

Jannaty Women's Social Society

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended

30 September 2023

Charity no: 1151143

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Trustees Annual Report

Covering the reporting period 01 October 2022 -30 September 2023

Director's Update 2022/2023

This year Jannaty has worked on securing our operational spaces, offering regular services focusing on women's health & wellbeing, skills development, as well as building relationships with other VCS organisations in the borough to meet the needs of our members.

Jannaty faced some challenges when we had to move from a local studio space due to rising rents where we were developing a community modest clothing brand. Despite this challenging period we have established our sewing group in our original home at the Finsbury Park Trust. Jannaty is offering regular sewing classes for minoritised women who can learn basic and intermediate sewing skills. This is to empower women to move into formal qualifications at local colleges and training spaces. Jannaty continues to offer language support in Arabic and Somali through our trained volunteer team.

Our volunteers continue to be the backbone of the charity, coming from the diverse community who we serve, speaking a range of languages including Arabic, Amharic, Bengali, Farsi, Pashto, Somali, Tigrinya, Urdu, to name a few. Our volunteers have supported Jannaty deliver all our activities be it social events where women celebrate their culture and heritage, summer trips to the beach, supporting digital learning and sharing health information or befriending and social support at our regular coffee mornings.

Our finances are healthy with core staff roles being secured through funding from the Tudor Trust and new initiatives such as the cooking club raising much needed funds as we have seen a rise in all costs, from renting our training space, hiring halls, phone bills and volunteer expenses. We continue to seek funding to secure Jannaty's services and core costs through longer-term funding.

In the summer of 2023, I was delighted to have received unexpected recognition from 10 Downing Street for the journey I have been on to empower minoritised women over the last 14 years. This came about when I received the Points of Light Award from Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak. The award is not only for me, but a recognition of the efforts of the community around me, who have supported Jannaty to impact the lives of hundreds of women for more than a decade. To all our supporters I want to say thank you, this recognition is for us all.



Majida Sayam

Director

Aim:

To establish a friendly hub for the community

Jannaty aims to provide a safe space for its members to come together, interact, learn and develop. Our services provide a holistic support hub which supports women with various needs, from delivering health and wellbeing services such as exercise, yoga and culturally sensitive counselling, to organising social events to reduce isolation and celebrate the diverse cultures and identities of our members. We also provide one-to-one advice, signpost to specialist services and advocate on behalf of our members to create change, challenging structural and systemic barriers, discrimination and inequality.

Jannaty welcomes women and girls from all walks of life, our Islington community is rich with diversity and this is celebrated at Jannaty.

Our Vision & Mission

To remove barriers

Jannaty's vision is to enable women and girls from disadvantaged and minoritised backgrounds to become capable, strong and independent individuals who can improve their quality of life and those around them.

Our mission is to support their growth through our services, providing skills for life, making lasting connections, improving their health and wellbeing and connecting women to a wider community to improve their prospects and open up opportunities.

Our Values

Empowerment - harnessing the power of women and their innate ability to nurture and grow themselves and those around them.

Independence – being a helping hand, not a holding hand, so women can become self-determining.

Celebration of culture – respecting diversity, be that race, faith, culture, heritage and individual differences

Authenticity – created by women for women, in their view of what they need and how they should be supported.

Our Members

Jannaty has more than 400 members and approximately 1,000 service users in a year.

Our members are women from minoritized communities facing, multiple disadvantages, due to their gender, ethnicity, disability, faith or immigration status. Many have been victims of hate crime. Our members often experience social and economic exclusion and live in deprived areas.

From our last survey, our members describe their ethnicity as being; Arab 62%, Somali 15%, Eritrean 12%, Bangladeshi 4%, Mixed-White & black African 2%, Nigerian 2%, White other 2%, Mixed-any other 2%.

Some have health needs, in our last survey 17% stated they have a disability, 23% have a long-term health condition, 40% have medical issues.

Our members are more than just the statistics. While many are affected by disadvantage more than a third of our members have a degree, masters or post-graduate qualification, from their native countries. They are ambitious, hardworking, and resilient, our job is to help them reach their full potential.

What we do:

Health & Wellbeing Services: Good mind, good body, good friends



Training & Skills Development: Empowering women with the tools to change their lives and break into different sectors.



Social Events: Celebrating culture and building connections.



Anaqaa Apparel - Community clothing brand.



Charity Shop - Affordable clothing for the local community.



Update on activities October 2022 – September 2023

Health & Wellbeing Services

Healthwatch Research

We worked with Healthwatch Islington to deliver a number of research projects including;

Health Inequalities Research for the North Central London (NCL) Clinical Commissioning Group which involved interviewing 70 residents from minoritised backgrounds about breast cancer, cervical and bowel cancer and provided information about local services. We conducted one-to-one interviews speaking to members about breast cancer, cervical and bowel cancer and provided information about local services.

Digital Support, supported by the Cloudesley grant we distributed tablets and laptops to residents with long-term health conditions and disabilities. Supported by Healthwatch staff and Jannaty's volunteer interpreters, local women received training on how to use their new devices.

