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Cardiff  
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28 August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

## **NIGERIAN COMMUNITY LEEDS: 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Reference and administrative information**

Nigerian Community Leeds (NCL) is registered both as a Charity and a Private Limited Company with the Charity registration number of 1129681 and Private Limited Company number of 6781277.

The NCL Board of Trustees is made up of 5 elected officials and 5 co-opted trustees; together they make decisions on behalf of the organisation. The names of the current elected trustees and co-opted trustees are as follows:

**Elected trustees:**

Chairperson: Mr James Adesanlu  
Director Administration: Mr Alfred Wokoma  
Director of Finance: Mrs Evelyn Onokwu  
Director Projects: Mr Abdulrahman Akanbi  
Director of Welfare: Miss Ola David

**Co-opted Trustees:**

Mrs Victoria Ajayi  
Mr Ben Izuagie  
Rev Joy Ukpabio  
Mr John Ojukwu  
Ms Thessy Asaboro

The above Constituted Board of Trustees (CBoT) were appointed on the 7th November 2021 for a two-year term.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

NCL's governing document remains its Article of Incorporation and Memorandum of Association.

General meetings (GM) are held quarterly where members ask questions relating to the Charity and Trustees give updates on their stewardship during the quarter(s) concerned. A finance report is also presented by the Director of Finance on behalf of the Chairman accounting for all financial matters in line with the budget.

The CBoT meets regularly to discuss the affairs of the charity in relation to its aims and objectives.

**Objectives and Activities**

The key objectives of NCL are;

- The advancement of Education;
- The promotion of racial harmony;
- The advancement of Enterprise;

Some of the main activities undertaken in relation to our key objectives include:

## **EXCEL@NCL**

Excel@NCL is a supplementary school founded in May 2007 and it's an integral part of the Nigerian Community Leeds (NCL) programmes. Excel@NCL enrolls children between the ages 5 – 16 years. NCL is diligently providing valuable cultural education and academic support to our children. Every Saturday during term time, we continue to benefit from the great sacrifice made by our volunteers who work hard to deliver on this core objective of NCL. The Supplementary School is designed to provide pupils with a better understanding of their Nigerian Heritage by focusing on our diverse cultural values, traditions and moral teachings using storytelling, dance drama, food and music to help pupils understand the rich cultural heritage of the various tribes in Nigeria.

We offer a wide range of teaching such as numeracy and literacy, Nigerian Civics, Nigerian drumming & dancing, drama and Nigerian art workshops.

Our mission is to positively celebrate our rich Nigerian heritage. Pupils are now more aware of their roles and responsibilities to the community and their environment.

Excel@NCL won the National Resource Centre for Supplementary Education (NRSCE) Silver Charter Mark Award. We have now added a key academic element of the teaching of Mathematics and English by qualified subject specialists.

The programme session runs every Saturday, 12:00 – 14:00 during the school term at Richmond Hill Community Centre, Long Close Lane, Leeds, LS9 8NP. We are gradually reaching our pre-pandemic level, thanks to the Excel@NCL committee and the volunteers. Activities such as seaside holiday trips and excursions have taken effect.

We have up-to-date policies for Excel@NCL for Child Protection, Terms of Reference (TOR), Equal Opportunities, Health and Safety, Off-Site procedures, Role Descriptions, Safety Advice for Volunteers, Volunteer Policy, Behaviour Management Policy and more. Leeds City Council has continued to support NCL in all of its activities.

## **SPORTS@NCL**

We delivered our usual annual Leeds African Cup of Nations (LACoN) football tournament. The LACoN event is delivered in two ways, the Junior tournament and the Senior tournament. The Junior tournament is organised among primary schools in a certain postcode in Leeds. Pupils travel to neighbouring schools to participate; the venue is rotated among the participant schools. The senior tournament is designed for adults (18 years and above) and accommodates people from various communities around Leeds and surroundings. This event is a flagship NCL project that has made a positive impact on the promotion of racial harmony and community cohesion across the city of Leeds and its environs.

## **WELFARE@NCL**

Our annual programme of events is designed to improve the health and wellbeing of our members and beyond and to help relieve the impact of the rising cost of living. Ethnic food banks were arranged with our partnership and independent business donors. This meant we were able to support our community members including the elderly, frail and those who were experiencing difficulties in the face of the rising cost of living.

