charities		12,500	12,500	10,000
London Catalyst		2,000	2,000	2,000
London Community Response Fund		18,425	18,425	-
London Legal Support Trust			-	5,000
Margaret Hayman Charitable Trust			-	4,400
MSN Fund		13,200	13,200	-
Respond and Adapt Programme		30,000	30,000	-
Sisters of the Holy Cross			-	25,000
Society of the Holy Child Jesus	20,000		20,000	20,000
Souter Charitable Trust		3,000	3,000	3,000
South Hackney Parochial Charity		5,500	5,500	2,000
Southall Trust	1,000		1,000	1,000
Stoke Newington Relief in Need			-	1,000
The Blue Moon Trust	20,000		20,000	-
The Charity of Sir Richard Whittington	34,000		34,000	30,000
The Mbili Charitable Trust		2,000	2,000	-
The National Lottery Community Fund		105,004	105,004	101,234
The Robert Gavron Charitable Trust			-	1,000
Trust for London Trustee Distribution Fund	7,500		7,500	7,500
Tudor Trust			-	30,000
West Hackney Parochial Charity		5,000	5,000	5,000
Anonymous and other small grants		4,350	4,350	12,800
	82,500	227,979	310,479	292,434
<i>Grants for Individuals</i>				
Hackney Parochial Charities	-	527	527	2,599
Heinz, Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation	-	28,065	28,065	43,030
Mary Strand Trust	-	-	-	500
Methodist Church Fund for Human Need	-	160	160	70
Other small grants	-	749	749	550
	-	29,501	29,501	46,749
<i>Community Supporters</i>	10,761	315	11,076	22,571
<i>Individual Donations</i>	81,345	10,500	91,845	58,757
<i>Fundraising</i>	3,971		3,971	10,554
	178,577	268,295	446,872	431,066

3 Other income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Earned income	4,748	-	4,748	4,253
Government covid support (furlough and SSP)	1,592		1,592	
	6,340	-	6,340	4,253

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4 Analysis of expenditure

	Charitable activities										
	Cost of raising funds	Drop-In and Advice Service	Moving out of Hardship	Hardship Fund	Grants for Individuals	Campaigns	ECF	Covid-19 and CCT	Support costs	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff salaries (Note 7)	30,984	102,421	28,825				3,660	16,876	44,790	227,556	150,966
Other staff costs		575							255	830	
Project partners' costs			64,790							64,790	59,163
Legal advisors		18,460								18,460	32,187
Interpreting and other direct costs		7,563								7,563	2,226
Grants for individuals					26,056					26,056	56,138
Hardship fund - grants				3,074						3,074	7,530
Hardship fund - emergency accommodation				252						252	1,089
CCT purchases								96,598		96,598	48
Evaluation and monitoring										-	3,265
Other direct costs			160							160	2,504
Rent & storage for Drop-In centre		1,575								1,575	15,650
Volunteer and intern expenses		106								106	4,346
Food and kitchen supplies		43								43	3,772
Drop-In centre running costs		3,530								3,530	4,914
Drop-In centre moving costs										-	639
Working from home costs		1,374								1,374	-
Fundraising	966									966	2,128
Database development										-	500
Office rent									7,922	7,922	7,866
Internet									379	379	565
Office equipment and supplies									134	134	1,847
Finance and admin									6,326	6,326	6,941
Insurance									870	870	902
Subscriptions and membership	-	686							907	1,593	703
Website redevelopment									-	-	1,939
Other expenses									1,509	1,509	2,716
Trustee expenses									-	-	90
AGM and Annual Report									400	400	874
Independent Examiner's fee									1,830	1,830	1,200
Depreciation									2,502	2,502	2,502
	31,950	136,333	93,775	3,326	26,056	-	3,660	113,474	67,824	476,398	375,210
Support costs	-	50,507	12,534	-	-	-	2,971	1,812	(67,824)	-	-
Total expenditure 2021	31,950	186,840	106,309	3,326	26,056	-	6,631	115,286	-	476,398	
Total expenditure 2020	24,619	180,795	104,438	8,619	56,138	184	369	48	-		375,210

Of the total expenditure, £77,632 is unrestricted (2020: £124,096), £82,502 designated (2020: £30,002) and £316,264 restricted (2020: £221,112).

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5 Grant making

We grant small amounts of cash, usually £10 or £20 to visitors to our Drop-In centre, known as Hardship grants which cover emergency costs they may have such as food, travel and personal care items. Each grant is assessed on an individual basis and the visitor signs a receipt confirming they have received it. Grants are paid from our restricted Hardship Fund, which is funded by grants and donations specifically earmarked for the purpose.

We also apply for grants on behalf of visitors to our centre which we pass on to them.

