



Advancement of education, promotion of racial harmony and entrepreneurship

Nigerian Community Leeds
27 Compton Road,
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20th Sept 2025

The Director
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Dear Sir/Madam,

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY LEEDS: 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

This is the first annual report from the Trustees elected on 5th November 2023 at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Reference and Administrative Information

Nigerian Community Leeds (NCL) is registered both as a Charity and a private limited Company with the following details:

Charity Registration Number: 1129681
Private Limited Company Number: 6781277

The NCL Board of Trustees is made up of 5 elected officials and 5 co-opted trustees, who collectively make decisions on behalf of the Nigerian Community Leeds. The names of the charity trustees as at 31st December 2024 are as follows:

Elected Trustees:

Chairperson: Mr. Ben Izuagie
Director of Administration: Mr. Alfred Wokoma
Director of Finance: Mrs. Deborah Oburoh
Director of Projects: Mr. Olufemi Olushola
Director of Welfare: Mr. Henry Anadi

Co-opted Trustees:

Mrs. Victoria Ajayi
Mr. Matthew Nkenderim
Rev. Joy Ukpabio
Mr. James Adesanlu
Ms. Nekpen Uwuilekhue

On 5th November 2023, a newly constituted Board of Trustees was appointed. This report therefore covers the period 01 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

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

General Meetings (GM) are held quarterly, providing members with the opportunity to ask questions and receive stewardship updates from Trustees. At these meetings, the Director of Finance presents a financial report on behalf of the Chairperson in line with the approved budget.

The Board of Trustees (BOT) comprises both elected officers and co-opted Trustees. While elected officials are appointed at the AGM, co-opted Trustees are selected for the professional and community experience they bring to the Charity.

Objectives and Activities**The key objectives of NCL are:**

The advancement of education.
The promotion of racial harmony.
The advancement of enterprise.

Education – EXCEL@NCL

Founded in May 2007, Excel@NCL continues to serve as a supplementary school for children aged 5–16 years.

The school delivers academic support (Maths and English taught by qualified teachers) and cultural education (storytelling, drumming, dancing, art, and civics).

Pupils learn about their Nigerian heritage, values, and traditions while developing social and community awareness.

Excel@NCL received the NRSCE Silver Charter Mark Award and previously benefitted from a Big Lottery Fund grant, which enabled the development of enhanced cultural and academic programmes.

Classes are held on Saturdays (12:00–14:00) at Richmond Hill Community Centre, Leeds, during school terms. Activities in 2024 included outdoor trips to Lightwater Valley (Ripon) and The Deep (Hull).

NCL maintains up-to-date safeguarding and operational policies covering child protection, equal opportunities, health and safety, offsite procedures, and volunteer management.

Sports – LACON@NCL

The flagship Leeds African Cup of Nations (LACON) football tournament promotes racial harmony and community cohesion.

In 2024, the Junior LACON was held on 25th June at Blenheim Primary School with nine teams participating.

The Senior LACON took place on 19th June at Fives Football, Leeds, with twelve teams competing.

Welfare – WELFARE@NCL

NCL partnered with Leeds City Council and local businesses to operate a community food bank, supporting elderly members, students, and families in financial difficulty.

NCL also participated in the Leeds West Indian Carnival, showcasing Nigerian culture through food and music.

Administration – ADMIN@NCL

NCL maintains an active website and multiple social media platforms to engage members, donors, and the wider public.

Information is disseminated through email, SMS, and WhatsApp groups, ensuring real-time communication and social interaction.

Other Projects – PROJECTS@NCL

International Women's Day (9th March 2024): Theme – Inspire Inclusion. Speakers addressed women's empowerment, tackling stereotypes, and accessing support services.

Annual Gala Fundraising & Awards Dinner (31st May 2024): Held at Aria Suites, Leeds, to raise funds for the Nigeria House Leeds project. Awards were presented in five categories, recognising excellence and contributions.

64th Nigerian Independence Day (5th October 2024): Attended by 250 guests, including the Lord Mayor of Leeds. Cultural performances, children's presentations, and Nigerian cuisine featured prominently.

Excel@NCL End-of-Year Party: Children, parents, and volunteers celebrated with games, gifts, and performances.

NCL continues to strengthen partnerships with Leeds City Council, local businesses, councilors, and other community stakeholders.

Enterprise – BUSINESS@NCL

NCL supports entrepreneurship through Eagle Biznet, a business support network launched in 2016.

In 2024, Eagle Biznet hosted its first Business Awards Night at the Village Hotel, celebrating outstanding businesses and entrepreneurs within the community.

