

‘Azadi Trust’ Annual Report and Accounts

Period Ending May 31st 2024

Company No: 07247132

Registered Charitable No: 1138663

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Report of the Directors for the period ending 31st May 2024

The Directors of the charitable company, who are its trustees for the purposes of charity law, are pleased to present their report for the period to 31st May 2024

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Company Registration Number	07247132
Charity Registration Number	1138663
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Company Activities 2023-2024

The Aims and Objectives of the Trust

The Trust was founded as a Registered Charity in 1991 and reconstituted as a Charitable Company in 2010. Fourteen years on, its Aims and Objectives remain as follows:

“The Charitable Company’s Object is, for the benefit of the public, to advance the Christian Faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith, particularly within (but not limited to) the neighbourhood of Sparkbrook, Birmingham and its surrounding areas, by, for example, (but not limited to):

- serving the local community, by providing health, education, advocacy and pastoral provision, especially to those disadvantaged by virtue of age, disability, destitution or by being members of an ethnic minority;
- the provision of housing accommodation;
- the relief of destitution by financial and material provision; and
- the provision of written, verbal or visual information about the Christian Faith.”

The ‘Modus Operandi’ of the Trust: ‘A Vehicle for Partnership’

As well as direct provision of services, the Trust has always seen itself as a ‘vehicle’ for support and partnership with other local organisations operating within the same ethos and parameters: any individual or group wishing to operate a project compatible with the Trust’s Aims & Objectives can ‘come aboard the vehicle’ for as long as it suits them to do so. ‘Partnership’ with the Trust operates effectively at three levels:

Firstly, the Articles of Association of Azadi Trust allow for a full partnership arrangement with another organisation whereby that organisation itself becomes a ‘Member’ of the Trust, provides the Trust with additional Trustee(s) and contributes to the Trust’s pool of expertise and manpower. The Trust’s partnership with ‘Member Organisation’ ReachGlobal and its ‘joint enterprise’, the Open Door Friendship Centre (‘ODFC’) in Small Heath, has continued into its fourteenth year. The Trust would like to again express its gratitude to ReachGlobal supporters for faithful financial support and providing manpower over so many years. For over a year Steve DeVries has continued in the role of ReachGlobal’s nominated Trustee as well as currently managing the Centre.

At the next level, the Trust is able to provide a charitable umbrella for small local initiatives which negates the need for such projects to seek their own charitable status: the Trust can then also provide appropriate governance, insurance cover, meeting facilities, seeking grant funding and sometimes providing direct financial support - but leave the Project to otherwise manage itself. Within this second category the Trust continues to support the Hope Garden Project led by Mary Carroll who is also a valued Trustee and has, again, supported the wider work of the Trust in various ways. In early 2024, the Trust adopted its fourth project, ‘Ladies’ Day’, of which more later.

Finally, at the third level, the Trust seeks to support other local projects which nevertheless remain separate entities: in recent years, for instance, the Trust has reestablished its historical relationship with Christ Church, Sparkbrook, which originally sponsored the purchase of Azadi House in 1997 and periodically in the past has used Trust resources as a ‘vehicle’ for several small scale projects and groups. In the recent past the Trust has provided administrative and governance support to local projects, and this support continues to be available if required. During the summer of 2023, the Trust’s Assistant Coordinator Tim Macleod supported the trustees of the Asian Friendship Centre in London’s East End in the process of obtaining charitable status. The Trust remains indebted to Tim for keeping our own governance in good order.

‘Provision of Housing Accommodation’

The origin of the Trust’s operation is ‘**Azadi House**’, located in the Sparkbrook area of south Birmingham, which is predominantly populated by ethnic minorities, particularly South Asians. Sparkbrook Ward is within the top 10% areas of deprivation in the country. The House, having been partly used for the Trust’s community activities in the past, is now effectively a residential home, and continues to provide secure tenancies for up to four single men, some of whom have been residents for many years. The House also has a small extra ‘guest room’ which can be used to accommodate friends or relatives of the residents or for short-term, temporary accommodation for others; there is also has a small meeting room, separated from the main body of the House: called ‘The Workshop’, it is available for external users as well as Trust meetings.

During the current financial year we have been blessed with a ‘full house’ – four permanent residents. We did in fact have a fifth temporary one, a guy who was on the verge of homelessness, but he had to leave following an ‘incident’. The guest room has also been used on a regular basis by a young gentleman who is trying to maintain contact with his family near Birmingham.