#### **ADMIN@NCL**

NCL has an online presence through its website. This gives potential members and donors access to read about the charity and its various activities. The website is kept up to date with information about the charity and the activities we are delivering. It is also used as a signpost to our partners and third parties.

We also communicate with our members via text messages, emails and WhatsApp to enable the dissemination of critical information in real-time to the members concerning the activities of the organisation.

#### **OTHER PROJECTS@NCL**

NCL organised a number of projects to target the needs of our members. These include International Women's Day (IWD), Leeds West Indian Carnival (LWIC), NCL Fundraising Gala and Award Night (NGFAN), the Family Day Trip (FDT) and Nigeria Independence Day (NID).

The IWD event in collaboration with our partners, was used as a platform to promote awareness of gender equality. The aim was to encourage members to accelerate their efforts in promoting gender equality in their respective domains. Women were also encouraged to empower themselves to challenge domestic abuse and mental health issues resulting from abuse.

We took part in the LWIC to promote Nigeria's cultural heritage, community cohesion and inclusiveness.

The NGFAN event in 2023, held at the Leeds City Museum, served as a platform to acknowledge and celebrate outstanding individuals and businesses that have made positive contributions to the lives of Nigerians and other communities in Leeds and its surrounding areas. The event aimed to raise funds for Nigeria House Leeds.

FDT is an annual event organised for members to travel to the seaside and spend a day together. The trip is part of NCL's responsibility for the welfare of members as we would normally subsidise the cost of the trip for those not able to pay for their tickets.

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Nigerian Independence Day celebration took place in person on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2023. This was an event organised to mark the anniversary of Nigeria's independence from British rule.

NCL is continuing to partner and network with local businesses in the community, Leeds City Council and other stakeholders. We help to promote local businesses via our social networking.

### **Financial Review**

In the upcoming year, we will persist in our efforts to seek and secure grants for the activities outlined in our objectives. We acknowledge the challenging economic circumstances we are all experiencing, worsened by the increasing cost of living and the country's economic situation.

We report an in-year surplus of £15,694 compared to a surplus of £9,554 in the previous year.

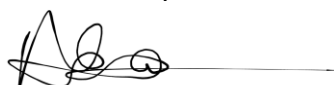
Total funds carried forward this year of £70,054 compares to £54,360 for the previous financial year.

The Unrestricted Fund was in deficit by -£3,782 while the Designated and Restricted Funds were in surplus by £59,934 and £13,902 respectively at the year end. NCL did not hold any funds as custodian trustees on behalf of any other body.

### **Conclusion**

On behalf of the 2023 Board of Trustees (BOT), I have the pleasure of presenting this Report. Collaboration remains at the heart of what we do, and I am happy to report that our partners have and continue to express their willingness to work with us due to our commendable mission and objectives which we have delivered on, as evidenced by the events, activities and programmes in this report.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'James Adesanlu', followed by a horizontal line.

James Adesanlu  
NCL Chair (Nov 2021 – Nov 2023)

**NIGERIAN COMMUNITY LEEDS**  
**Company registration number - 6781277**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2023**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		(£)	(£)
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	6	0	0
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		69,978	54,269
Prepayment	7	76	91
Debtors	8	0	0
<b>Total current assets</b>		<u>70,054</u>	<u>54,360</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accrued liabilities			
Receipt in advance	9	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>70,054</u>	<u>54,360</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>70,054</u>	<u>54,360</u>
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>			
Restricted income funds		13,902	15,775
Unrestricted income funds		-3,782	-3,050
Designated Income Funds		59,934	41,635
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>70,054</u>	<u>54,360</u>

- a. For the year ended 31st December 2023 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the small companies regime;
- b. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006;
- c. The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
- ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386: and
  - preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and it's profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of Section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company;
- d) These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board on: 10th of January 2024

And signed on their behalf by:  Position held: Chairperson

Name and initials: Mr James Adesanlu

**NIGERIAN COMMUNITY LEEDS**  
**Company registration number - 6781277**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023**