Financial Review

Efforts to obtain grants and funding for our activities will continue despite the wider economic challenges.

We report an in-year surplus of £4,143, compared to a surplus of £15,694 in 2023.

Total funds carried forward: £74,197 (2024) vs £70,054 (2023).

At year-end:

Unrestricted funds were in deficit by - £3,147.

Designated funds were in surplus by £70,738.

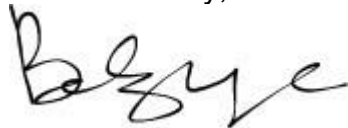
Restricted funds were in surplus by £6,606.

NCL did not hold any funds as custodian trustees on behalf of any other body.

Conclusion

On behalf of the 2024 Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present this report. Collaboration remains at the heart of our work, and I am glad to report that our partners continue to support our mission and objectives, as demonstrated through the events, programs, and activities outlined above.

Yours faithfully,



Ben Izuagie
Chair, Nigerian Community Leeds
(November 2023 – November 2025)
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NIGERIAN COMMUNITY LEEDS
Company registration number - 6781277
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
		(£)	(£)
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	6	0	0
Total fixed assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		74,064	69,978
Prepayment	7	133	76
Debtors	8	0	0
Total current assets		<u>74,197</u>	<u>70,054</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued liabilities			
Receipt in advance	9	0	0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>74,197</u>	<u>70,054</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>74,197</u>	<u>70,054</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
Restricted income funds		6,606	13,902
Unrestricted income funds		-3,147	-3,782
Designated Income Funds		70,738	59,934
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>74,197</u>	<u>70,054</u>

- a. For the year ended 31st December 2024 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 2025

And signed on their behalf by:  Position held: Chairperson

Name and initials: Mr. Ben Izuagie

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Designated Funds (£)</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds (£)</u>	<u>Restricted Funds (£)</u>	<u>Total Funds (£)</u>	<u>2023 Funds (£)</u>
INCOMING RESOURCES	4					
Incoming Resources from generated funds -						
Voluntary Income			11,565		11,565	10,018
Activities for generating funds					0	0
Investment income					0	0
Incoming Resources from charitable activities		20,390		570	20,960	28,176
Total Incoming resources		20,390	11,565	570	32,525	38,194
RESOURCES EXPENDED	5					
Costs of generating funds -						
Cost of generating voluntary income		9,586			9,586	7,941
Charitable activities				7,866	7,866	3,809
Governance costs			10,930		10,930	10,750
Total Resources expended		9,586	10,930	7,866	28,382	22,500
Net movement in funds		10,804	635	-7,296	4,143	15,694
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		59,934	-3,782	13,902	70,054	54,360
Total funds carried forward		70,738	-3,147	6,606	74,197	70,054

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY LEEDS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 DECEMBER 2024

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

		This year	Last year
	Analysis	£	£
Voluntary income	Member's Subscription	1,355	900
	Grants and donations	10,210	9,117
		-	-
	Total	11,565	10,017
Activities for generating funds	Fundraising events		
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Investment income	Bank interest received	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Fees from charitable activities	20,960	28,176
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	20,960	28,176

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Note 5 - Analysis of resources expended

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Costs of generating voluntary income	Cost of Fundraising events	9,586	7,941
	Donations made		
	Printing, stationery and computer supplies		
		-	-
	Total	9,586	7,941
Charitable activities	Cost of charitable activities	7,456	3,691
	Rent/Hire of rooms	410	118
	Printing, stationery and computer supplies	-	
	Volunteer wages and expenses		
	Total	7,866	3,809
Governance costs	Telephones, internet and postage	382	300
	Printing, stationery and computer supplies		
	Management and Admin expenses	4,359	7,362
	Members welfare		
	Other - Independence day celebrations/ Liability insurance etc	6,189	3,088
	Total	10,930	10,750

Note 6.0 - Tangible fixed assets

2024

6.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings £	Other land & buildings £	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under £	Total £
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	480	-	480
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	480	-	480

6.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL	SL or RB	
Rate				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) -

£467.25 was paid as rent for the use of buildings by the EXCEL project at Richmond Hill for the period April 2024 to March 2025.
£130.0 of this rent has been treated as a prepayment since it relates to the three month period of Jan to March 2025.

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 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1129681

Set out on pages

1 - 8

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2024**.

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:

25/09/2025

Name:

Mr Uche Okpala FCCA

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

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

Address:

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West Yorkshire.
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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