In terms of the House fabric, nothing major has taken place this year except that the main lounge has been thoroughly redecorated, the first stage in what hopefully will be a rolling programme dependent on finance and/or voluntary help. We are continuing to seek external funding for particular non-urgent improvements.

In June 2023 the City Council issued a notice requiring us, along with all other Houses in Multiple Occupancy, to obtain an appropriate licence. The process is long and involved as is ongoing.

Perhaps the best news of the year was that we were able to finally pay off our mortgage with the help of a couple of substantial donations. This has meant that, despite massive increases in fuel costs, over £500 per month has been freed up to bolster wider Trust funds and (e.g.) support the payment of salaries.

‘Serving the Local Community – especially the Disadvantaged’

The **Open Door Friendship Centre** operates as a community hub in Small Heath and Bordesley Green, within a Ward amongst the 10% most deprived in the UK. The Centre offers classes like ESOL (English Speaking for Other Languages), Sewing and Baking. Staff seek to share their faith through practical action as well as providing a base for professional advice work and a place where members of the community can come and socialise in a safe and non-judgemental environment.

Around the end of this financial year we will be coming to the end of a six year period when the Centre will have been managed by Tim Steele, who has been seconded to Azadi Trust by OM (Operation Mobilisation): Tim’s ‘reign’ has been characterised by his thoroughness and conscientiousness in carrying through a difficult job description and has successfully developed the timetable for the Centre until the programme now occupies a five-day week. Tim’s wife, Jess, will remain active at the centre, while Tim takes up a role as a trainee teacher at a local secondary school. Overall responsibility for managing the Centre now transfers to our Trustee, Steve DeVries, pending the possible secondment of a returning missionary couple in the Autumn. The Trust remains very grateful for the support of numerous volunteers of different kinds: some of these are secondees from Christian organisations, some are church members, and some are local residents.

The Friendship Centre’s programme is designed to meet local people at their point of need: hence there is a major emphasis on English language improvement – both conversational and formally taught. The classes are mainly pointed at women, though there continues to be a small group for men. There is also a strong emphasis on advice work, which the Trust’s own volunteers provide two mornings a week with additional support from City Council workers. The Centre’s work with children has expanded recently to include a ‘stay and play’ on Wednesdays and an afterschool club for local children on a Thursday. Other activities have included baking, sewing and computer classes.

Hope Garden Project, based in Sparkbrook close to Azadi House, offers therapeutic support to destitute failed

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asylum seekers and other isolated individuals through the medium of gardening and various social activities. Mary Carroll, the Project's leader, writes:

"Weekly sessions continued to be held through all seasons growing crops such as lettuce, raspberries, spinach, leeks, strawberries runner beans and onions, We also enjoyed tulips clematis roses and herbs We embarked on our large wall art of Sparkbrook , inspired by Dave Furler of Furlerart on Instagram which first involved members sketching their environs locally and then collating everyones work, first in outline, then adding colours. Everyone took at least a small part and some really stuck with the task to completion – it took several months but they were proud of their handiwork and the weatherproof paint has resisted the weathers attempts to erase it!

Other memorable sessions were learning about Bokashi composting and some members said they would continue this at home and were given starter containers to take away. We also learned about Hapazoming – a Japanese art using mallets, leaves and flower petals which was enjoyed by all and subsequently made into bunting.

In August 2023 we had a minibus outing to Snowhill Manor, a National Trust site near Broadway Although the site was hilly we managed to loan an electric buggy for a disabled participant and the weather was perfect for our visit. Special fun was dressing up in historic costumes for an impromptu photo session. We ended the day with a cup of tea stop in picturesque Broadway village on the way home.

In contrast to the sunny weather at Snowhill, we visited the Diwali Light Show in Brueton Park in November 2023 – a very dark night with few lights on the path from Solihull Town Centre. Some of us got a little lost and it turned into quite an adventure. But we were not brave enough to return by same route and walked back by Warwick Rd. However the evening was fun (and memorable) - we had nachos and hot dogs (which some were surprised to find contained no dog meat just sausage!) In December 2023 Christmas was celebrated as guests of Fatima House – it was a cold day but the welcome was warm and we had traditional foods and played games involving creativity – hat making then Pass The Parcel. There was even a tree made from toilet rolls which guests were able to take home

So it was a year of activity and freedom following the 'Covid years' enjoyed by many. One of our volunteers, Teresa, had to return to her home country for health reasons and was greatly missed by everyone but we have continued to be supported by Columbans, Azadi Trustees and Pauline and Ian Swancott on outings using Scout minibus. Members continue to support each other outside the group and we were happy to announce the arrival of a baby in Yassers family and share in his joy".