Evidence Islington is a partnership between Islington council, community groups (Healthwatch Islington and their Diverse Communities Health Voice (DCHV) partners, and two universities; the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and University College London.

The council's ambition is to create a more equal future in Islington where everyone is able to thrive. For this strategic aim Islington is working with partners to collect evidence, by listening to local people – individuals, groups, and communities. Jannaty met with the Director of Housing and Public Health researchers to provide feedback on the council's engagement strategy on behalf of residents to raise concerns, share experiences, help identify problems, and test solutions in a structured way.

Digital inclusion. We also delivered a session on using the NHS app to encourage residents to use the app for ordering repeat prescriptions, booking GP appointments, nominating a pharmacy and adding family members to their account and managing their digital footprint.

Bowel Cancer. Working with UCL, Jannaty held a focus group for women to learn about bowel cancer. Attendees learnt how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is being used to assist doctors to identify growths in the colon for early diagnosis and treatment. The group took part in a 'Where's Wally?' game which demonstrated how quickly AI could locate and identify growths. Attendees also heard testimonials from two women who survived stage 3 cancer. The session was delivered with the support of an Arabic translator from UCL who helped women understand technical and medical terms.

UCL Household Overcrowding Research - 1. The title of research study is: “Household overcrowding and wellbeing - what can help? A review of the evidence”. This study led by - The Department of Applied Health Research, who wanted to obtain residents’ experiences of household overcrowding and views on interventions that need investigating. The review seeks to evidence the extent of overcrowding in the borough and across England, to provide councils with the information they need to make decisions on how they can help people living in overcrowding through policy development and practical intervention.

UCL Household Overcrowding Research – 2. Working with UCL again we organised focus groups to identify the key issues impacting residents affected by household overcrowding, to contribute towards academic research. Our groups of up to 10 women shared their lived experience and helped organise topics which they felt were the most pressing needs for families including health & wellbeing, noise and privacy, bedroom space and building quality. Sometimes it was very difficult to decide which issue was the most important as families have complicated needs, particularly where there are children, elderly and those with physical and mental health needs. Jannaty member’s participation will contribute towards research papers which can inform housing policy in London and nationally. We additionally met with Islington’s Housing Strategy team to identify priorities for local residents to contribute towards the development of Islington’s Housing Strategy. We identified the need to improve the repairs service to prevent disrepair, use existing data collected by the council, improve resident touch-points and front-line worker knowledge and empathy skills and improve channels for communications for diverse audiences using existing VCS organisations.



Anaqaa Apparel



We are grateful to the Tudor Trust who supported us transition from the council-run Affordable Workspace, which became un-affordable for Jannaty at the end of 2022 due to rising rent. The additional funding helped Jannaty settle back into our old training rooms at the Finsbury Park Trust where we continue to offer sewing classes and try to develop the community clothing brand.

Jannaty’s sewing classes have been in great demand. We had a waiting list of 30 women when we started in the autumn term. Women from disadvantaged backgrounds have been learning basic sewing skills, supported by volunteers offering interpretation in Arabic and Somali languages. Jannaty is trying to secure funding to help us pay for the training room, purchase sewing machines, tools, and fabric to offer more women the opportunity to develop these skills and access further training and employment.

Members Events & Training

In the summer we organised our annual beach trips for our members. We took two coaches to of 100 women to Bournemouth beach, supported by the National Lottery Awards for All fund.

We held an open-planning day with our members before the start of the new term to hear their voices and understand what activity they would like us to deliver in the coming year. 56 women responded to our survey and 16 attended our in-person brainstorming session. Our membership continues to be diverse; we have members from Afghanistan, Somalia, Yemen, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Syria, Ethiopia, Italy and the Netherlands.



We understood from our members that:

- 57% are interested in Jannaty offering social events which celebrate their culture and identity
- 30% want to join sewing classes (most responded they are beginners)
- 12% would like to take part in cooking classes
- 25% would join trips and outdoor activities

More than 50% of women surveyed are mothers to young children which prevents them from working, other women shared that English language and self-confidence were barriers to work.



Culture Day: More than 50 women took part in Jannaty's culture day, where women created traditional homemade dishes to celebrate their heritage and share with friends and neighbours in an open-day at the training space. We had food from all over the world; Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Somalia. We also held a pre-Ramadan event to celebrate the arrival of the special month for our members. 100 women attended the dinner event where they shared stories of how they celebrate this month in their countries.



Happy Hub: Working with the Finsbury Park Trust Jannaty has been delivering free weekly skills sessions to help women learn a range of skills and reduce isolation through a safe social gathering. Our Happy Hub activities have included; Upcycling old wedding dresses, flower arranging, creating gift hampers, making traditional sweets and head and neck massage sessions using traditional healing techniques.



