



Established: 2007 - Registered Charity 2008 (Charity Number 1124725)

SUMMARY REPORT

Ileys Community Association

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Ileys Community Association (ICA) was borne out of the collective will of the local Easter African Community (Somali community) to address these issues and provide tailored services for the community. ICA Community is based within the Soho/Victoria Ward in the town of Smethwick in the Borough of Sandwell, West Midlands. This part of Sandwell is one of the most deprived areas of UK... 55.9% of Smethwick's population are from ethnic. Most of the local BME lives within this area

ICA is led by Somalis but is not an exclusively Somali organisation. We are supporting service users from African diaspora and migrants from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Eastern Europe, and the South Asian communities to access services which help progression, integration, and resettlement into Sandwell community environment.

In 2018, ICA secured a 10-year lease at peppercorn rent for Victoria Park Skill Centre from Sandwell Council. In 2023, ICA's Lease extended 25 year because recognition of the contribution ICA makes to strengthen the communities in Sandwell and Birmingham

ICA has been delivering one to one and (family) group support sometimes using more than one support person as members may find it more comfortable to speak alone and explore issues and accept gentle challenges to their perspectives as a community centre

Ileys Community Association has been supporting people in the local community for ten years. Much of their work helps new arrivals in the UK to develop English

language and employability skills, but they also support children and young people as part of their holistic support to families.

ICA' Staff and volunteers invite new contacts and arrivals to meet them for an initial assessment at the centre. Staff & Volunteer speaks 7 languages. This allows them to:

- Understand their specific needs.
- Provide them with advice relating to benefits and income.
- Provide English language courses with crèche support.
- Provide other training relating to employment skills.
- Signpost them to other helpful services.

This approach gains them a high level of credibility and strong relationships with the individuals and families they support.

Our service and support is a lifeline disadvantage and low income people where people impacted by cost of living crisis, challenged by lack of disposable income, and experiencing severe poverty feel able to approach us without fear of being judged. We fill service gaps by bring services to local people rather than service users self-navigating access to local services and vocational training provisions. Our purpose built centre offers clean rooms, logistics, timely access to local services delivered by partner agencies, and childcare provision. Whilst accessing our array of local services staff and volunteers with lived migration experiences also crucially offer additional support to service users in formats of being a listening ear, encouraging and facilitating communication between service user and service providers. English is not always their first language, and too often service users do not have the confidence to talk openly with professionals' better position to support and alleviate their individual concerns.

ICA works collaboratively with many partners in ways which enables all parties to use their unique competence to produce great value and outcomes for service users. Our role is to not only be a direct delivery of services, but also a conduit enabling services users access to local services ensuring they are designed with local people in mind. We support service users by signposting them to other services ensuring the expert partner imparts value in delivery of its package of services

To deliver our projects and services that reach local people throughout Sandwell and Birmingham communities we work alongside the following partner agencies:

- Sandwell Consortium (Network -alongside 10 other organisations)
- Sandwell council
- Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)
- Black Country NHS Trust - Trained 2 Ileys staff and 2 volunteer to become Mental Health Coaches

- Brushstrokes Community Project – Home Office EU Settlement Project covering immigration issues.
- Family Links – Provider delivering parenting courses to our service users.
- Relax Care – Employer providing care work vacancies to our service users
- Yemeni Community Association in Sandwell Limited – Female Genital Mutilation project.
- Rights & Equality Sandwell working with how to promote equality diversity and inclusion
- Sandwell -Multi-Faith community forum working integration and cohesion
- Smethwick Pakistan Muslim Association Working health eating and health cooking.
- African French Speaking Community Support (AFSCS) working with young people in terms of sports and skills development programme that encourages young people to develop their sporting passion into career path aspirations
- Warwick Medical School |University of Warwick working with awareness for Cardiac arrest and CPR
- Community Connexions working with mental health and health check such as children Dailies