Ladies' Day at Christ Church, Sparkbrook, is a weekly group open to any woman in the immediate area or beyond. The group has been functioning for over twelve years but, having lost direct connection to the Christ Church membership and needing an umbrella to operate under, has been a project of the Trust since January 2024. Ladies' Day offers spiritual conversation, craft activities, chair exercises and lunch, but most of all provides a close friendship group for the ladies. Our thanks go to Andrea Korsgen and her small team whose committment over the years has been exemplary.

‘Pastoral and Financial Provision’

A major part of the work of the Trust - Trustees, secondees and volunteers alike - is supporting both present and past residents of Azadi House pastorally as well as supporting a large number of individual contacts of its other Projects. Such pastoral support is wide-ranging and can range from purely emotional support to practical support and material provision. The latter also often includes direct financial support and applicants to the Trust’s Welfare Fund from within and outside the Projects are considered seriously where they have no recourse to statutory or charitable funds elsewhere, or inordinate delay would result from such applications. The Trust is also partnered with ACTS 435, a national Christian charity which ‘crowdfunds’ people with urgent needs. During the last year, donations to Azadi’s Welfare Fund have reached record levels: this has meant requests for help from the Fund have largely been met in full.

In respect of fulfilling its aim of ‘pastoral provision’, the Trust is pleased to announce that funding from Willats Trust has been agreed which will enable Ben Bookless, a qualified counsellor and erstwhile volunteer with the Friendship Centre, to provide full-time pastoral support across all the Trust’s projects. It is anticipated that Ben will be able to start work in July 2024.

‘Provision of information about the Christian Faith.’

Azadi Trust also, as part of its Aims and Objectives, provides materials to inform its local community about the Christian faith. The Trust, is also supported by Shiloh House Distribution, a local wholesale agent for Christian literature, and together we continue to acquire and distribute such literature and audio-visual materials in the languages common in our area of south-east Birmingham.

M. Hodges (Trustee)
23rd February 2025

Financial Summary

The Trust's accounts are detailed on pages 10 to 14. During the accounting period 1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024 the Trust made a profit of £6,488 (after allowing for a depreciation provision of £1,637). This compares with the previous period's loss of £806.

In 2023-24 the Trust's core income for the general fund has been rent receipts from the Azadi House tenancies, plus general and earmarked donations, which together ensure that 'regular' income exceeds Trust general expenditure. The Trust has a policy of setting aside £1,000 per annum as a reserve to provide for unforeseen essential expenditures and at the close of the year retained bank and cash reserves of £26,230. This balance together with a £5,000 rent security deposit provides financial cover for restricted fund balances for the following specific projects:

- The Open Door Friendship Centre in Small Heath, Birmingham [£4,017]
- The Hope Garden project in Sparkbrook, Birmingham [£5,924]
- The GLUE project in Sparkbrook, Birmingham (project not active) [£133]

The Trust's summary profit and loss and statement of assets and liabilities for the period 1 June 2023 – 31st May 2024 are detailed in the table below. Also provided for comparison is the previous accounting period of the charitable company.

	1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024 (£)	1 June 2022 – 31 May 2023 (£)
Income	60,294	58,708
Expenditure	53,806	59,514
Net Profit/(Loss)	6,488	(806)
Bank and Cash	26,230	19,336
Fixed Assets	334,912	336,549
Rent security deposit	5,000	5,000
Debtors	-	6,677
Stock	-	-
Mortgages/Loans	-	(7,908)
Net Assets	366,142	359,654

As a small (charitable) company with a turnover in excess of £25,000 the Trust's accounts are subject to an external Independent Examination by a UK CCAB qualified professional as matter of good governance and a commitment to transparent accountability to the Trust's donors.

Charitable and Political Donations

During the year 2023-2024 the Trust made charitable donations to 1 local community organisations with similar objectives totalling £400 (2022-23 - £475). The Trust has a specific policy of not making donations to political organisations.

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Directors' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The directors are required by Company and Charity Law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the period ended 31st May 2024. The directors also confirm that applicable Accounting Standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity. This enables them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005), and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and any other irregularities.

This Directors Report was approved by the Trust Directors on 23 February 2025.

