



WEST AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT

(WAD)

ACCOUNT AND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

April 2024/March 2025

Register Number: 1132899

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DETAILS

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West African Development (WAD) have 9 people in the Committee who deal with the decision making under our constitution and average 45 volunteers who are giving their time to support our work and sharing the ideas for the progress of WAD and the Ethnic minorities communities in Tameside and Greater Manchester/UK.

WAD committee members meet regularly to ensure we are reacting to the needs of the local community. We are a registered charity (No 1132899) and we are up to date with our information with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. West African Development (WAD) providing the following services:

- General Charitable Purposes
- Education and Training
- Immigration and Benefits Advice
- The Prevention or Relief of Poverty



- Overseas Aid/Famine Relief
- Arts/Culture/Heritage Preservation
- Amateur Sport and Wellbeing
- Economic/Community Development/Employment
- Social Activities
- Crime Prevention and British Value
- Children/Young People
- People of a Particular Ethnic or Racial Origin
- Other Charities or Voluntary Bodies
- The General Public/Mankind

Years 2024/2025 Report

West African Development (WAD) are proud to announce that we have been awarded the Kings Award KAVS year 2025. Our volunteers continue to improve the quality of life of African's and other ethnic minority people living in Tameside and elsewhere. Due to a financial crisis, this has had huge impact on our community and the services and the activities we provide for our service users. WAD and teams work are working hard to eliminate a few challenges in our community over the last 12 months which has included social isolation, digital exclusion and the mental health, unemployment and the lack of education and training opportunities.

For minority groups, it is important that we ensure that our people have the basic needs and essential for managing a living and in suitable accommodation, our communities are constantly battling marginalisation and proving that their lives are worthy too, in housing, health, education, and criminal justice and so on. It is important, now more than ever, to consciously break down barriers to equity in the context of employment and beyond.

The following activities are what we delivered over the last **12 months** to tackle on some of these issues and barriers.

1. Provided support and access to digital and resources for those who are digitally disconnected and living with financial hardship.
2. Achievement and opening of the Tameside first African Arts and Heritage Centre to educate and bring African ethnic minority together and the creation of dialogue platform for the African, but not exclusively.
3. Provided signposting and basic support to refugee and asylum seekers living in Tameside on where to connect for support and access to the services that are available for them.
4. Provided support to local communities on how to remain safe and awareness on Crimes.
5. Provide a Pre ESOL and British values class, language translation basic advice, support to communities and first arrival to the environment.
6. Supported on health improvement information and support to BAME communities living in housing provided by local authority.
7. Consultation with the community to identify and understand housing needs.
8. Prevention of Race Hate Crimes and domestic abuse - Many BAME people lives are affected by undermining their self-confidence and willingness to access services or become involved. WAD is providing support improving self-confidence via workshop and community related projects.



9. West African Development provides a range of sports activities designed to keep our members fit, active, and engaged. Through our established football team and weekly training sessions, we promote physical wellbeing, teamwork, and social interaction among our community.

WAD actions for the short term:

1. Continue to provide one to one support sessions for families and individual who need support in Tameside to continue to thrive socially and economically.
2. Developing our Pre ESOL session to ensure we can accommodate more beneficent and develop a sense of belonging and community inclusion.
3. Developing of our Heritage Centre with African Root project to educate and inform communities to build social cohesion and foster better relationships in the local area. We hope to attract all communities from across the borough for the benefit of the public, bringing together communities from across Tameside and neighbouring areas to learn more about African customs and traditions we hope to address inequalities affecting African communities and develop better dialogue, collaboration and partnerships working with various sectors and communities across the area and elsewhere.
4. Development of relationship with key service providers in Tameside and to improve and create staff and volunteering opportunities.
5. Developing African and diaspora networking to encourage teamwork building.

Other activities have included:

- Voluntary Opportunities Placement Opportunities
- Cultural Competence, Multi-faith, and Chaplaincy support
- Basic Advisory and Counselling Services
- Women and Youth Empowerment Program
- Online school holiday activities.

West African Development Trustees Annual Account for year 2024/25	
Income:	£45.386.83
Expenditure:	£ 50.986.44
Funds brought forward from previous year:	£19.702.06
Funds on 31st March 2025:	£ 14.102.55
Asset:	£47.500.00
Liabilities:	£0

Approved: September 21st, 2025



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Income:

Action Together CI Grant TXNHSWW-010(Restricted Fund)	£500.00
National Heritage Fund (Restricted Fund)	£8.598.87
Tameside MBC (Restricted Fund)	£6.949.60
Main Grants Community Fund (Restricted Fund)	£26.162.00
Member & Public Donation (Unrestricted Fund)	£2060.70
Drumming (Unrestricted Fund)	£750.66
Football Team Contribution (Unrestricted Fund)	£365.00
Total	£45.386.83

Expenditure:

Liability insurance	£270.77
Coordinators	£8148.00
Admin	£6170.00
DBS Service	£120.00
Sessional Workers	£5834.00
Room Hire	£7200.00
Maintenance / Repair	£660.50
Equipment & Materials	£6211.61
Publicity & Web Design	£1200.12



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Voluntary & Travel Expenses	£2280.39
Stationary/Artwork & Postage	£1622.16
Refreshment & Foods Pack	£2112.23
Tameside Business Rate	£570.82
Water	£1384.81
Electric & Gaz	£870.77
Fuel	£1424.46
Immigration Solution - Sponsorship	£500.00
Call Expenses	£970.80
Football League	£1355.00
Humanitarian Aid	£1350.00
Gallery Arts & Cultural	£430.00
Free Accountancy- Greengate Business Centre Oldham	£300.00
Total cost	£50.986.44



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Balance sheet:

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Funds on 31st March 2025	£ 14.102.55
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Liabilities	£0

FULL NAMES	POSITION	SIGNATURE
Josette Higgins	Trustee	
Alade Sanni	Trustee	

Approved September 21st, 2025

Every little help, your support is needed, and any further ideas would be most welcomed.

WITH MANY THANKS



Reference: WAD/21/09

Date: 1st December 2025

Re: West African Development (WAD) (1132899)

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 1st April 2020, and to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities commission, we have reviewed the financial statements of the entity that has been prepared by your office and from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the Trustees in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken to prepare for approval by the Trustees the financial statements that we have been engaged to review and the prepared accounts by your office, to report to the Trustees that we have done so, and to state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged that all on the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2025 your duty to ensure that the “West African Development (WAD)” has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view. We have not found any material differences and can confirm that the income and expenses have been recorded against each project income.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us, and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Date: 01/12/2025

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