Ileys Community Association was set up with the objective of offering the community a thorough referral service which helps service recipient's access mainstream service delivery in areas of housing, health, education, employment, volunteering, wellbeing, and advocacy. We also aim to promote community cohesion and assist the smooth integration of recent immigrants from Africa and other migrant communities into British society

Our support services include:

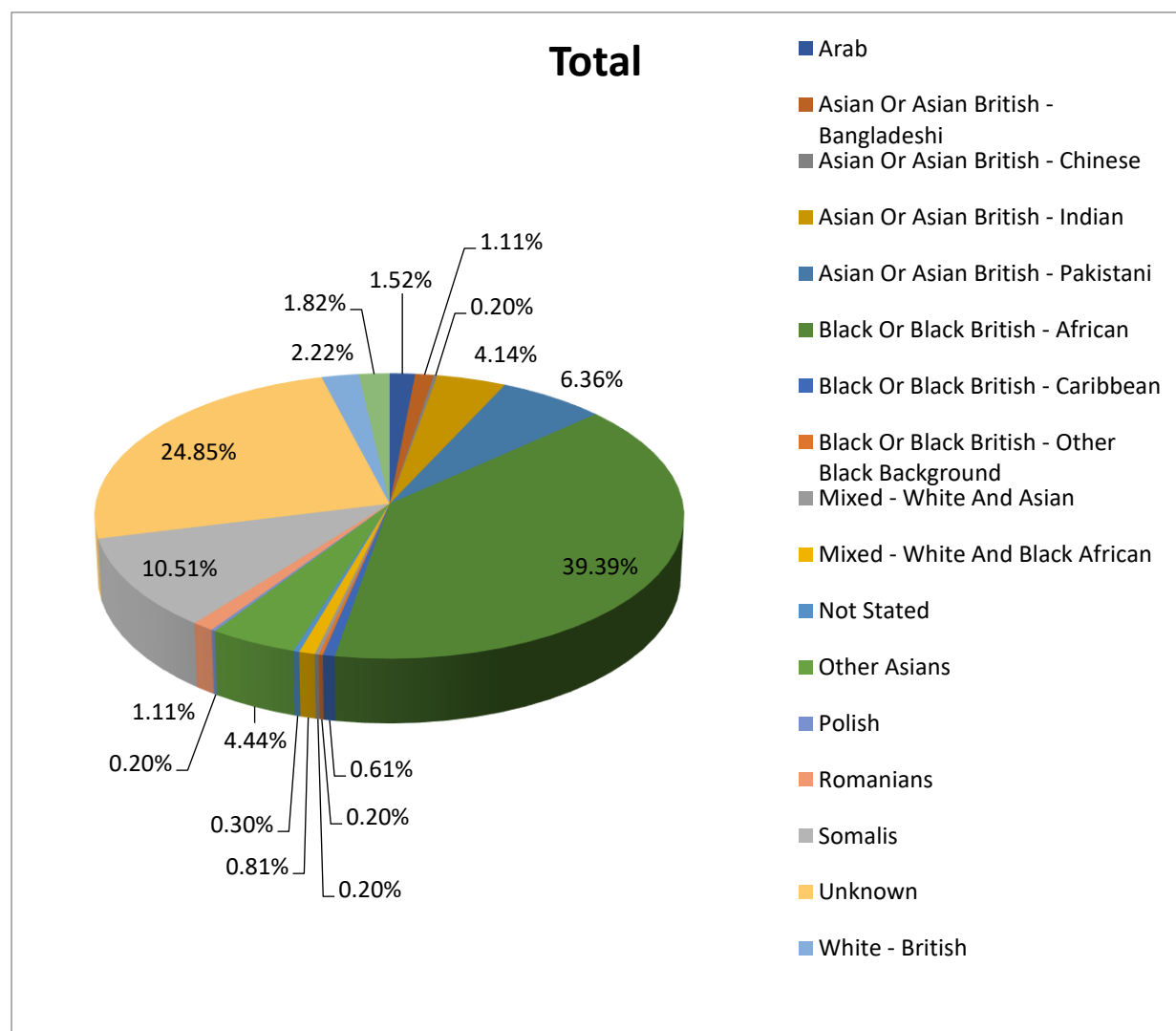
- Advice & Guidance: Welfare Rights benefits, Council Tax; Housing, Debt and EU Settlement in UK
- Employment Support & Connecting Skills' to enhance employment prospects increase self-confidence
- Courses: English learning (ESOL and Functional skill), Digital & IT courses. Some classes we provide a crèche, to maximise support & attendance of parents.
- Parent Nurturing Programme
- Advocacy Support Work supporting parents and young people navigate social services, schools, health services and the Criminal Justice system to secure better outcomes for the families and children

