



Godwin Lawson
FOUNDATION

board report 2024-25

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Godwin Lawson

Foundation

Tackling knife crime
through education,
mentoring and sports



Godwin Lawson lost his life to knife crime. The Foundation is set up in his memory to highlight how sport and education can challenge gang culture and the use of weapons as a status symbol.

You can help support the

message from the ceo G founder



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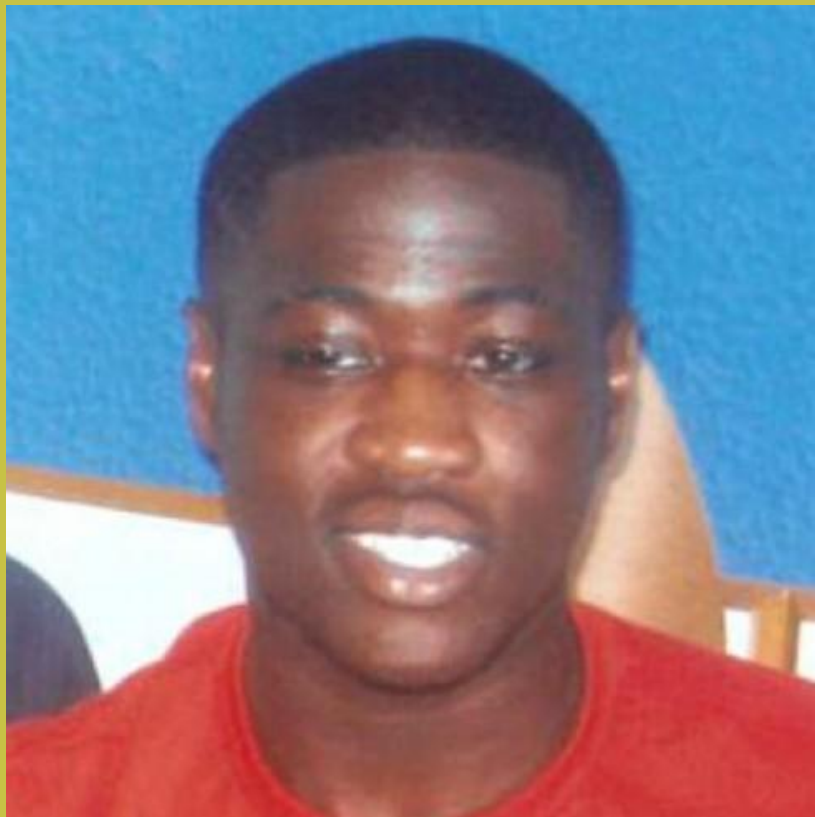
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who we are

The Godwin Lawson Foundation (GLF) was founded in 2012 by Yvonne and Calvin Lawson to commemorate the life of their son, Godwin, who tragically lost his life at the age of 17 while trying to protect friends from attack. His story continues to inspire our work to prevent other families from experiencing such loss.

GLF is a registered charity based in North London, rooted in the communities most affected by violence. We are dedicated to advancing the education and life opportunities of young people, ensuring they can grow into tolerant, responsible, and fulfilled members of society.



Godwin Lawson

what we do

- **Engage young people** through workshops in schools, Pupil Referral Units, and youth offending teams to raise awareness of the dangers of knife crime and provide alternatives.
- **Mentor and empower** young people via programmes like PROPEL Mentoring and Youth Echo, supporting confidence, resilience, and positive decision-making.
- **Develop Peace Ambassadors** - young leaders who support their peers, volunteer at GLF events, and act as role models in their communities.
- **Partner with Tottenham Hotspur Foundation** to deliver the annual Godwin Lawson Memorial Football Tournament, uniting hundreds of young people and promoting anti-violence messages through sport.
- **Support parents and carers** through the Parent Champions Carers Network (PCCN), offering peer support, culturally sensitive advice, and engagement in Family Hubs.
- **Campaign and Advocate for change** by contributing to local and London-wide policy discussions, campaigning for stronger laws, and amplifying the voices of those affected by violence.
- **Address Racial Inequality** faced by Haringey's Black and Minority Ethnic young people. We empower system change within the youth sector by expanding the current youth voice through public speaking, activities and campaigning.
- **Checkmate with Purpose:** Using chess to boost resilience and problem-solving.