During 2020/21, we received 178 grants (2020: 308) totalling £29,501 (2020: £46,749) for our visitors. The grants received are kept in a separate bank account to the rest of the organisation's cash. The grants are received and paid to the individuals usually within 2 weeks of receipt, therefore the balance on this fund carried forward will be paid subsequently. In the rare occasion that we cannot subsequently contact the grant recipient, then the funds are paid back to the grantor. The grants were received from the following organisations:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Catholic Women's League	-	250
Hackney Parochial Charities	527	2,599
Heinz, Anna & Carol Kroch Foundation	28,065	43,030
Hornsey Parochial Charities	170	-
Mary Strand Trust	-	500
Methodist Church Fund for Human Need	160	70
Sheila Hind Trust	-	100
The Nawaal Fund	-	200
West Hackney Parochial Charity	579	-
	<u>29,501</u>	<u>46,749</u>

6 Net incoming resources for the year

This is stated after charging / crediting:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation	2,502	2,502
Loss or profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Operating lease rentals:		
Property	7,922	7,866
Independent Examiners' remuneration	1,830	1,200
	<u>12,254</u>	<u>11,568</u>

7 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Salaries and wages	180,940	128,357
Temporary staff cover	18,793	4,000
Social security costs	13,356	8,805
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	14,467	9,804
	227,556	150,966

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year (2020: nil).

The total employee benefits including pension contributions of the key management personnel were £91,403 (2020: £75,541). The increase is due to additional management support due to Covid.

The charity trustees were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the charity in the year (2020: £nil). No charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity (2020: £nil). No trustee claimed travel expenses in 2020 or 2021.

8 Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was as follows:

	Full Time Equivalent		Average Head Count	
	2021 No.	2020 No.	2021 No.	2020 No.
Raising funds	0.8	0.7	1.0	0.7
Charitable activities	3.7	2.1	6.8	3.0
Support and governance	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2
	5.5	3.9	9.0	4.8

9 Related party transactions

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties. There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

10 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings and computer equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At the start of the year	15,592	15,592
Additions in year	-	-
Disposals in year	-	-
At the end of the year	15,592	15,592
Depreciation		
At the start of the year	10,588	10,588
Charge for the year	2,502	2,502
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
At the end of the year	13,090	13,090
Net book value		
At the end of the year	2,502	2,502
At the start of the year	5,004	5,004

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

12 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Grants and donations receivable	112	1,930
Other debtors	358	-
Deposit	-	350
	470	2,280

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	1,109	1,811
Taxation and social security	6,006	1,630
Accruals	9,226	9,038
Deferred income	-	-
Other creditors	461	(72)
	16,802	12,407

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14 Deferred income

Deferred income this year represents fundraised income received in advance of the event. Previous years deferred income represents grants received in advance.

	2021 £	2020 £
Balance at the beginning of the year	-	415
Amount released to income in the year	-	(415)
Amount deferred in the year		
Balance at the end of the year	-	-

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets		62,503		62,503
Net current assets	149,976	-	49,518	199,494
Net assets	149,976	62,503	49,518	261,997

16 Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)

	General unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets		85,005		85,005
Net current assets	102,691	-	97,487	200,178
Net assets	102,691	85,005	97,487	285,183

17 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £10.

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18 Movements in funds

	At the start of the year	Incoming resources & gains	Outgoing resources & losses	Transfers	At the end of the year
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
<i>Drop-In and Advice Service</i>					
Charles S. French Charitable Trust	1,000		(1,000)		-
Hackney Parochial Charities	8,000	10,000	(8,000)		10,000
MSN Fund	-	13,200	(13,200)		-
Respond and Adapt Programme	-	13,250	(13,250)		-
Sisters of the Holy Cross	25,000	-	(25,000)		-
Souter Charitable Trust	1,000	-	(1,000)		-
South Hackney Parochial Charity	-	3,000			3,000
Tudor Trust	15,000	-	(15,000)		-
West Hackney Parochial Charity	2,500	5,000	(2,500)		5,000
<i>Access to Justice: Exceptional Case Funding Project</i>					
London Legal Support Trust	4,631		(4,631)		-
Individual donation	2,000		(2,000)		-
<i>Moving Out of Hardship</i>					
The National Lottery Community Fund - Moving out of Hardship	21,316	105,004	(106,308)		20,012
<i>Grants for Individuals</i>	1,411	29,501	(26,056)		4,856
<i>Covid-19 Emergency Response and Collective Care Team</i>					
Anonymous grant		3,000	(3,000)		-
Choose Love		18,000	(18,000)		-
Churches Together Hampstead		3,000	(3,000)		-
East End Community Foundation: East End		6,000	(6,000)		-
Emergency Fund					
Hackney Parochial Charities		2,500	(2,500)		-
Individual and community donations	8,472	10,125	(18,597)		-
London Catalyst - Samaritan grant			(720)	720	-
London Community Response Fund		18,425	(18,425)		-
Respond and Adapt Programme		16,750	(16,750)		-
Souter Charitable Trust		3,000	(3,000)		-
South Hackney Parochial Charity		2,500	(2,500)		-
Tesco Community Grants		500	(500)		-
The Mbili Charitable Trust		2,000	(2,000)		-
<i>Hardship Fund</i>					
Hardship Fund	6,437	690	(2,477)		4,650
London Catalyst - Samaritan grant	720	2,000	-	(720)	2,000
London Churches Refugee Fund	-	850	(850)		-
Total restricted funds	97,487	268,295	(316,264)	-	49,518
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds:					
Fixed assets	5,005		(2,502)		2,503
Drop-in and advice service	80,000		(80,000)	60,000	60,000
Total designated funds	85,005	-	(82,502)	60,000	62,503
General funds	102,691	184,917	(77,632)	(60,000)	149,976
Total unrestricted funds	187,696	184,917	(160,134)	-	212,479
Total funds	285,183	453,212	(476,398)	-	261,997

