

Company no. 05669208
Charity no. 1126646

Bristol Refugee Rights
Report and Financial Statements
31 March 2025

Bristol Refugee Rights

Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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Registered office and operational address	Wellspring Settlement 43 Ducie Road Lawrence Hill Bristol BS5 0AX																						
Trustees	<p>Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>Richard Asangmbe</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Kirill Babeev (Chair)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Shamin Baloo</td><td>Appointed 10 October 2024</td></tr><tr><td>Mano Candappa</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Natasha Carver (Vice Chair)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Elise Ford</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Caroline Jowett-Ive</td><td>Appointed 10 October 2024</td></tr><tr><td>Henry Logan (Treasurer)</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Kenneth Macharia</td><td>Resigned 10 October 2024</td></tr><tr><td>Chloe Milloy</td><td>Resigned 10 October 2024</td></tr><tr><td>Irene Zikusoka</td><td></td></tr></table>	Richard Asangmbe		Kirill Babeev (Chair)		Shamin Baloo	Appointed 10 October 2024	Mano Candappa		Natasha Carver (Vice Chair)		Elise Ford		Caroline Jowett-Ive	Appointed 10 October 2024	Henry Logan (Treasurer)		Kenneth Macharia	Resigned 10 October 2024	Chloe Milloy	Resigned 10 October 2024	Irene Zikusoka	
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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and administrative information forms part of this report. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the FRS102.

Chair's report

This has been a year of profound change for Bristol Refugee Rights. Like so many in our sector, we have faced many challenges, from closure of three unfunded services, to the changing fundraising landscape and ongoing uncertainty of the national and international political climate affecting the refugee and asylum seeker sector.

Despite these challenges, in 2024-25 we supported 1,819 people, with 92.3% of members rating our services as "Very Good." Additionally, we continued our collaboration with BRASP partners across the city, as part of the important work of this strategic alliance.

One of the most difficult decisions we faced this year was the closure of three of our services: the Creche, the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and Learning Groups, and the Young People's Immigration Project (YPIP). These closures followed the end of external funding and the struggle to secure new sources in a challenging fundraising environment. We deeply regret the loss of these services, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the brilliant staff who delivered them with care and commitment over the years. It is our hope that, in time, we will be able to bring back similar services when funding allows.

These necessary but painful decisions prompted a broader reflection on how we ensure the long-term sustainability of BRR. Over the past year, we have undertaken a careful organisational restructure. We have streamlined our staffing model and clarified our internal structures to better align with our strategic vision. At the same time, we have invested in growing our fundraising capacity to respond more effectively to the financial realities of our time.

Through it all, the BRR team has continued to show resilience and compassion. We have adapted and evolved our services to meet the changing needs of our members, especially those most at risk. Crucially, members' experience of our services has largely not been impacted. We are now in a stronger financial position, better placed to continue our vital work, and more resilient in the face of future uncertainties.

We have also been fortunate to have new staff and trustees join us in 2024 and 2025. I welcome them all warmly. I also want to offer my thanks to Kenneth Macharia, who was our Chair of the Board from 2020 to 2023, and Chloe Milloy, both of whom have stepped down as Trustees this year. We are deeply grateful for their leadership and service.

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In a time of major changes and transition for BRR, I would like to particularly thank our staff for their patience, professionalism and remarkable dedication in overcoming this year's many challenges. I am also deeply grateful to our CEO Danielle Johnson, the SMT and trustees for leading this change process with great care, listening closely to staff and member voices while ensuring that core services continued uninterrupted.

I would like to thank all the volunteers, supporters and donors, for their continued support and making our work possible.

Kirill Babeev, Chair of Board of Trustees

Structure, governance and management

Organisation

Bristol Refugee Rights was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee on 9th January 2006, originally under the name Holding Refugees and Human Rights in Mind, and registered as a charity on 11th November 2008.

The Charity is controlled by its governing document, Memorandum and Articles of Association which was last updated at the AGM in October 2022. Governance of BRR is through a Board of Trustees elected by the membership at the AGM. The Board has final legal authority and is responsible for overseeing the operation of the entire charity and its activities. The Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer are elected annually and Trustees are elected for a three year term. All new Trustees take part in a formal induction programme and all trustees receive regular training.

The Board meets a minimum of six times in a year. It regularly reviews its structure and the individual and corporate responsibilities of Trustees. The Board of Trustees can set up sub-committees (i.e. to deal with detailed finances, personnel issues etc.) but key decisions have to be taken by the full Board and sub-committees have to report back to the Board. A Delegated Responsibility Policy is in place as well as Terms of Reference and Standing Orders for each operating sub-committee. During 2024/25, the following sub-committees existed: Staffing and Finance & Fundraising. The following committee also existed: Governance & EDI. All sub-committees and committees meet regularly in line with their respective workloads and roles.