Workshop at local school

Promoting anti-violence messages in partnership with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation



The Foundation’s Annual Memorial Tournament



Weekly chess matches as part of our Checkmate with Purpose programme

GODWIN LAWSON FOUNDATION PRESENTS...

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our mission

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- **Implementing projects** that divert young people from gang lifestyles and prevent further involvement.
- **Raising awareness** of the impact of violence and the positive role that sport, education, and mentoring can play in challenging gang culture.

Our mission is clear: Breaking barriers. Building futures



Career workshop with Arriva



our influence in policy

The Godwin Lawson Foundation has developed a strong reputation not only for frontline delivery but also for shaping the wider policy landscape around youth violence prevention.

- **National Advocacy:** Building on earlier successes in shaping legislation on mandatory knife possession sentences, GLF continues to use its platform to call for stronger bans on dangerous weapons, greater investment in safe spaces, and long-term funding for grassroots prevention work.
- **Mayor of London and GLA Engagement:** GLF has been actively involved in City Hall initiatives, contributing to the Mayor's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) research and strategy development. Our participation has helped highlight the lived experiences of families affected by knife crime and the urgent need for community-led solutions. GLF's delivery has been selected for evaluation under the VRU's My Ends programme, with outcomes demonstrating best practice in improved engagement of young people in education and reduced risk of exclusion.



Yvonne with Mayor of London,
Sadiq Khan

- **Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) Research:** As part of the VRU network, GLF has contributed insight into early intervention approaches, parent champion models, and community-based mentoring. Our programmes have been referenced as examples of effective practice in addressing the root causes of youth violence and building safer communities.

our influence in policy

- **Local Authority and Policing Partnerships:** GLF continues to work closely with Haringey Council and local police services, contributing to strategy groups on safeguarding, school exclusions, and community safety. The Foundation has provided input into innovative approaches such as applying a safeguarding lens to Stop and Search practices and supporting reintegration of young people returning from missing episodes; as a result a young person focused mobile App was created to support the reporting of missing episodes and collection of feedback from Stop and Search experiences.

Through these contributions, GLF ensures that the voices of young people, families, and communities most affected by violence are heard where decisions are made.

- **Parliamentary Engagement:** GLF has contributed to national debates through the Home Affairs Committee inquiry into serious youth violence. Our CEO and Founder, Yvonne Lawson MBE, was invited to provide evidence to the Committee, sharing lived experience and insight into the drivers of violence, the impact on families, and the importance of preventative approaches. The inquiry's final report highlighted the need for earlier intervention, better support for families, and sustained investment in community organisations—recommendations that align closely with GLF's model and advocacy.



Yvonne outside 10 Downing St.



And, with Prime Minister, Theresa May

Empowering girls programme



Stage production events



Music and singing events for young people



awards G recognition

The work of the Godwin Lawson Foundation and its leadership has been recognised at local and national levels:

- **Yvonne Lawson MBE** – Awarded a Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to tackling youth violence and supporting young people.
- **National and Community Awards** – GLF has received recognition as an award-winning charity for its contributions to preventing knife crime, reducing school exclusions, and supporting safer communities.
- **Public Acknowledgement** – Media coverage and invitations to high-profile events, including the King's Garden Party, have highlighted GLF's growing reputation as a trusted and influential voice on youth safety and social justice.

These awards are not only honours but also reminders of the strength of Godwin's legacy and the importance of continuing to build futures free from violence.



Yvonne receiving her MBE from Princess Anne



GLF Peace Ambassador volunteers



City Safe Haven: Dedicated to Godwin Lawson



Unity Radio: using music to breakdown barriers

foundation updates

The Godwin Lawson Foundation (GLF) has strengthened its role as a key community-based organisation in London, committed to preventing knife crime, reducing school exclusions, and empowering disadvantaged young people through education, mentoring, and engagement.

In 2024–25, GLF expanded programme delivery, consolidated partnerships, and amplified its influence in public debate and policymaking. The Foundation's voice continues to be recognised at local and national levels in discussions around youth violence, early intervention, and community safety.