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19 Movements in funds (prior year)

	At the start of the year £	Incoming resources & gains £	Outgoing resources & losses £	Transfers £	At the end of the year £
Restricted funds:					
<i>Drop-In Centre</i>					
Charles S. French Charitable Trust		1,500	(500)		1,000
Hackney Parochial Charities	-	10,000	(2,000)		8,000
MSN Fund	5,000	-	(5,000)		-
Sisters of the Holy Cross		25,000			25,000
Souter Charitable Trust		3,000	(3,000)		-
South Hackney Parochial Charity	-	2,000	(1,000)		1,000
Trust for London	-	7,500	(7,500)		-
Tudor Trust	15,000	30,000	(30,000)		15,000
West Hackney Parochial Charity	-	5,000	(2,500)		2,500
<i>Access to Justice: Exceptional Case Funding Project</i>					
London Legal Support Trust		5,000	(369)		4,631
Individual donation		2,000			2,000
<i>Moving Out of Hardship</i>					
The National Lottery Community Fund - Moving out of Hardship	24,520	101,234	(104,438)		21,316
<i>Grants for Individuals</i>	10,800	46,749	(56,138)		1,411
<i>Covid-19 Emergency Response and Collective Care Team</i>					
Individual donations		8,520	(48)		8,472
<i>Hardship Fund</i>					
Hardship Fund	-	10,376	(3,939)		6,437
Leach Fourteenth		500	(500)		-
London Catalyst - Samaritan grant	-	2,000	(1,280)		720
London Churches Refugee Fund	-	1,400	(1,400)		-
Stoke Newington Relief in Need		1,000	(1,000)		-
The Mbili Charitable Trust		500	(500)		-
Total restricted funds	55,320	263,279	(221,112)	-	97,487
Unrestricted funds:					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
Staff costs	27,500	-	(27,500)		-
Fixed assets	7,507		(2,502)		5,005
Drop-in service 2020/21				80,000	80,000
Total designated funds	35,007	-	(30,002)	80,000	85,005
<i>General funds</i>	134,748	172,039	(124,096)	(80,000)	102,691
Total unrestricted funds	169,755	172,039	(154,097)	-	187,695
Total funds	225,074	435,318	(375,209)	-	285,183

Purpose of Restricted and Designated Funds 2020/21:

Drop-In Centre

All grants received for the Drop-In Centre were towards general running costs of the service, with the exception of **Tudor Trust**, which is towards salary costs for the Director of Services' post.

Access to Justice: Exceptional Case Funding Project

This project supports visitors to our advice service to make Exceptional Case Funding (ECF) applications to access legal aid in order to make applications to regularise immigration status, apply to renew Limited Leave to Remain, apply for fee waivers and access legal assistance for British Citizenship registration applications and Indefinite Leave to Remain.

Moving Out of Hardship

National Lottery Community Fund- Moving out of Hardship - funding for our "Moving Out of Hardship" project, which is carried out in partnership with Coram Children's Legal Centre and Haringey Migrant Support Centre.

Covid-19 Emergency Response and Collective Care Team

Donations and grants received following an emergency appeal in March 2020, to cover immediate needs for visitors left without other support during the pandemic and other needs arising from the closure of face-to-face provision. The Collective Care Team has distributed food, phone credit and other necessities throughout the crisis.

Grants for individuals

Grants received from the organisations listed in note 5 to be passed on to individual visitors.

Hardship Fund

Hardship Fund - donations and gift aid received for our Hardship Fund which pays out small grants or pays for emergency accommodation to individuals in need

London Catalyst Samaritan Grant - for hardship payments to visitors

London Churches Refugee Fund - for hardship payments to visitors

Designated Funds

Fixed Assets - the net book value of the fixed assets has been transferred to a designated fund from which the depreciation will be expensed each year over the useful life of the assets.

Drop-in and advice service - the trustees have designated these funds, made up of grants received in March 2021, for use in our Drop-in and Advice Service in the next financial year, to cover staff costs, running costs and legal advice costs, to ensure that this service can operate effectively.