Risk review

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Trustees recognise the importance of identifying and putting in place effective arrangements for the management of risk. A Risk Register has been established and has been approved by the Board of Trustees. It is kept under regular review by the Board of Trustees and any changes to risk are reviewed at each Trustees meeting. Financial risks associated with reducing income streams from the government and trust funding has led to the development of a 3 year Income Generation Strategy which plans for and supports the diversification of funding and activities. Where appropriate, controls and procedures have been in place to diminish the risk the charity faces. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

The Directors

The Board of Directors, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

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Objectives and activities

Objects of the charity

The charity Objects are as follows:

- 1 To relieve the needs of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants by the provision of information, advice and support;
- 2 To preserve and protect the physical and mental health of asylum seekers, refugees and migrants and the dependants of persons in those categories;
- 3 To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum and persons with precarious migration status;
- 4 To provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities;
- 5 To advance the education and training of refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and their dependants; and
- 6 To promote human rights as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (and subsequent United Nations conventions and declarations) by all of the following means:
 - Relieving need among the victims of human rights abuse;
 - Conducting research into human rights issues;
 - Educating the public about human rights;
 - Raising awareness of human rights issues;
 - Promoting public support for human rights; and
 - Promoting respect for human rights among individuals and corporations.

Activities in 2024/25

During 2024/2025 the organisation received less funding than planned expenditure, and services for which funding ceased were unfortunately closed, this included ESOL/English Classes, The Creche and the Young People's Immigration Project. All other services continue, many with multi-year funding, including Advice, Welcome Drop-In, Pride Without Borders, Complex Needs, Age Assessment support, and hotel outreach. The difficult decision of closing three services, has meant that the organisation has been able to remain financially viable. In response, we have added fundraising capacity to focus on developing diverse income streams.

The organisation also responded to the anti refugee riots, by updating our risk assessments, and ensuring safe delivery of services.

Services were delivered by a dedicated staff team, volunteers from the local community and volunteers who were themselves users of BRR's services. All activities were designed and delivered in line with our three aims and ways of working safely:

- Early Action (inline with our value of Safety);
- Empowerment (inline with our value of Solidarity); and
- Advocacy (in line with our value of Action for Change).

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The main activities delivered were:

- Open access support for asylum seekers and refugees to ensure that they could get the right support at the right time through a mixture of helpline, reception point and drop in;
- **The Advice Service** has offered support, information and advice to asylum seekers and others with insecure immigration status as well as receiving requests for advice and referrals from other voluntary and statutory sector partners. They have provided a weekly advice drop in and worked on the phone and through face to face appointments. The advice service has refined the systems to maximise efficiency and member empowerment, with a tiered system of support. The Advice team supports members in two key ways:
 - Empowering members to support themselves - by providing translated information packs and links to existing resources on key issues: the asylum system, asylum support and legal representation; and
 - Advocacy and direct help - for those who are at risk or face additional barriers, the advice team offer advocacy, which may be one off, several meetings or intensive ongoing work. This is focused primarily for those at risk where they live, with urgent deadlines, those who are not able to look after themselves/ need social workers etc.
- **The Welcome Team** is focused on the holistic needs of asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants. We know that a place of safety and welcome is vital to well-being, as is engaging in activities such as learning, play, exercise and self-care. This team has provided:
 - A weekly social drop-in with hot meals, games, arts and crafts, haircuts, a sewing table and a helpdesk offer that supports members with signposting and navigating unfamiliar systems like access to healthcare, mental health support and more;
 - ESOL assessments and signposting;
 - Drop-In visits from external facilitators including a bicycle surgery from Dr. Bike, music making from Dovetail Orchestra, stop-motion sessions with Aardman Studios;
 - Specialist family support for asylum seeking parents; and
 - Outreach to hotel accommodation to support residents with a huge variety of things including inadequate asylum support, issues around asylum claims, and general signposting. We also have introduced Outreach volunteers who support with helpdesk tasks, New Member Introductions and learning navigation.
- **The Specialist Services Team** is focused on those who have a particular set of needs due to a particular set of circumstances, such as their age, their sexuality or gender identity, or having multiple barriers to accessing support. This team has provided:
 - Specialist casework for those in the most complex situations, often those with severe health needs, complex immigration histories, experiences such as domestic violence or problematic drug and alcohol use;
 - A fortnightly social space for LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers, providing a sense of community and a safe space to talk about personal experiences and learn about issues affecting LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers in the UK;
 - Specialist casework for separated child asylum seekers (Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children - UASCs) including those disputing the age allocated to them by the Home Office. These young people often face particular risks around accommodation and possible exploitation.