Staffing

- Appointment of a Programme Director to lead programme delivery, evaluation, and learning last year has moved systems onto online platforms.
- Our programme experienced some staff movements and moved towards greater stability both in core team supported by dedicated mentor associates, volunteers and parent champions.
- Greater focus granted towards recruitment and continued professional development in safeguarding, trauma-informed practice, and youth engagement.



Peace Ambassadors volunteers

foundation updates

Visibility and Advocacy

- Media coverage included features on ITV, BBC Radio, and local press.
- Ongoing advocacy around banning zombie knives and reforming youth safety legislation



Yvonne with Enfield North MP, Nick de Bois, outside number 10.



Yvonne interviewed by ITV News

- And, partnerships with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and Haringey Council remain central to GLF's visibility and impact.



Champions of 2025 in collaboration with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation

programme updates

Home Cooked 2 – Northumberland Park

- **Duration:** April 2024 to March 2026 (now extended one additional year to March 2027)
- **Target Area:** Northumberland Park and neighbouring wards
- **Activities:** Safe community sessions combining food, games, and wellbeing activities. Partnership with Harris Academy delivers resilience and life-skills workshops. VRU-funded.



Home Cooked Project

Youth Echo (PROPEL)

- **Duration:** 4 September 2023 – 3 September 2026
- **Target Area:** Haringey
- **Activities:** Public speaking training, college engagement, and youth showcases. The programme empowers young people to amplify their voices and contribute to community dialogue on safety and social issues

Young Speakers Network

- Launched December 2024.
- Provides mentorship, training, and paid speaking opportunities.
- Cohort Two (2025) delivered speeches exploring young people's voice and lived experience on themes including feminism, racism, morality, and serious youth violence.

programme updates

PROPEL Mentoring

- **Duration:** April 2023 to March 2026
- **Target Clients:** Secondary schools across Haringey, Enfield and Waltham Forrest
- **Activities:** 1:1 mentoring, group sessions, resilience-building, and academic support. Feedback shows improved attendance, fewer behavioural referrals, and increased confidence.

Parent Champions Carers Network (PCCN)

- **Duration:** October 2025 to September 2026
- Trains Parent Champions to deliver culturally sensitive peer support.
- Parent Champions contribute to Family Network meetings, helping reintegrate young people returning home.
- Active in Family Hubs and schools, supporting parents of young children.

Family Hubs

- Expanded to include parental mentoring, early years support, and advice for families at risk of exclusion.
- Continued delivery of Safer Families Safer Communities.



Supporting parents and carers through the Family Hub projects and the Parent Champions Carers Network

programme updates

Our Work in Schools

- Assemblies delivered to over 1,000 pupils in primary and secondary schools.
- Early intervention workshops where pupils pledge not to carry knives.
- Collaboration with schools to embed inclusive practice and reduce exclusions.



Early intervention workshops where pupils pledge not to carry knives

Missing Children

- Parent Champions trained to support Return Home Interviews.
- Ongoing collaboration with safeguarding teams and local authorities.

Community and Events

- United Through Football: Annual tournament with Tottenham Hotspur Foundation in August 2025, with boys' and girls' teams. Spurs ambassador Ledley King attended. Since its inception, the tournament has engaged over 5,000 young people, using sport as a platform to unite communities and reinforce anti-knife crime messaging.

programme updates

- **Knife Crime Awareness Week 2025:** Engaged through assemblies, theatre visits, and outreach.
- **Knife Crime Awareness Evening:** Held at Wood Green Crown Court with senior judiciary, police, and community voices.



Wood Green Court: Teaching young people about the criminal justice system

- **Checkmate with Purpose:** Weekly chess workshops, using chess to promote resilience and problem-solving.
- **Home-cooked Summer Sessions:** Provided safe spaces during July–September 2025 with games and wellbeing activities.
- **Primary School Visits:** Pupils pledged not to carry knives during awareness sessions.

work with unaccompanied minors

In partnership with the Capital City Trust, GLF has extended its support to unaccompanied minors in Haringey and Enfield. These young people often face multiple vulnerabilities, including the trauma of displacement, limited family networks, and heightened risk of exploitation.

Through tailored mentoring, safe space activities, and culturally sensitive engagement, GLF provides:

- **1:1 mentoring and advocacy** to help unaccompanied minors adjust to new educational and community environments.
- **Practical life-skills workshops** covering communication, resilience, and navigating services.
- **Peer and community integration support**, creating opportunities for young people to connect with local youth, access positive role models, and reduce isolation.