	<b><u>Notes</u></b>	<b><u>Designated Funds (£)</u></b>	<b><u>Unrestricted Funds (£)</u></b>	<b><u>Restricted Funds (£)</u></b>	<b><u>Total Funds (£)</u></b>	<b><u>2022 Funds (£)</u></b>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>4</b>					
Incoming Resources from generated funds -						
Voluntary Income			10,018		10,018	12,605
Activities for generating funds					0	0
Investment income					0	0
Incoming Resources from charitable activities		26,240		1,936	28,176	21,779
<b>Total Incoming resources</b>		<b>26,240</b>	<b>10,018</b>	<b>1,936</b>	<b>38,194</b>	<b>34,384</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>5</b>					
Costs of generating funds -						
Cost of generating voluntary income		7,941			7,941	7,779
Charitable activities				3,809	3,809	5,856
Governance costs			10,750		10,750	11,195
<b>Total Resources expended</b>		<b>7,941</b>	<b>10,750</b>	<b>3,809</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>24,830</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>18,299</b>	<b>-732</b>	<b>-1,873</b>	<b>15,694</b>	<b>9,554</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>						
Total funds brought forward		41,635	-3,050	15,775	54,360	44,806
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>59,934</b>	<b>-3,782</b>	<b>13,902</b>	<b>70,054</b>	<b>54,360</b>

## **1. Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005), The Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, and the Companies Act 2006.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

## **2. Incoming resources**

Income is recognised in the statement of Financial Activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt.

Grants received are for revenue expenditure.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realized when deemed appropriate.

The value of any volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees' annual report.

## **3. Resources expended**

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which is irrecoverable.

Expenditure which is directly attributable to specific activities has been included in those cost categories. Certain other costs which are attributable to more than one activity are apportioned on the basis of an estimate of the time spent on those activities.



## **Funds accounting**

Three types of funds are maintained by the Charity:-

Restricted Funds represent grants and donations received from donors, usually for specific purposes. No legacies have been received.

Unrestricted Funds are funds which are expendable at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objectives of the Charity.

Designated Funds are funds set aside for specific projects or activity, as agreed and minuted by the trustees.

## **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets (where reported) are stated at cost or a reasonable value at the date of receipt, less depreciation which is provided on a straight-line basis.

The rate of depreciation is 25% for all assets.

**Note 4 - Analysis of incoming resources**

		<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
	<b>Analysis</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Voluntary income</b>	Member's Subscription	900	778
	Grants and donations	9,117	6,459
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,017</b>	<b>7,237</b>
<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	Fundraising events		
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Investment income</b>	Bank interest received	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>	Fees from charitable activities	28,176	27,147
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28,176</b>	<b>27,147</b>

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**Note 5 - Analysis of resources expended**

	<b>Analysis</b>	<b>This year £</b>	<b>Last year £</b>
<b>Costs of generating voluntary income</b>	Cost of Fundraising events	7,941	7,779
	Donations made		
	Printing, stationery and computer supplies		
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,941</b>	<b>7,779</b>
<b>Charitable activities</b>	Cost of charitable activities	3,691	5,713
	Rent/Hire of rooms	118	143
	Printing, stationery and computer supplies		
	Volunteer wages and expenses		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,809</b>	<b>5,856</b>
<b>Governance costs</b>	Telephones, internet and postage	300	144
	Printing, stationery and computer supplies		
	Management and Admin expenses	7,362	4,093
	Members welfare		
	Other - Independence day celebrations/ Liability insurance etc	3,088	6,958
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,750</b>	<b>11,195</b>

**Note 6.0 - Tangible fixed assets**

**2023**

**6.1 Cost or valuation**

	<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Balance brought forward	480	480
Additions	-	-
Revaluations	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Transfers	-	-
Balance carried forward	480	480

**6.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions**

<b>Basis</b>	SL
<b>Rate</b>	25%

Balance brought forward	480	480
Depreciation charge for year	-	-
Impairment provisions	-	-
Revaluations	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Transfers	-	-
Balance carried forward	480	480

**6.3 Net book value**

Brought forward	-	-
Carried forward	-	-

**7.0 - Current Assets (Prepayment) -**

£97.50 was paid as rent for the use of buildings by the EXCEL project at Richmond Hill for the period December 2023 to March 2024. £72.73 of this rent has been treated as a prepayment since it relates to the three month period of Jan to March 2024.

**8.0 - Debtors**

N/A

**9.0 - Current Liabilities - Receipt in advance**

N/A

**10.0 - Transactions with related parties**

No payments were made to Trustees for providing services to the charity in the year.

**11.0 - Loans**

No loans were owing to or obtained from the Charity's trustees or other related parties at the year end.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY LEEDS

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st December 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1129681

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2023**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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

Signed:

Date:

21/09/2024

Name:

Mr Uche Okpala FCCA

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

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

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West Yorkshire.
LS28 8HB

**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

N/A