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- Campaigning work around the issue of safety in asylum accommodation for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers. We set up a partnership with key stakeholders including MPs, local council officials, charities and mental health services. We are meeting with the Home Office in order to advocate for safer systems and policies. We also delivered training to voluntary sector partners on working with LGBTQ+ asylum seekers, co-designed and co-delivered by our service users. We are also working in partnership with Micro Rainbow, a national charity, to explore the possibility of setting up a specialist safe house for particularly vulnerable LGBTQ+ asylum seekers.
- Advice, training and joint working with Local Authorities to support asylum seekers and other child migrants in care. This project (the Young Peoples' Immigration Project) was funded by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation but unfortunately we had to close the project in December 2024 after the funding ended. The need for both the strategic work and the casework continues to exist despite progress being made on some issues. The Age Assessment support and responding to safeguarding elements of the work has continued; and
- Specialist casework for separated child asylum seekers (Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children/UASCs) including those disputing the age allocated to those by the Home Office. These young people often face particular risks around accommodation and possible exploitation or trafficking.
- **Hardship:** we continued to support asylum seekers and refugees to meet their basic needs through the distribution of phones, SIMs, emergency hardship funds and referrals to Red Cross.
- **Safeguarding:** our safeguarding team has provided support to families, adults and children; making referrals to statutory services and advocating for their needs to be met. We continued to see very high numbers of separated children (Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children) (UASC) presenting at our services, having been told by the Home Office and/or a local authority that they are being treated as adults.
- **Member (service user) participation and leadership** continue to be embedded within BRR. In 2024/25 we revisited the Member Engagement Strategy and developed the Member Voice Group in several ways:
 - Moving the group to a private room, rather than taking place during the drop-in, having the session start immediately afterwards. This reduces the conflict for members who want to participate in Drop-In activities simultaneously;
 - Recognising that people need to be reimbursed, namely, via bus tickets and vouchers for continued participation, to incentivise regular attendance;
 - Encouraging input into day-to-day, easily actionable changes as well as higher-level strategic input so that members can see real change as a result of their input;
 - Provide refreshments and encourage community interpreters to attend in order to improve accessibility;
 - Develop a Member Engagement volunteer role for member volunteers who might be keen to encourage participation across a diverse group of members as well as provide development opportunities into volunteering;
 - Through our lead role in BRASP we have been working alongside partners to improve lived experience leadership across the local sector; and
 - We have supported members to participate in a BRASP wide coordinated campaign around Bus Travel in the city, collecting data and encouraging member participation at the City of Sanctuary listening event.

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- **Volunteering:** We have continued to support asylum seekers and refugees to volunteer, both within our organisation and within other organisations. This can offer an opportunity to share and/or gain valuable skills, as well as gain experience in the UK work sector, and ways to connect and contribute to local communities.
- **BRASP:** During 2024/25 The Bristol Refugee and Asylum Seeker Partnership finalised its strategic plan for 2024-27, with significant progress being made on goals around service coordination, lived experience leadership, shared campaigns and partnership development. Funding was secured to recruit a BRASP Assistant.

Achievements and performance

Bristol Refugee Rights was set up as a voluntary organisation in 2005 to uphold and champion the human rights of asylum seekers and refugees.

- BRR is a place of solidarity and trust;
- Working towards stronger lived experience leadership is fundamental; people with lived experience are encouraged and supported to participate, challenge and lead throughout the organisation at all levels;
- BRR prioritises welcome, safety, wellbeing and equality;
- BRR services are holistic, complementary and integrated;
- BRR promotes wellbeing and trauma informed approaches;
- Many BRR services are unique in Bristol: an Advice Service which includes asylum support advice; an Early Years project for preschool children; an LGBTQ+ group specifically for asylum seekers, refugees and migrants; a complex needs project (CLEAR) which supports those excluded from other services;
- BRR works in partnership; convening city-wide fora, bringing organisations together and working strategically to meet the needs of members and tackle root causes of the problems they face; and
- BRR is a founding partner in the Asylum Early Action Charter: an innovative approach to designing and delivering services to help people in the asylum system before they reach crisis.

Our vision is: A society where refugees, asylum seekers and migrants are welcomed, feel safe, live free of poverty and are able to positively build their lives. A society where everyone's rights and entitlements are respected.

BRR provides welcome in Bristol; asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants:

- Have their basic needs met;
- Improve their wellbeing;
- Have a better understanding of and are better able to navigate the asylum system; and
- Develop personally and become more independent.

We also campaign more widely for the human rights of refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants with insecure immigration status. We hold OISC accreditation to Level 2 in Asylum and Immigration Law. We are a Living Wage Accredited Employer. We are committed to being an anti-racist organisation and we continue to work to achieve this objective.