This work, delivered through the Capital City Trust in both Enfield and Haringey, strengthens protective factors for unaccompanied minors and ensures that their specific needs are recognised within broader violence reduction and safeguarding strategies.





Handing out medals

Working with The Met Police at the Annual Memorial Tournament



strategic observations

- **Mentoring as a Proven Intervention:** Mentoring, when structured and consistent, is a highly effective intervention for reducing youth violence. GLF's model aligns with best practice.
- **Value of Early Intervention and Lived Experience:** Through Parent Champions, Family Hubs, and school-based workshops, GLF demonstrates the importance of early, community-led solutions.
- **Sustainability of Funding:** Sustainability requires long-term, stable funding. GLF's diversification of income streams and reserve-building strengthens resilience.
- **Community Visibility and Narrative Power:** Events, pledges, and symbolic acts—such as balloon releases—build credibility, amplify GLF's narrative, and mobilise communities.



Workshop at Ferry Lane Primary School

building organisational pillars

for sustainable growth

In order to sustain growth and increase our long-term effectiveness, GLF has been building new organisational pillars:

1. **Data and Impact Measurement** – We have placed greater emphasis on data collection, analysis, and reporting to demonstrate our impact. This ensures evidence-based decision-making and strengthens accountability to funders and stakeholders.
2. **Technology Integration** – Working with industry specialists *DATANOMY*, we are developing new systems for data collection, integrity, analysis, and presentation. These tools enhance our ability to track outcomes and communicate our impact more effectively.
3. **IT Architecture and Systems** – In collaboration with *SAUEGLOBAL*, we are advancing our IT systems to ensure they are robust, scalable, and future-proofed to meet organisational needs as we expand.
4. **Partner Expertise** – We have engaged existing partners to share expertise in business development, research, systems, HR, change management, and finance management. This collaboration is strengthening internal capacity and improving organisational practice.

Together, these pillars provide a stronger foundation for sustainability, resilience, and growth.

funding updates

In 2024–25, GLF achieved significant progress in strengthening its funding base:

- **Home Cooked Programme** – Secured an additional year of funding to continue delivery in Northumberland Park and neighbouring wards, ensuring safe spaces and resilience workshops remain available to local young people.
- **PROPEL Programme** – Expanded funding by a further 18 months, enabling continuity in mentoring, public speaking training, and youth empowerment initiatives across Haringey.
- **Private Donors** – Successfully secured our first private donors, marking an important milestone in diversifying income sources and building financial sustainability.

These developments provide a more stable foundation for programme delivery and demonstrate growing confidence in GLF's impact and credibility.

financial activities

statement for year ended 31 March 2025

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> 2025	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> 2024
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES: -</u>		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income		1,109	-	1,109	887
Other Income: Services Income		-	-	-	5,955
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Grants to provide charitable activities	(14)	25,000	218,633	243,633	166,463
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		26,109	218,633	244,742	173,305
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	(16)	-	243,826	243,826	115,933
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-	243,826	243,826	115,933
Net Incomings and (outgoings) resources		26,109	(25,193)	916	57,372
Balances Brought Forward		71,852	29,330	101,182	43,810
Balances Carried Forward		97,961	4,137	102,098	101,182

There were no recognised gains or losses for the above period other than those shown in the statement of financial activities for the above financial year. All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

(The notes attached form part of these financial statements)

balance sheet

as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	£ <u>2025</u>	£ <u>2024</u>
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	(6)	-	-
Current Assets:			
Debtors			
Cash at Bank and In Hand		149,841	123,627
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors:			
Amount falling due within one year:			
Accruals & Creditors	(12)	47,743	22,445
Net Current Assets		<u>102,098</u>	<u>101,182</u>
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As Represented By			
Unrestricted Fund		97,961	71,852
Restricted Fund	(13)	4,137	29,330
Total Funds		<u>102,098</u>	<u>101,182</u>

(The notes form part of this account)

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 10/11/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Margaret Thorli
(Treasurer)



Q&A session during an assembly about Godwin's story



GLF Youth Echo



Assembly in Swindon, October 2024

VRU (Violence Reduction Unit) Conference



conclusion



Uniting young people and promoting anti-violence messages through sport

2024-25 has been a year of growth, resilience, and greater impact. GLF has expanded its reach, supported young people and families, and shaped the debate on youth safety.