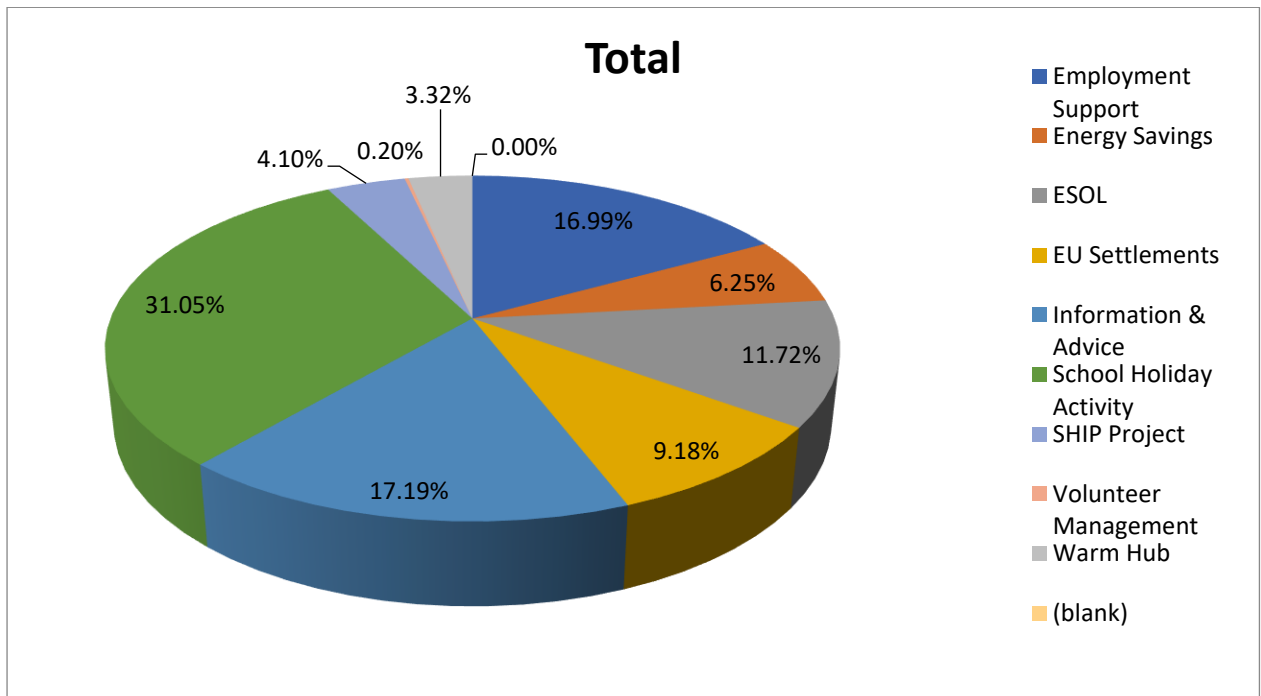
- Health well-being support: Mental Health Counselling Support, Health check and health eating
- Physical Activities: Zumba. Traditional Dance (Women Only) and walking

- Youth and Sports Activities connecting youths from diverse migrant
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- School Holiday Activities (HAF) & After School care
- Sign posting Service
- To provide a translating and interpreting service
- After School club: Home work session
- Weekend Activities such as: Cultural Events and Support Groups, Events, Family celebrations the centre is also used by different religious groups for their weekly gathering/service.