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In 2024/25 we achieved the following outputs:

- We supported 1,819 people, 809 of whom accessed our services for the first time during the year;
- 566 people received support from the Advice Service;
- 798 calls to our helpline;
- 1,207 different people attended our Welcome drop in;
- 100 different people attended Pride Without Borders sessions;
- 538 different people were supported by our Hotel Outreach project;
- 75 people were supported through Asylum Guides;
- At least 60 people attended at least one of our monthly Member Voice Group meetings;
- Over 350 participants on our BRR WhatsApp information broadcast group received regular information about BRR services, other opportunities and support, and important updates related to seeking asylum;
- 197 safeguarding cases were responded to (93 adults, 60 relating to families and 43 relating to separated children (UASCs));
- We distributed £3,192 in small grants - one off hardship payments; and
- We distributed 500 pre-loaded sim cards.

We received the following feedback from our surveys in 2023/2024:

- 92% of members/service users rated the service they received from BRR as 'Very good' or 'Good';
- 93% understand and feel confident to ask for their rights;
- 90% of members feel part of a community through BRR; and
- 97% of volunteers report feeling confident and effective in their role most/all of the time.

In addition, we achieved the following:

- All individuals we have contacted, as well as those who have contacted BRR, have had the option of using an interpreter;
- We supported numerous national campaigns – signing letters, taking action – in particular campaigns to support better access to legal support, the right to work and improved housing models for asylum seekers;
- We continued to embed Early Action principles;
- We have continued to work collaboratively with BRASP partner organisations, particularly in response to the riots; and are leading a partnership of 5 BRASP organisations to deliver a project funded through the Bristol Impact Fund;
- We worked with Bristol Law Centre as part of a regional partnership around immigration legal advice; the partnership has created improved systems for collaborating with regional partners;
- Our 5 year strategy for 2022-2027 was at the heart of what we did and was embedded into team work plans; and
- We increased the diversity of our staff team including offering nearly 30% of our vacancies to people from a refugee background, and continue to explore shifting power within the workplace; and

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- Good relationships were maintained with funders, and individual supporters.

You can find out more about us on our website: www.bristolrefugeerights.org

Financial review

In 2024-25 BRR generated funding of £987,565 and spent £955,712. These financial statements therefore show a surplus of £31,853. However, this surplus does not reflect the true budgetary position for the year, as the financial reporting standard FRS102 prescribes that all income be reflected in the year that it is received, rather than the period for which it has been granted and is being spent.

Some funding is restricted and is allocated to be carried forward for project delivery in 25/26. If the figures are adjusted for all grants designated for spending in 2024/25, matched with expenditure for the year, the resulting figure is a deficit of £46,858.

Without the closure of the 3 services, and the action taken by BRR to respond to the financial challenges of reduced funding, the deficit would have been circa £146,000, therefore swift action has supported the financial resilience of the organisation both this year and into next year.

Most of our funding came from trusts, foundations, and Bristol City Council, while £147,512 of our funding came from individual donors.

All funding received has been vital in ensuring that we can continue to be here for our members, and we would like to thank all donors and funders for supporting us.

Public benefit

The Trustees have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is reviewed at least every 3 years. In 2024/25, the policy was to hold a financial reserve equivalent to 3 months operating costs (excluding costs related to the BRASP partnership which at this time is a fully funded project). This level of reserve was set as it was deemed both reasonably achievable and to be of a sufficient level to ensure continuing operation of the charity, in light of the charity holding a number of multi-year grants.

The budgeted expenditure for 2025/26 is £774,704 and the reserve target is therefore £193,676 in general funds. Our general and designated reserves at the end of March 2025 amounted to £229,660 meaning that this requirement has been met.

Statement of responsibilities of the Trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of Bristol Refugee Rights for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Accepted Accounting Practice).

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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 income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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 accounting 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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.

Approved by the trustees on 17 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Kirill Babeev

Kirill Babeev, Chair of the board of trustees

Independent examiner's report

To the trustees of

Bristol Refugee Rights

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bristol Refugee Rights (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 12 to 30.

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 accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts 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 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

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 the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

William Guy Blake

Date: 24 September 2025

William Guy Blake ACA

Member of the ICAEW

For and on behalf of:

Godfrey Wilson Limited

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	Restated 2024 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	732,099	230,193	962,292	718,495
Charitable activities	5	-	7,390	7,390	12,440
Other trading activities	6	-	1,464	1,464	1,782
Investments		-	16,419	16,419	14,826
Total income		<u>732,099</u>	<u>255,466</u>	<u>987,565</u>	<u>747,543</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	106,836	106,836	64,165
Charitable activities		<u>832,531</u>	<u>16,345</u>	<u>848,876</u>	<u>786,579</u>
Total expenditure	8	<u>832,531</u>	<u>123,181</u>	<u>955,712</u>	<u>850,744</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		(100,432)	132,285	31,853	(103,201)
Transfers between funds		<u>147,552</u>	<u>(147,552)</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds	10	47,120	(15,267)	31,853	(103,201)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>177,857</u>	<u>244,927</u>	<u>422,784</u>	<u>525,985</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>224,977</u></u>	<u><u>229,660</u></u>	<u><u>454,637</u></u>	<u><u>422,784</u></u>

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 18 to the accounts.