Amid rising youth violence, GLF's mission is more urgent than ever. With strong partnerships, sustainable programmes, and effective advocacy, GLF continues to break barriers and build futures.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our staff, Parent Champions, trustees, and volunteers, whose dedication and hard work drive our mission every day. We are equally grateful to our funders, private donors, and partners—including schools, community organisations, and local authorities—who have stood alongside us to create safer communities.

The resilience and courage shown by our team, young people, and families inspire us to continue this vital work. Together, we are not only sustaining hope but building a stronger, safer future for the generations to come.

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GODWIN LAWSON FOUNDATION

Registered Charity

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH 2025

Charity number: 1149989

**GODWIN LAWSON FOUNDATION
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

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Trustees:

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Margaret Thorli – Treasurer
Anna Maria Christensson
Professor David McIlhatton

Governing document:

The charity is operated under the rules of its Constitution.

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Independent Examiner and Accountant:

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Chartered Certified Accountant
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**GODWIN LAWSON FOUNDATION
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

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GODWIN LAWSON FOUNDATION
Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Godwin Lawson Foundation (GLF) trustees are pleased to present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, and 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).

Governance, Structure and Management

Godwin Lawson Foundation was registered as a charity on 30th November 2012. The charity is governed by its Constitution. The trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting. Appointment and retirement of trustees is in accordance with the Articles of Association. The trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

The overall management of finance is the responsibility of all the Trustees acting on the recommendations of the Chairperson, the Treasurer and the senior staff. The Trustees form the Management Committee who meets regularly to oversee the running of the organisation.

Background

Godwin Lawson Foundation (GLF) is a highly impacted community-based organisation in Haringey, London where we have been working for 9 years. We are well established and serve the deprived ward and disadvantaged Children & Young people and families of Haringey and Enfield.

Charitable Objects:

The organisation main charitable objects are to: -

To advance the education of young people in social issues and cultural diversity in particular but not exclusively through leisure time activities so that they can develop their capabilities and grow into tolerant, fully matures individual members of society with a respect for the uniqueness of others.

Our Mission

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Message from the CEO and Founder

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Yvonne Lawson MBE
CEO & Founder

Activities

Deliver Godwin Lawson Foundation annual leadership programme to develop the life skills of youths aged 11- 19 and their families in the Enfield/Tottenham area of North London to restore hope, optimism and their self-esteem. Organise GLF memorial football tournament to provide opportunities to participants to challenge and explore the issue of territoriality and its impact on young people.

The charity provides advocacy, information and advice services. This year we were funded by Greater London Authority, Bridge renewal Trust, Mayors Fund, Haringey Council, Royal Free Charity and Generation Foundation to tackle knife crime issues, raising awareness, developing toolkit and mental health & wellbeing. Training and workshops were delivered through our online platform and face to face. Bridge Renewal Trust support for our parents' peer to peer and parental forums has been very helpful in addressing issues, support for each other and sharing experiences.

Projects Delivery

The **Godwin Lawson Foundation** is proud to be delivering a wide range of impactful projects across Haringey and London:

- **Propel** – tackling racial inequity, driving systems change in the youth sector, and expanding Youth Echo and capacity building across Haringey.
- **Youth Echo** – leading education-focused interventions, engaging schools and colleges, mentoring, workshops, peer-led social action, and building awareness of young people's rights.
- **Missing Children** – conducting return home interviews, supporting families to create strength-based safety plans, and mobilising networks of support.
- **PCCN (Parent Champions Carers Network)** – training parent champions to share safeguarding knowledge, improve SEND referrals, understand trauma, and reduce exclusions and gang involvement.
- **Home Cooked** – mentoring at-risk young people in Tottenham Hale, promoting positive choices, personal development, and community cohesion through initiatives like the Peace Ambassadors and football tournaments.
- **Family Hub** – delivering culturally sensitive peer-to-peer support and promoting services for families with young children.
- **NHS Charities Mentoring** – tackling child sexual exploitation, supporting young people's mental health, signposting families affected by long Covid, and addressing digital exclusion.