Michael Hodges (Trustee/Director)

Date 23 February 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st June 2023 to 31st May 2024 **(incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)**

		Unrestricted funds		Restricted	2024	2023
	Note	General £	Building £	Funds £	Total £	Total £
Income						
Donations – regular		2,100	-	-	2,100	2,869
Donations / Grants – occasional		3,344	-	-	3,344	7,827
Donations – welfare		2,260	-	-	2,260	2,220
Donations – Azadi House mortgage/ repairs		2,300	-	-	2,300	-
Donations – Azadi House social/retreats/ loss		-	-	-	-	2,594
Gift Aid Reclaim		0	-	-	0	2,177
Rent and Housing Benefit		23,608	-	-	23,608	17,039
Friendship Centre	6		-	19,232	19,232	19,932
Hope Garden Project	6		-	7,250	7,250	4,050
Glue Project	6		-	-	-	-
Interest & other miscellaneous		200	-	-	200	-
Total Income		33,812	-	26,482	60,294	58,708
Expenditure						
Azadi House:	4					
Utilities, Council Tax, and Insurance		9,642	-	-	9,642	9,728
Resident social / remembrance events		153	-	-	153	2,782
Mortgage interest	4	548	-	-	548	408
Maintenance, repairs,		1,552			1,552	2,156
Cleaning		1,213	-	-	1,213	2,219
Household equipment and furnishings		530	-	-	530	362
General household items		953			953	729
Sub total		14,591	-	-	14,591	18,384
Welfare support payments		2,509	-	-	2,509	1,509
Ministry media purchases		90	-	-	90	178
Support to external ministries		400	-	-	400	475
Hope Garden Project	6	-	-	3,344	3,344	4,975
Glue Project	6	-	-	-	-	-
Friendship Centre	6	-	-	16,055	16,055	21,170
Printing, Stationery, Communications, IT		3,090	-	-	3,090	771
Administration		9,165	-	-	9,165	8,691
Governance, Safeguarding, Fundraising, Training		2,675	-	-	2,675	1,842
Bank charges		250	-	-	250	256
Depreciation of assets		1,637	-	-	1,637	1,263
Total Expenditure		34,407	-	19,399	53,806	59,514
Net income / (expenditure) for the period		(595)	-	7,083	6,488	(806)
Transfer between funds		(7,908)	7,908	-	-	-
House Revaluation/addition			-	-	-	-
Fund balances brought forward		34,571	322,092	2,991	359,654	360,460
Fund balances carried forward		28,068	330,000	10,074	366,142	359,654

All income and expenditure is derived from continuing activities. The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet as at 31st May 2024

Company Number 07247132		Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	31st May 2024	31st May 2023
	Note	General	Building			
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Freehold Property	1,4		330,000	-	330,000	330,000
Tangible assets	1,5	4,912			4,912	6,549
		4,912	330,000	-	334,912	336,549
Current Assets						
Rent security deposit		-	-	5,000	5,000	5,000
Debtors		-	-	-	-	6,677
Stock		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		21,156	-	5,074	26,230	19,336
		21,156	-	10,074	31,230	31,013
Current Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	-	-	-	-	(7,908)
Net Current Assets (liabilities)		21,156	-	10,074	31,230	23,105
Total assets less current liabilities		26,068	330,000	10,074	366,142	359,654
Long Term Liabilities						
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	4	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets less Liabilities		26,068	330,000	10,074	366,142	359,654
Funds:						
Unrestricted funds	1,3	26,068	-	-	26,068	34,571
Building fund	1, 4	-	330,000	-	330,000	322,092
Restricted funds	1, 6	-	-	10,074	10,074	2,991
Total Funds		26,068	330,000	10,074	366,142	359,654

STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTORS UNDER SECTION S475 COMPANIES ACT 2006

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st May 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure for the period then ended in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008). These financial statements were approved by the directors on 23 February 2025 and were signed on their behalf by:

M Hodges

February 2025

1 Principal Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006, on a receipts and payments basis and in compliance with applicable Accounting Standards, the Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (revised 2005) and the Charities Act 2011. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below. The directors have made use of the concession available for small charities within the SORP and have chosen to use resource classifications appropriate to the charity's circumstances and activities.

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, except where otherwise stated.

Donations and Income

Donations and Income are included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when received.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on a cash payment basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Fixed Assets - Freehold Property

The freehold property is not depreciated on the grounds that they are maintained regularly to a high standard and, in the opinion of the board the estimated residual value is so high and the anticipated useful life is so long that any depreciation is unlikely to be material in the context of the accounts. The property is included at approximate market value in the balance sheet.