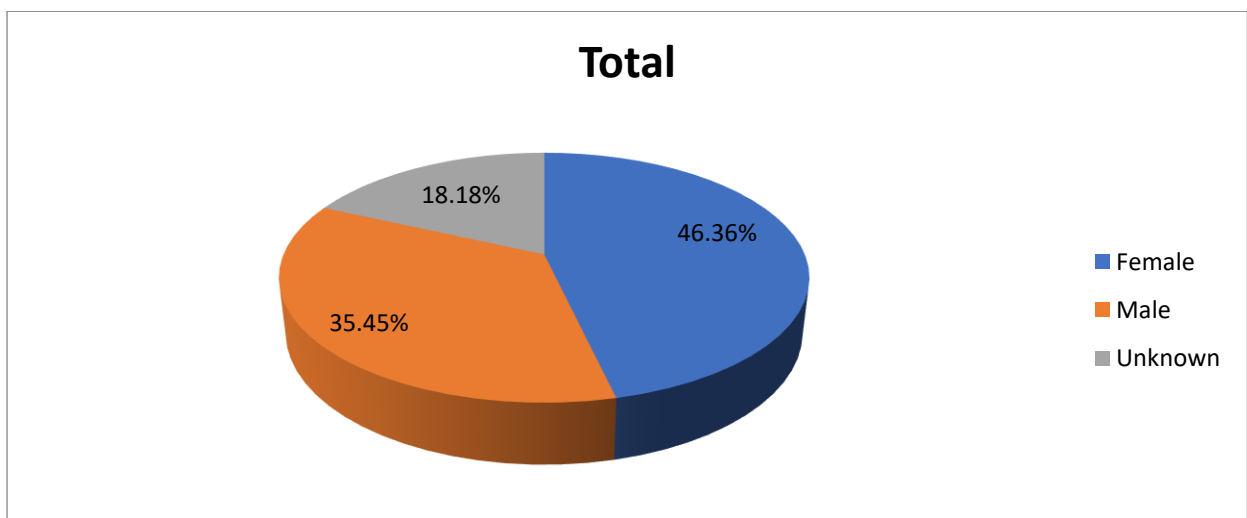
According our Database (Charity log) from 1.4.2022- 31.3.2023, ICA has over 20,000 visitors per year, and we are well known for providing support more than 35 different languages with 18 different ethnicity..... 65% are women

ETHNICITY GROUP





Count of Gender	
Female	46.36%
Male	35.45%
Unknown	18.18%
Grand Total	100.00%



We deliver services without any attached timescales, in community languages understood by the migrant Diasporas, and at a pace conducive to help meeting address these communities immediate, short, and long term needs. We have learnt the importance of adapting delivery of courses and service provision so that they align with local communities' culture needs. This approach secures engagement and effective results with people who others say are hard to reach, support, or develop.

Our strengths also lie with maintaining strong credibility with local communities. People feel able to approach us for support without fear of being judged and will turn up in high numbers to access services or attend training/ community event. We have a large spacious building which makes it easy to deliver accessible community services overseen by a large committed staff and dedicated bank of volunteers

Local people are involved on our work by volunteering their time as advice workers, running youth activities, coffee mornings and physical activities (Zumba), and tutoring children and young people in Arabic and Somalian languages. Volunteers also act as weekend caretakers opening and closing community building facilities for external provider usage.