Prior year income and expenditure has been restated as per notes 2 and 22 to the accounts. This has no impact on net movement in funds.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets				
Stock	13	500		-
Debtors	14	5,189		16,594
Current asset investments		355,463		330,434
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>122,068</u>		<u>111,719</u>
		483,220		458,747
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	15	<u>(28,583)</u>		<u>(35,963)</u>
Net current assets			<u>454,637</u>	<u>422,784</u>
Net assets	17		<u>454,637</u>	<u>422,784</u>
Funds	18			
Restricted funds			224,977	177,857
Unrestricted funds				
Designated funds			44,743	42,480
General funds			<u>184,917</u>	<u>202,447</u>
Total charity funds			<u>454,637</u>	<u>422,784</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act) relating to the audit of the financial statements for the year by virtue of section 477, and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act; and
- (ii) 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 year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

Approved by the trustees on 17 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Kirill Babeev

Kirill Babeev, Chair of the board of trustees

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash used in operating activities:		
Net movement in funds	31,853	(103,201)
Adjustments for:		
Dividends and interest from investments	(16,419)	(14,826)
Decrease in debtors	11,405	17
(Increase) in stock	(500)	-
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(7,380)	3,926
Net cash used in operating activities	18,959	(114,084)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Dividends and interest from investments	16,419	14,826
Net cash provided by investing activities	16,419	14,826
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	35,378	(99,258)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	442,153	541,411
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	477,531	442,153
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash at bank and in hand	122,068	111,719
Current asset investments	355,463	330,434
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	477,531	442,153

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

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1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation and general information

Bristol Refugee Rights is a charitable company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is Wellspring Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, Barton Hill, Bristol, BS5 0AX.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in 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.

Bristol Refugee Rights meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Conduit funding

Conduit funds are monies received for third parties and do not belong to the charity. The incoming funds and outgoing payments are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities. Any conduit funds in hand at the year end are shown as creditors in the accounts.

d) Income

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

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

e) Donated goods and services

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item, is probable and the economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated 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.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

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) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

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.

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

i) Redundancy costs

Where an employee receives a termination benefit the full cost is recognised at the date the employee is notified.

j) Grants payable

Grants payable are recognised as expenditure on the earlier of a) when the charity has a present obligation to transfer resources; and b) when the charity ceases to control the resource (e.g. via transferring funds to the grant recipient).

k) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities based on the proportion of direct costs as follows:

	2025	Restated 2024
Raising funds	11.2%	7.5%
Charitable activities	88.8%	92.5%

l) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £2,000.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

m) 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.

n) Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Donated items of stock are recognised at fair value which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay for the items on the open market.

o) Current asset investments

Current asset investments consist of cash held on deposit in interest bearing accounts with a maturity period of 3 months. Such investments are measured at their fair value.

p) 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.

q) Creditors

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.

r) Financial instruments

The charitable company 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 recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

s) Pension costs

The company operates an independently administered defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

t) Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities as they fall due.

u) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying 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 if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

u) Accounting estimates and key judgements (continued)

There are no key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities (restated)

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	508,948	209,547	718,495
Charitable activities	-	12,440	12,440
Other trading activities	-	1,782	1,782
Investments	-	14,826	14,826
Total income	508,948	238,595	747,543
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	64,165	64,165
Charitable activities	677,566	109,013	786,579
Total expenditure	677,566	173,178	850,744
Net income / (expenditure)	(168,618)	65,417	(103,201)
Transfers between funds	114,014	(114,014)	-
Net movement in funds	(54,604)	(48,597)	(103,201)

The prior year was restated to net off income and expenditure which was conduit funding. This has decreased income from donations and expenditure on charitable activities (grants payable) by £89,414 and altered the allocation of support costs as per accounting policy 1k.

3. Income from donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Grants (see note 4)	710,472	86,750	797,222
Subscriptions and donations	21,373	119,353	140,726
Membership fees	-	514	514
Gift aid	254	12,876	13,130
Gifts in kind*	-	10,700	10,700
Total income from donations	732,099	230,193	962,292

*Gifts in kind received during the year relate to the provision of refurbished phones, food vouchers, hair cutting supplies and staff training.

