

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06495712 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1136720

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025
for
Islington Somali Community

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for the year ended 31st March 2025

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Islington Somali Community
Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number **06495712(England and Wales)**

Registered Charity number **1136720**

Trustees

Mr. Essa Hussein Ali	Chairman
Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Tani	Treasurer
Mr. Ismail Egal	Secretary
Mr. Bashir Noor	
Ms. Fadhiya Elmi	
Ms. Muna Mohamed	
Mr. Guled Ahmed	
Mr. Mustafa Aideed	

Company Secretary

Mr. Yussuf Ahmed

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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2025

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Islington Somali Community (ISC) is governed by, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Trustees are generally identified and proposed by existing Trustees; their appointment being ratified by the members at an annual general meeting. The Chairman is responsible for the induction of the new Trustees. Trustees meet monthly and all major financial and policy matters are discussed. The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate those at risk. The day-to-day administration and management of the charity are delegated to the coordinator, Mr. Yussuf Ahmed.

RISK MANAGEMENT

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.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The primary objective of Islington Somali Community (ISC) is to enhance the wellbeing of Somali residents and workers in the London Borough of Islington. Over the past 30 years, ISC has provided vital support to refugees and migrants, focusing on areas such as welfare benefits, housing, education, employment, health, and other essential services tailored to the evolving needs of the community.

Achievements and Performance

1. Advice and Support Services

- Supported more than 3,000 individual cases, predominantly involving welfare rights (e.g. Universal Credit), followed by housing, debt, and employment issues.
- Referred clients to specialist agencies such as Islington People's Rights and IBAA for targeted support.

2. Health and Wellbeing Initiatives

- Delivered 21 workshops covering Covid-19, flu and vaccinations, diabetes, health eating, winter wellbeing, menopause, and cancer awareness, reaching hundreds of residents.
- Promoted healthier lifestyles through nutrition and exercise programs.

3. Support for Older People (ISC Connect)

- Assisted over 300 older residents through pension advice, weekly social sessions, and referrals to mainstream services.

4. Youth Engagement and Education (ISC Links)

- Supported over 350 young people, including those not in education, employment, or training (NEET).
- Delivered outreach on housing estates, alongside education, sports, and Job Club activities.
- Organised 18 workshops on education, employment, and health to equip young people with skills and opportunities.

5. Cost of Living and Economic Resilience

- Delivered nine workshops on debt prevention, energy bills, and eviction risks, alongside budgeting courses.
- Partnered with Islington Council's Resident Support Scheme, Richard Cloudesley crisis fund through IBAA, and local food banks to provide timely financial and practical assistance.

6. Community Integration and Social Cohesion

- Delivered projects addressing domestic violence, mental health, and intergenerational engagement.
- Provided family activities, particularly during school holidays, strengthening community ties.

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7. Collaborative Partnerships

- Worked with partners including Islington Council, City Bridge Trust, Cloudesley, Healthwatch Islington, IBAA, Islington People's Rights, the Mayor of London's office, and others to deliver impactful projects.

ISC continues to empower vulnerable groups including older adults, women, children, and young people through practical and emotional support. The charity remains committed to promoting integration, resilience, and opportunity within the Islington Somali community and beyond.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

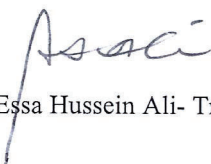
The Gross incoming resources of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 amounted to £146,677, (2024 - £141,689). The total resources expended during the year was £144,500, (2024- £120,004). The surplus during the year was £2,177, (2024- £21,685).

RESERVE POLICY

It is the policy of the trustees that the reserves of the charity should be held as current assets in order to meet the future requirements of its projects.

The management committee has undertaken a review of the need for the level of reserves to be held by the charity. They consider that reserves are needed to provide for the charity's working capital requirements and to meet any increases in operating costs. It is the management committee's policy to work towards holding minimum unrestricted reserves, to meet operating costs of three months. Steps will be taken to build the general reserve fund if it falls below the level. Where the fund is above the level required by the policy, then the excess will be deployed towards the charitable objects of the charity. A Designated Fund has been established to allow for the development of a Centre for the charity's activities as a long-term asset for the benefit of the Somali community in Islington and beyond.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Mr. Essa Hussein Ali- Trustee

15th September 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Islington Somali Community

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Islington Somali Community ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the 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').

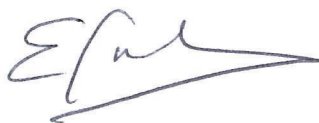
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the 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.