Feedback and Consultation : Others have a say in how services are developed and improved by regularly participating in consultation exercises using video recordings, in-person discussion focus groups, or completing surveys. We consulted more than 30 service users regarding advice and coffee morning who fed back:

Ms X said Without Ileys: 'I wouldn't survive' 'My days would be longer and harder'. 'Life would be difficult'. 'We would have no community or local services'. 'I stay at home and feel lonely'.

Mr Y Said Currently: 'Energy bills are killing me'. 'It's tough to put food on the table and this is causing me stress and anxiety'. 'Stressed as its difficult to make money stretch right now'. I look forward to coming to the centre because: 'I can access services, socialise, and meet friends. 'I love the atmosphere'. 'Staff is helpful and friendly'. 'I feel safe'.

Illeys CA have been funded and /or supported & worked in partnership with



	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Funds Total 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Incoming resources					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Voluntary					
Income		48,177	-	48,177	24,326
Sports Project & Donation		2,891	16,305	19,196	-
Activities for generating funds		75,953	19,949	95,902	127,263
<i>Incoming resources from charitable activities</i>		-	35,490	35,490	60,209
Total incoming resources		127,021	71,744	198,765	211,798
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>					
Costs of generating voluntary income		1,000	-	1,000	-
<i>Costs of charitable activities</i>		71,229	34,066	105,295	117,856
<i>Governance costs</i>	5	42,753	32,346	75,099	124,675
Total resources expended		114,982	66,412	181,394	242,531
Net incoming resources/(net outgoing resources)					
before transfers between funds		12,039	5,332	17,371	(30,733)
Net incoming resources/(net outgoing resources) before					
Other recognised gains and losses		12,039	5,332	17,371	(30,733)
Other recognised gains and losses					
Net movement in funds		12,039	5,332	17,371	(30,733)
Reconciliation of funds					
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>		16,231	48,141	64,372	(88,232)
Total Funds carried forward		28,270	53,473	81,743	(118,965)

**Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	198,765	211,798
Direct costs of turnover	106,295	117,856
Gross surplus	<u>92,470</u>	<u>93,942</u>
Governance costs	75,099	124,675
Operating surplus/(deficit)	<u>17,371</u>	<u>(30,733)</u>
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities before tax	<u>17,371</u>	<u>(30,733)</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the financial year	<u>17,371</u>	<u>(30,733)</u>
Gift Aid Payments	-	-
Retained surplus/(deficit) for the financial year	<u>17,371</u>	<u>(30,733)</u>

**Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

	2023	2022
Excess of Expenditure over income before realisation of assets	<u>17,371</u>	<u>(30,733)</u>
Loss per Profit and Loss account	17,371	(30,733)
Net Movement in funds before taxation	<u>17,371</u>	<u>(30,733)</u>

**Movements in revenue and capital
funds
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

Revenue accumulated funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last year Total Funds
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £
Accumulated funds brought forward	40,632	48,141	88,773	6,240

Recognised gains and losses before transfers	12,039	5,332	17,371	(30,733)
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	52,671	53,473	106,144	(24,493)
Closing revenue accumulated funds	52,671	53,473	106,144	(24,493)

Designated revenue funds	Total Funds	Last year Total Funds
	2023	2022
	£	£
At 1 April	-	81,992
At 31 March	-	81,992

Summary of funds	Designated Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Last Year Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
Revenue accumulated funds	-	52,671	53,473	106,144	(24,493)
Revenue designated funds	-	-	-	-	81,992
Total funds	-	52,671	53,473	106,144	57,499

ILEYS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2023

Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<i>The assets and liabilities of the charity :</i>		
Fixed assets		
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	17,374	64,372
Net current assets	17,374	64,372
Total assets less current liabilities	17,374	64,372
Creditors:-		
amounts due after more than one year	-	-

Net assets including pension asset / liability

17,374

64,372

The funds of the charity :

Unrestricted income funds

Unrestricted revenue accumulated funds

- 40,632

-

Net revenue funds

17,371

24,401

Unrestricted capital funds

Designated fixed asset funds

-

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Restricted revenue accumulated funds