We are achieving the objectives, outputs, and outcomes of these projects thanks to the generous support of our funders, and the dedication of our sessional staff and volunteers. Beneficiary feedback has been

overwhelmingly positive, and we are using insights from monitoring to shape future initiatives. Please check our detailed impact report for more information about Godwin Lawson Foundation achievements.

Future Plans

The organisation is on track to achieve all planned outcomes and remains committed to delivering its objectives. To meet the growing demand for our services, we will continue fundraising efforts to ensure sustainability and impact. We are also actively recruiting trustees and volunteers to strengthen our management and enhance our administration.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity undertakes.
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The Trustees constantly review risks relevant to the charity. Any risks identified are reported to the Trustees and decisions made on how to minimise risk.

Financial Review

GLF’s funding sources are both from restricted and unrestricted sources. This year we were successful in bringing in restricted funds of £218,633 (£141,763 in 2023-24) from various funders of which £171,535 were from local government grant funding. Unrestricted Funds of £ 26,109 include £25,000 of core capacity building support from Postcode Society Trust, £1,109 from general donation. Our free reserves have increased to £97,961 this year which is in line with our targeted reserve policy.

Reserve’s policy and Going Concern

Godwin Lawson Foundation (GLF) is committed to maintaining a level of reserves that is sufficient to meet ongoing liabilities and all service delivery commitments, as well as ensuring the long-term future of the charity. GLF adopts a reserves policy that seeks to balance these priorities by holding a level of reserves sufficient to: Ensure the availability of sufficient working funds, provide a buffer in case of unexpected loss of income to ensure that services can be maintained and provide sufficient funds to allow the organisation to wind up while meeting its obligation to staff and service users should the organisation be forced to close. The Board has approved a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed, should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that GLF’s core activity could continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. The target reserve amount represents at least 6 months’ (26 weeks) expenditure and will be reviewed annually. GLF is on track to achieve these targeted reserves.

Our volunteers

GLF is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. Around 7 volunteers assisted with our on-going activities. We wish to thank our volunteers for their loyal support and contribution.

Independent Examiner

TACTS Accountant was appointed as the charity’s independent examiner during the year and has expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Statement Trustees Responsibilities

Charity trustees are the people who serve on the governing body of a charity. They may be known as trustees, directors, board members, governors or committee members. The principles and main duties are the same in all cases.

Trustees have, and must accept, ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of a charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and meeting the needs for which it has been set up.

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company.

Signed on behalf of the board,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M Thorli', written in a cursive style.

Margaret Thorli
(Treasurer)

Date: 10/11/2025

Independent examiner’s report to the trustees of Godwin Lawson Foundation

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's 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.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

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 any 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 out 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.



Date: 10/11/2025

Chartered Certified Accountant
TACTS Limited, 61 Fountains Crescent, London, N14 6BD

GODWIN LAWSON FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Grants to provide charitable activities	(14)	25,000	218,633	243,633	166,463
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		26,109	218,633	244,742	173,305
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>					
Expenditure on charitable activities	(16)	-	243,826	243,826	115,933
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		-	243,826	243,826	115,933
Net Incomings and (outgoings) resources		26,109	(25,193)	916	57,372
Balances Brought Forward		71,852	29,330	101,182	43,810
Balances Carried Forward		97,961	4,137	102,098	101,182

There were no recognised gains or losses for the above period other than those shown in the statement of financial activities for the above financial year. All incoming resources and resources expended are derived from continuing activities.

(The notes attached form part of these financial statements)

GODWIN LAWSON FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	£ <u>2025</u>	£ <u>2024</u>
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	(6)	-	-
Current Assets:			
Debtors			
Cash at Bank and In Hand		149,841	123,627
Current Liabilities:			
Creditors:			
Amount falling due within one year:			
Accruals & Creditors	(12)	47,743	22,445
Net Current Assets		<u>102,098</u>	<u>101,182</u>
Net Assets		<u>102,098</u>	<u>101,182</u>
As Represented By			
Unrestricted Fund		97,961	71,852
Restricted Fund	(13)	4,137	29,330
Total Funds		<u>102,098</u>	<u>101,182</u>

(The notes form part of this account)