Fixed Assets - Tangible Assets

Depreciation is charged on the following assets:

Fixtures & Fittings	25% reducing balance
Tools & Other Equipment	20% reducing balance
Computer & Electrical	25% reducing balance

From 2023/24 onwards the Trust will not capitalise equipment purchases with a value less than £500. All tangible fixed assets with a written down value of £100 or less are written down to zero.

Recognition of liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when an obligation arises to transfer economic benefits as a result of past transactions or events.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the charitable company is to distribute reserves in accordance with the objects of the charitable company whilst ensuring that there are sufficient funds to cover cash flow requirements relating to committed expenditure.

Funds

The charitable company holds general funds that are unrestricted and available for use at the discretion of the directors in furtherance of the general objectives of the charitable company. The building fund represents the value of the asset less the mortgage.

2 Directors Remuneration and Expenses

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charitable company was paid or payable for the period to any Director or to any person or persons known or connected with any of them. No reimbursement of personal expenses has been made or is due to be made to any of the Directors in respect of the period.

3 Taxation

The charitable company is a registered charitable company and as such is entitled to certain tax exemptions on income and profits from investments, and any surpluses on any trading activities carried on in furtherance of the charitable company's primary objectives, if these profits and surpluses are applied solely for charitable purposes.

The charitable company is not registered for VAT and accordingly, all their expenditure is recorded inclusive of VAT incurred.

4 Building Fund

Azadi Trust is the freehold owner of 56 Grantham Rd, Sparkbrook which is the registered and operational address of the charitable company. Azadi House provides permanent accommodation for up to five single men and a meeting room for community use. The property was re-valued in November 2022 by Robert Aston & Co. Ltd, 87, Alcester Rd. Moseley, Birmingham B13 8EB at £330,000. The historical cost of the property on 21st March 1997 was £60,000.

Azadi Trust has repaid its mortgage secured on 56 Grantham Road with no outstanding value at 31st May 2024.

A summary of the building fund and its movements are as follows:

	31st May 2024	31st May 2023
	£	£
Opening value of Building Fund	322,092	320,223
Net income / expenditure	-	-
Revaluation / Additions	-	-
Transfer from General fund:		
Capital repayment of the mortgage	7,908	1,869
Transfer to General fund:		
Re-mortgage proceeds net of asset enhancement	-	-
Closing value of Building Fund	330,000	322,092

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5 Fixed Assets - Tangible Assets

	Freehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Tools & Other Equipment	Computer & Electrical	Total
Cost					
At 1 st June 2023	330,000	5,275	440	12,570	348,285
Additions / Revaluation	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31st May 2024	330,000	5,275	440	12,570	348,285
Depreciation					
At 1 st June 2023	-	5,275	440	6,021	11,736
Charge for the year	-	-	-	1,637	1,637
As at 31st May 2024	-	5,275	440	7,658	13,373
Net book value					
At 1 st June 2023	330,000	-	-	6,549	336,549
As at 31st May 2024	330,000	-	-	4,912	334,912

6 Restricted funds

	1st June 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31st May 2024
Hope Garden Project	2,018	7,250	3,344	-	5,924
Friendship Centre	840	19,232	16,055	-	4,017
The GLUE Project	133			-	133
Total	2,991	30,982	19,399		10,074

Summary of Restricted Project Income

Project	1 June 2023 – 31 May 2024 (£)	1 June 2022 – 31 May 2023 (£)
Friendship Centre		
Individual Donations	200	110
Grace Community Church	600	-
City Church, Birmingham	720	720
Lapworth Community Church	260	260
Briarwood Church (United States)	-	2,342
Awards For All	5,452	4,500
ReachGlobal (United States)	12,000	12,000
Hope Garden Project		
Individual Donations	600	50
Sisters of St. Joseph		4,000
FatherO'Mahoney Trust	1,000	-
Westhill Endowment	4,150	-
Sparkhill Trust	750	-
Asda Foundation	750	-
Azadi Trust		
Individual Donations	7,255	8,593
Grace Community Church	0	300
New Life Baptist Church, Kings Heath, Birmingham	79	153
Cheltenham Ladies College		145
Harry Payne Trust		4,000
ACTS435		300
29 th of May 1961 Foundation	2,000	2,019

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Azadi Trust

Charity No. 1138663. Company No. 07247132

I report on the accounts for the 12 months to 31 May 2024 which are set out in the annual report on pages 1 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- follow procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Ben Eley F C A
Date 23 February 2025

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