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3. Income from donations (continued)

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restated 2024 Total £
Grants (see note 4)	492,137	98,486	590,623
Subscriptions and donations	16,506	85,188	101,694
Membership fees	-	275	275
Gift aid	305	14,148	14,453
Gifts in kind	-	11,450	11,450
Total income from donations	508,948	209,547	718,495

4. Grant income

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Trusts and Foundations providing grants of £20,000	309,923	79,000	388,923
Public funds including Bristol City Council, The NHS and others	164,992	-	164,992
Lottery Funds	180,457	4,743	185,200
Trusts and foundations providing grants of less than £20,000	55,100	3,007	58,107
	710,472	86,750	797,222

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	Restated 2024 Total £
Trusts and Foundations providing grants of £20,000	132,479	80,000	212,479
Public funds including Bristol City Council, The NHS and others	110,969	-	110,969
Lottery Funds	187,739	-	187,739
Trusts and foundations providing grants of less than £20,000	60,950	18,486	79,436
	492,137	98,486	590,623

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5. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Early years project - services provided	-	5,470	5,470
Training income	-	1,920	1,920
Total income from charitable activities	-	7,390	7,390

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Early years project - services provided	-	8,870	8,870
Training income	-	3,570	3,570
Total income from charitable activities	-	12,440	12,440

6. Income from other trading activities

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Rental income	1,464	1,782

All income from other trading activities in the current and prior year was unrestricted.

7. Government grants

The charitable company receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council (2024: funding included Bristol City Council). The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2025 was £146,972 (2024: £200,383). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in the current or prior year.

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8. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support & governance costs £	2025 Total £
Fundraising	5,303	-	401	5,704
Hardship (note 9)	-	15,256	-	15,256
Grants payable (note 9)	-	18,860	-	18,860
Interpreting	22	40,650	-	40,672
Monitoring and evaluation	-	7,735	-	7,735
Office costs	4,609	625	43,161	48,395
Professional fees	29	12,514	6,170	18,713
Room hire	-	16,668	-	16,668
Staff salaries (note 11)	77,178	582,906	50,092	710,176
Training	62	7,990	-	8,052
Catering	-	6,206	-	6,206
Events and trips	296	1,694	-	1,990
Computer and internet	2,084	-	41,286	43,370
Governance	-	-	4,137	4,137
Insurance	-	-	3,215	3,215
Membership fees	-	-	3,504	3,504
Travel and subsistence	-	683	-	683
Volunteers expense	-	-	2,376	2,376
Sub-total	89,583	711,787	154,342	955,712
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>17,253</u>	<u>137,089</u>	<u>(154,342)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>106,836</u>	<u>848,876</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>955,712</u>

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8. Total expenditure (continued)				Restated
Prior period comparative				
	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support & governance costs £	2024 Total £
Fundraising	14,137	-	-	14,137
Hardship (note 9)	-	15,870	-	15,870
Backfill costs for partner organisations	-	4,044	-	4,044
Interpreting	-	43,108	-	43,108
Monitoring and evaluation	-	5,160	-	5,160
Office costs	4,928	30,426	13,913	49,267
Professional fees	1,469	8,305	3,929	13,703
Room hire	-	18,205	-	18,205
Staff salaries (note 11)	34,395	539,032	50,548	623,975
Training	-	4,152	-	4,152
Catering	-	6,355	-	6,355
Events and trips	-	1,215	-	1,215
Computer and internet	250	-	39,521	39,771
Governance	-	-	4,009	4,009
Insurance	-	-	2,933	2,933
Membership fees	-	-	1,183	1,183
Travel and subsistence	-	550	-	550
Volunteers expense	-	-	3,107	3,107
Sub-total	55,179	676,422	119,143	850,744
Allocation of support and governance costs	<u>8,986</u>	<u>110,157</u>	<u>(119,143)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditure	<u>64,165</u>	<u>786,579</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>850,744</u>

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9. Grants payable

	2025 £	Restated 2024 £
<u>Hardship</u>		
Payments to individuals*	<u>15,256</u>	<u>15,870</u>
Total hardship	15,256	15,870
<u>Grants payable to project partners</u>		
Borderlands	2,805	-
Ashley Community & Housing	1,528	-
Bridges for Communities	1,528	-
Bristol City of Sanctuary	2,805	-
British Red Cross	1,528	-
Project MAMA Bristol	1,528	-
Refugee Women of Bristol	2,805	-
The Haven	1,528	-
Trauma Foundation South West	<u>2,805</u>	<u>-</u>
Total grants payable	<u>34,116</u>	<u>15,870</u>

*Payments to individuals includes the purchase of vouchers, cash payments, reimbursed expenses and in kind donations of vouchers and mobile phones.

There were no grant commitments agreed but not paid at year end in the current or prior year.

10. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Trustees' remuneration	Nil	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	Nil	Nil
Independent examiner's remuneration (excluding VAT)	<u>2,650</u>	<u>2,520</u>

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11. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Salaries and wages	641,703	567,083
Social security costs	46,197	39,512
Pension costs	22,276	17,380
	<u>710,176</u>	<u>623,975</u>

No employees earned more than £60,000 in the current or prior year.

Included in salaries and wages are redundancy and termination costs totalling £17,204. Redundancy and termination costs have been funded from unrestricted general funds (note 18).

The key management personnel of the charitable company comprise the trustees, the CEO, the head of services, office manager and finance manager were included as key management personnel. In the prior year, there was no CEO in place. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £134,447 (2024: £45,610).

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Average head count	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>

12. Taxation

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

13. Stock

	2025 £	2024 £
Merchandise	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>

14. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	183	100
Prepayments	2,421	3,368
Accrued income	1,685	10,500
Other debtors	900	2,626
	<u>5,189</u>	<u>16,594</u>

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15. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	5,578	5,140
Accruals	9,427	13,991
Deferred income	1,104	-
Other taxation and social security	9,773	10,884
Other creditors	2,701	5,948
	<u>28,583</u>	<u>35,963</u>

16. Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
At 1 April 2024	-	-
Deferred during the year	1,104	-
Released during the year	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,104</u>	<u>-</u>

Deferred income relates to training income received for services provided in 2025/26.

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	224,977	44,743	213,500	483,220
Current liabilities	-	-	(28,583)	(28,583)
Net assets at 31 March 2025	<u>224,977</u>	<u>44,743</u>	<u>184,917</u>	<u>454,637</u>
Prior period comparative				
	Restricted funds £	Designated funds £	General funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	185,526	42,480	230,741	458,747
Current liabilities	(7,669)	-	(28,294)	(35,963)
Net assets at 31 March 2024	<u>177,857</u>	<u>42,480</u>	<u>202,447</u>	<u>422,784</u>

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18. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2025 £
Restricted funds					
Advice	36,087	101,174	(193,063)	63,896	8,094
BRASP	34,764	111,369	(85,694)	-	60,439
CLEAR	9,232	31,302	(38,472)	-	2,062
Early years project	9,500	495	(44,097)	34,102	-
Welcome team	55,569	243,845	(218,617)	4,940	85,737
Main office	28,390	132,007	(131,551)	-	28,846
Young people's project	-	83,602	(66,080)	-	17,522
Member volunteers	-	9,718	(33,937)	44,614	20,395
Pride Without Borders	4,315	18,587	(21,020)	-	1,882
Total restricted funds	177,857	732,099	(832,531)	147,552	224,977
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
BRR Sue Njie hardship fund	2,480	-	(2,480)	-	-
BRASP/BRR					
ringfenced funds	-	4,743	-	-	4,743
Strategic reserve	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
<i>Total designated funds</i>	42,480	4,743	(2,480)	-	44,743
General funds	202,447	250,723	(120,701)	(147,552)	184,917
Total unrestricted funds	244,927	255,466	(123,181)	(147,552)	229,660
Total funds	422,784	987,565	(955,712)	-	454,637

Purposes of restricted funds

Advice The Advice project supports asylum seekers to navigate the asylum process and obtain their entitlements. This project has been funded by grants from Tudor Trust, AB Charitable Trust, Nationwide Community Foundation, Access to Justice – HALS, Justice Together, Nisbet Trust, The David Foundation, J M Britton Charitable Trust, The Leigh Trust, The Allen & Overy Foundation, Bristol City Council Impact Fund, The National Lottery Community Fund, Refugee Action Explore Adapt Renew.

BRASP (Bristol Refugee and Asylum Seeker Partnership) The Bristol Refugee and Asylum Seeker Partnership is a partnership of 15 organisations working together in Bristol to support asylum seekers and refugees. Funders were the National Lottery Community Fund, Quartet, Bristol City Council Impact Fund, Refugee Action Explore Adapt Renew and Disrupt

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18. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