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 10/11/2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Margaret Thorli
(Treasurer)

**GODWIN LAWSON FOUNDATION
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

1. Accounting basis.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). GLF meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The Charity trustees are of the view that measures taken subsequent to the year-end to reduce operating costs and successful in applying for continuation funding have secured the immediate future of the Charity for the next 12 to 18 months and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

2. Cash Flow Statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charity is small.

3. Income

Income is recognised in the period to which it relates, unless specified otherwise by the funder. Project funding is, in general, repayable if not expended within the relevant project. Such income is only recognised to the extent that it ceases to be repayable. The income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

4. Resource Expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered. Direct charitable expenditure includes the direct costs of the activities. Where such costs relate to more than one functional cost category, they have been apportioned in line with the direct costs of the relevant service.

5. Taxation

GLF is a registered charity and is not liable for corporation tax on its income under section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 to the extent that it is applied to its charitable activities.

6. Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, of all fixed assets over their expected useful life as follows: -

Equipment - 33.33% straight-line basis

	Equipment
	£
At Cost	2,379
Depreciation:	
At 1 April 2024	2,379
Charge for the year	-
At 31st March 2025	2,379
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	-
At 31 March 2024	-

7. Staff Costs

The organisation does not have staff on payroll for this year.

Trustees are not remunerated to stand for their position on the committee board.

8. Status

Godwin Lawson Foundation is a registered charity.

9. Fund Accounting

Fund accounting unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity’s work.

10.Support Cost

Allocation of support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back-office costs, finance, personnel, and governance costs which support the Charity activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities. The bases on which support costs have been allocated are set out in note 15.

11.Debtors

The organisation has no debtors in this financial year.

12.Accrual and Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Professional fees	1,500	795
Consultancy fees	18,000	5,000
Deferred Grant	16,650	16,650
Other Creditors	11,593	-
	47,743	22,445

13. Analysis of Restricted Fund

	Restricted balance @ 31st March 2025 £	Restricted balance @ 31st March 2024 £
Haringey Council	4,137	23,330
Generation Foundation	-	6,000
Total Restricted Fund Balance Carried Forward	4,137	29,330

14. Grant to provide charitable activities

Funder	Purpose of Project	2025 £	2024 £
Mayors Fund	Tackling Knife Crime Awareness & Toolkit	1,909	670
Greater London Authority	Propel Project- Address Racial Inequity	53,064	26,532
Haringey Council Projects	Peer-to-peer/Parenting champions Network	118,471	48,750
Royal Free Charity	Youth Mental Health project	-	13,749
Dinn Enterprise	Capacity Building	6,000	-
Bridge Renewal Trust	Reduce youth violence and knife crime	34,389	46,063
Generation Foundation	Mentoring project	4,800	6,000
Postcode Society Trust	Capacity Building- Core Support	25,000	24,700
		243,633	166,463

15. Governance and Support cost

	General Support £	Governance £	Total £
Professional fees	216	2,400	2,616
Office & General Running Expenses	1,132	337	1,469
IT Support and Expense	12,763	-	12,763
	14,111	2,737	16,848

16. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> 2025	<u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> 2024
Charitable Expenses	£	£	£	£
Programme Management & Facilitation	-	95,401	95,401	78,321
Project activities and collaboration	-	48,417	48,417	9,037
Mentoring & Moderator	-	49,798	49,798	9,338
Training and Workshops	-	16,594	16,594	895
Project Administration & Accountancy	-	8,578	8,578	7,625
Office & general running Expenses	-	1,469	1,469	1,252
IT Support and Expenses	-	12,763	12,763	1,782
Rentals and premises cost	-	6,713	6,713	4,825
Subscription	-	658	658	-
Professional fees	-	2,616	2,616	1,116
Volunteer Expenses and Travel	-	819	819	1,742
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	-	243,826	243,826	115,933

17. Movement In Funds

	Unrestricted funds reserve £	Restricted funds reserve £	Total £
At 1st April 2024	71,852	29,330	101,182
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	26,109	(25,193)	916
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	97,961	4,137	102,098

18. Net Assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Current Assets	97,961	51,880	149,841
Current Liabilities	-	47,743	47,743
Net Assets as at 31st Mar 2025	97,961	4,137	102,098