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Date: 15th September 2025

Islington Somali Community
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total Funds 31.3.2025	Total funds 31.3.2024
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donation and legacies		0	0	0	0
Charitable activities		27,000	119,677	146,677	140,775
Investment Income		0	0	0	914
Total Income received	6	27,000	119,677	146,677	141,689
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Governance costs		0	0	0	0
Direct charitable expenditure		(22,900)	(121,599)	(144,500)	(120,004)
Total resources expended	6	(22,900)	(121,599)	(144,500)	(120,004)
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		4,100	(1,923)	2,177	21,685
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		58,740	45,081	103,821	82,136
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>62,840</u>	<u>43,158</u>	<u>105,998</u>	<u>103,821</u>

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Balance Sheet
(Registered number 06495712)
31st March 2025

	Notes	£ 31.3.2025	£ 31.3.2024
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	3	304	9,320
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>115,292</u>	<u>122,967</u>
		115,596	132,287
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(9,598)	(28,466)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>105,998</u>	<u>103,821</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>105,998</u>	<u>103,821</u>
NET ASSET		<u>105,998</u>	<u>103,821</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		32,840	33,740
Designated funds		<u>30,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Restricted funds		<u>43,158</u>	<u>45,081</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>105,998</u>	<u>103,821</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.


The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

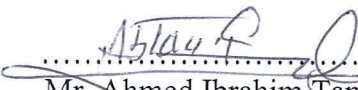
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

In accordance with Section 444 of the companies Act 2006, the income statement has not been delivered.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15th of ^t September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Mr. Essa Husein Ali
Trustee (Chair)

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Mr. Ahmed Ibrahim Tani
Trustee (Treasurer)

Islington Somali Community
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings, they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2025- £NIL, (2024- £Nil).

The average number of employees during the year was 3, (2024-3).

Trustees' expenses

Trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2025 was £380, (31.3.2024 -£1,150).

3. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.2025	31.3.2024
	£	£
Accrued Income	0	861
Sundry Debtors	304	8,459
	<u>304</u>	<u>9,320</u>

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for the year ended 31st March 2025

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.2025	31.3.2024
	£	£
Accruals	3,002	12,080
Deferred Income	6,437	16,250
Pension	158	136
	<u>9,597</u>	<u>28,466</u>

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.2024	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.2025
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
LB ISLINGTON COMMUNITY FUND	3,927	2,953	6,880
OTHER UNRESTRICTED FUND	25,490	(5,000)	20,490
DONATIONS	3,213	(198)	3,015
INTEREST	1,110	1,344	2,454
DESIGNATED FUNDS	<u>25,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
	58,740	4,099	62,839
Restricted Funds			
MOTHER TONGUE (MTSS)	1,692	1,790	3,482
HEALTH WATCH ISLINGTON	22,990	(2,304)	20,686
IBAA (ISLINGTON BAMER ADVICE ALLIANCE)	5,295	1,344	6,639
AWARDS FOR ALL	1,851	(1,851)	0
TRUST FOR LONDON	2,827	(2,827)	0
LONDON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	427	(427)	0
LB ISLINGTON -DEBT PROJECT	1,442	(1,442)	0
WORKER'S EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION	1,234	(1,234)	0
CITY BRIDGE FOUNDATION	2,230	(2,230)	0
GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY	894	4,532	5,426
ISLINGTON PEOPLE'S RIGHTS	1,200	(1,200)	0
CLAREMONT COMMUNITY	2,000	2,000	4,000
CLOUDESLEY	999	(999)	0
LB ISLINGTON VIOLENCE REDUCTION	0	1,120	1,120
SOMALI YOUTH GROUP	0	480	480
GDPQ	0	1,326	1,326
	<u>45,081</u>	<u>(1,922)</u>	<u>43,159</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>103,821</u>	<u>2,177</u>	<u>105,998</u>

A designated funds of £30,000 have now been determined as available for related special projects. The Islington Somali Community wishes to establish a Community Centre in London for the benefit of the community, and the funds in this reserve could be applied towards this purpose.

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6. Funds received and expenditure during the year

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
LBI COMMUNITY FUND	25,000	(22,047)	2,953
OTHER DONATIONS	655	(854)	(198)
INTEREST	1,344	(0)	1,344
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	27,000	(22,901)	4,099
Restricted funds			
MOTHER TONGUE (MTSS)	7,000	(5,210)	1,790
HEALTH WATCH ISLINGTON	16,950	(19,254)	(2,304)
IBAA (ISLINGTON BAMER ADVICE ALLIANCE)	17,589	(16,245)	1,344
AWARDS FOR ALL	0	(1,851)	(1,851)
TRUST FOR LONDON	0	(2,827)	(2,827)
LONDON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	0	(427)	(427)
LB ISLINGTON - DEBT PROJECT	0	(1,442)	(1,442)
WORKER'S EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION	0	(1,234)	(1,234)
CITY BRIDGE FOUNDATION	25,562	(27,792)	(2,230)
GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY	31,000	(26,468)	4,532
ISLINGTON PEOPLE'S RIGHT	0	(1,200)	(1,200)
CLAREMONT COMMUNITY	2,000	(0)	2,000
CLOUDESLEY	11,650	(12,649)	(999)
LB ISLINGTON VIOLENCE REDUCTION	2,600	(1,480)	1,120
SOMALI YOUTH GROUP	4,000	(3,520)	480
GDPQ	1,326	0	1,326
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	119,677	(121,599)	(1,922)
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	146,677	(144,500)	2,177
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