CLEAR	Project CLEAR supports asylum seekers with multiple-complex needs to re-engage with their asylum/immigration application and with statutory services. This project has been funded by grants from Refugee Action Early Adapt Renew project and Access to Justice – HALS, Justice Together and The Tudor Trust.
Early years project	These are funds that are restricted to the Early Years project crèche and family support work. Funders include The Garfield Weston Foundation, The Van Neste Foundation, The Swire Charitable Trust, The Blue Thread and Quartet. Refugee Women of Bristol also contributed to the running of the project.
Welcome team	These are funds that are restricted to be used in running the Welcome Team, not including the Early Years Project. Funders include AB Charitable Trust, Quartet, Refugee Action Explore Adapt Renew, Bristol City Council Impact Fund, John James Foundation, The Garfield Weston Foundation, The John R Murray Charitable Trust, The National Lottery Cost of Living Fund, The National Lottery Community Fund, The Society of Merchant Venturers, Bristol City Council, The Medlock Trust and the Allan & Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust.
Main office	These are funds that are restricted to be used in running the Main office. Funders include AB Charitable Trust, The Jubilee Foundation, Quartet, National Lottery Community Fund, Refugee Action Explore Adapt Renew, Nationwide, Bristol City Council Impact Fund, The St Stephen & St James Trust and The National Lottery Cost of Living Fund.
Young people's project	Our Young People's Immigration Project was set up to support young asylum seekers and other migrants in the care of Bristol City Council. This project was funded through The Paul Hamlyn Foundation.
Member participation	Member participation is a small fund used to pay staff time to facilitate member participation activities, such as meaningful volunteering opportunities and creating readiness for work, member voice group and lived experience leadership. This has been supported by a grant from The Garfield Weston Foundation, The Paul Hamlyn Foundation and John James Foundation.
Member volunteers	Member volunteer project covers volunteer expenses and training costs to allow individuals to participate in meaningful volunteering opportunities within Bristol Refugee Rights. This was funded by The National Lottery Community Fund and The John R Murray Charitable Trust.

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18. Movements in funds (continued)

Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Pride Without Borders	Bristol Pride Without Borders is our support group for Bristol-based LGBTQ+ people seeking asylum and those with refugee status. This project is funded from a Crowdfunder appeal.
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Purposes of designated funds

BRR Sue Njie hardship fund	These are funds that are designated to be used to help destitute asylum seekers.
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BRASP/BRR ringfenced funds	This relates to funding received from the Early Action Project which has yet to be allocated to a specific area.
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Strategic reserve	At the end of 2020/21, trustees designated £40,000 of unrestricted reserves as for strategic purposes. This is made up of £30,000 previously designated as for new premises and an additional £10,000 from unrestricted funding. The purpose of this reserve is to enable the organisation to plan and prepare for the future. Trustees expect that the organisation may have additional premises needs in the short term and may still want to explore purchasing its own building in the longer term and it is intended that having this reserve will enable BRR to be prepared for this.
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Transfers between funds

Transfers in to restricted funds represent contributions from general reserves to top up overspends on restricted projects.

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18. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior period comparative (restated)

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income (restated) £	Expenditure (restated) £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2024 £
Restricted funds					
Advice	49,316	122,679	(170,445)	34,537	36,087
BRASP	8,369	89,908	(63,513)	-	34,764
CLEAR	8,292	44,400	(43,460)	-	9,232
Early years project	12,917	19,006	(52,990)	30,567	9,500
Welcome team	61,754	173,120	(179,305)	-	55,569
Main office	16,206	41,423	(29,239)	-	28,390
Young people's project	48,585	-	(72,072)	23,487	-
Member participation	13,556	-	(18,768)	5,212	-
Member volunteers	4,167	3,943	(28,321)	20,211	-
Pride Without Borders	9,299	14,469	(19,453)	-	4,315
Total restricted funds	232,461	508,948	(677,566)	114,014	177,857
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds:</i>					
BRR Sue Njie hardship fund	2,480	-	-	-	2,480
Strategic reserve	40,000	-	-	-	40,000
<i>Total designated funds</i>	42,480	-	-	-	42,480
General funds	251,044	238,595	(173,178)	(114,014)	202,447
Total unrestricted funds	293,524	238,595	(173,178)	(114,014)	244,927
Total funds	525,985	747,543	(850,744)	-	422,784

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19. Funds received as an agent

During the year, the charity acted as custodian trustee for a partner organisation. An analysis of the funds received and paid by the charity is given below. No funds were held on behalf of other organisations at year end in the current or prior year.

		Funds held at 1 April 2024 £	Funds received £	Funds paid £	Funds held at 31 March 2025 £
<i>Received from</i>	<i>Distributed to</i>				
The Tudor Trust	Bristol Law Centre	-	22,000	(22,000)	-
Bristol City Council	Bristol Hospitality Network	-	18,723	(18,723)	-
	Borderlands	-	22,234	(22,234)	-
	Refugee Women of Bristol	-	23,404	(23,404)	-
	Project Mama	-	10,230	(10,230)	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>96,591</u>	<u>(96,591)</u>	<u>-</u>

20. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases at the year end with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	10,758	27,920
Within 1 - 5 years	-	10,758
	<u>10,758</u>	<u>38,678</u>

21. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the current or prior period.

22. Prior period restatement

Prior year income and expenditure have been restated to net off £89,414 of grants receivable and payable which are considered conduit funding but had been included as the charity's income and expenditure.