-

48,141

Total charity funds

17,371

64,372



Mr Ahamed Sirad

Trustee

Approved by the trustees on 21 January 2024

ILEYS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Schedule to the Statement of Financial
Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Period Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	Funds	
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources				
Donations				
Grants, legacies and donations				
Sports Project & Donation	(2,891)	(16,305)	(19,196)	-
Other voluntary income				
Census	-	-	-	3,920
Sponsorship income	48,177	-	48,177	20,406
Total other voluntary income	48,177	-	48,177	24,326
Total Voluntary Income	48,177	-	48,177	24,326
Activities for generating funds				
National Express	-	-	-	10,000
Reaching Community	-	-	-	68,255
Lloyds Foundation	25,000	-	25,000	-
Walsall Council	4,484	-	4,484	-
Murray Hall & National Grid Community	-	19,949	19,949	10,896
Sandwell Consortium	19,262	-	19,262	25,487
Innovation SCVO	27,207	-	27,207	12,625
Total of activities for generating funds	75,953	19,949	95,902	127,263
Incoming resources from charitable activities				
HMRC JRS Grant	-	-	-	12,088
Sandwell Council	-	35,490	35,490	20,523
Award for All Sport	-	-	-	8,910
EU Settlement	-	-	-	3,932
ESF	-	-	-	14,756
charitable activities	-	35,490	35,490	60,209
Total Incoming Resources	124,130	55,439	179,569	211,798
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income				
Cost of fundraising activities	1,000	-	1,000	-
Total costs of generating voluntary income	1,000	-	1,000	-

Charitable expenditure

Employers' NI - Charitable activities	4,927	1,850	6,777	-
Salaries,pensions & NI recharged to other organisations	2,550	1,696	4,246	-
Volunteers' Costs	2,200	2,300	4,500	3,500
Tutor Costs	4,300	3,240	7,540	13,079
Event Cost	5,500	4,000	9,500	4,400
Marketing and publicity	1,516	-	1,516	3,045
	20,993	13,086	34,079	24,024

Employee costs:

Training and welfare	2,000	1,900	3,900	4,320
	2,000	1,900	3,900	4,320

Premises Costs

Rates, water and service charges	2,580	-	2,580	2,559
Insurance	800	-	800	765
Light and heat	13,196	-	13,196	14,226
Premises repairs and renewals	3,800	4,750	8,550	34,720
	20,376	4,750	25,126	52,270

General administrative expenses:

Telephone and fax	4,200	2,900	7,100	4,716
Stationery and printing	1,346	3,300	4,646	6,414
Petty Cash	3,814	1,200	5,014	-
Information and publications	-	-	-	4,800
Database	3,000	-	3,000	1,187
Equipment expenses	1,600	-	1,600	7,900
Subscription	1,500	1,300	2,800	-
Advertising and PR	3,000	1,700	4,700	-
Other costs	1,500	250	1,750	3,565
	19,960	10,650	30,610	28,582

Professional fees in support of charitable activities

Accountancy fees other than examiners/auditors	3,200	1,080	4,280	2,360
Consultancy fees	1,500	900	2,400	2,700
CBR Check	1,200	300	1,500	1,100
	5,900	2,280	8,180	6,160

Other support costs

Monitoring and Evaluating	2,000	1,400	3,400	2,500
	2,000	1,400	3,400	2,500

Total Support costs	71,229	34,066	105,295	117,856
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Total Expended on Charitable Activities	71,229	34,066	105,295	117,856
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Governance costs that are not direct management functions inherent in generating funds, service delivery and programme or project work (including management and administration costs)

Specific governance costs

Salaries - Administrative staff	41,749	31,636	73,385	113,051
Pension Contributions - administrative staff	-	-	-	4,750
Employers' NI - Administrative staff	1,004	710	1,714	6,874
Total governance costs	42,753	32,346	75,099	124,675