Tackling food poverty

Islington council has reported a rise in food poverty within the borough. Jannaty responded to this need by working with the Finsbury Park Trust to deliver a community food bank. We have distributed food from the Felix project, cooked hot meals for local people and organised gatherings sharing traditional meals to address food insecurity. We invited members to join us in preparing cooked meals, offering isolated women the opportunity to take part in activities to support the community, this helped us create some delicious and diverse meals including Somali rice and chicken, Egyptian stew, Pakistani biryani and Italian pasta.



Cooking club catering

Jannaty's cooking club has evolved into a small community catering service. We have registered with Islington Council as a food business and await our inspection.

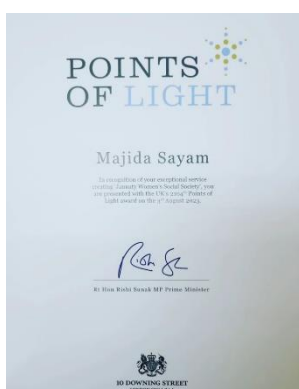


The cooking club continues to cater for local charities and organisations and orders are received through word-of-mouth recommendations within the borough. We have three women with L2 and L3 food hygiene certificates working on this project.

We have received dozens of orders ranging from small meetings of 10 people to larger events of up to 100 people raising vital funds to help cover Jannaty's core costs, rent, rates, staffing and volunteer costs. Some of the organisations we have catered for include; Space 4, Founders & Coders digital agency, Islington Council's Islamophobia event, Finsbury Park Trust, British Institute of Human Rights (BIHR), Outlandish digital agency and more. We received the following feedback from the BIHR.

"Jannaty supplied the catering for our small Community event held at a venue in Finsbury Park. Their menu provided us with plenty of choices for all our Guests, with flexibility for vegetarian and vegan choices. Jannaty were efficient, courteous and flexible, with timely delivery of the food within the agreed slot. It was an overall success with our Guests, who all enjoyed the delicious food prepared locally by this brilliant community kitchen and we would certainly use Jannaty's kitchen in future if needed." Valentina Carlet, Admin Officer, BIHR.

Recognition from Downing Street



We unexpectedly received some wonderful news from Downing Street when the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, awarded our Director, Majida Sayam, the Points of Light Award. We are delighted that Majida's decades of hard work has been recognised as the award was for

"exceptional service" creating Jannaty Women's Social Society. This is testimony to Majida's relentless efforts to support minoritised women in London, whom she has been serving for more than 30 years.



Thanks to our wonderful supporters this year:



Finsbury Park Trust

Supporting and responding to community need

Independent examiner's report

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2023 set out on pages 15 -16 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 17.

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 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 Charities Act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charities Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent review

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe, that in any material respect, the requirements have not been met:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and 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; 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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Jannaty Women's Social Society
Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 30 September 2023

		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
	Note				
Income:					
Charitable Activities	2	23,196	80,350	103,546	117,743
Total Income		23,196	80,350	103,546	117,743
Expenditure:					
Charitable Activities	3	21,092	87,676	108,768	97,061
Total Expenditure		21,092	87,676	108,768	97,061
Net Income / (expenditure)		2,104	(7,326)	(5,222)	20,682
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,104	(7,326)	(5,222)	20,682
Total Funds brought forward		22,280	18,828	41,108	20,426
Total Funds carried forward		24,384	11,502	35,886	41,108

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than those in the statement of financial activities. Therefore no statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared. All the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 16 to 19 form part of these accounts.

Jannaty Women's Social Society
Balance Sheet
as at 30 September 2023

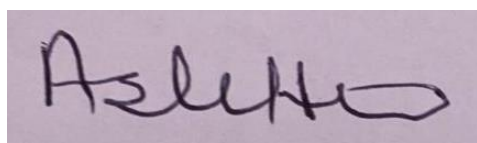
	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash at bank and in hand		40,993	45,395
		<u>40,993</u>	<u>45,395</u>
CREDITORS:			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	5,107	4,287
		<u>5,107</u>	<u>4,287</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS:		35,886	41,108
NET ASSETS		<u>35,886</u>	<u>41,108</u>
FUNDS:			
Restricted Funds		11,502	18,828
Unrestricted Funds		24,384	22,280
	7	<u>35,886</u>	<u>41,108</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 July 2023.

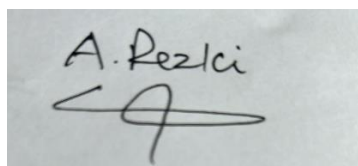
The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Director acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 26/06/2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Asli Hassan Kinzi
(Chair)



Asmaa Rezki
(Treasurer)

The notes on pages 16 to 19 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the financial activities for the year ended 30 September 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000). In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005).

b) Donations' legacies and similar income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it.

c) Tax reclaims on donations

Tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

d) Investment income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.

e) Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis. Grants payable are charged in the year when conditions attaching to the grant are fulfilled and a properly completed claim has been received by the charity.

Support costs relate to costs of processing grants and applications and general office expenses.

f) Fund accounting

Details of the nature and purpose of each fund is set out in note 5.

Notes to the financial activities for the year ended 30 September 2023

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Grants and Contracts	-	80,350	80,350	99,140
Donations	820	-	820	-
Shop sales	20,849	-	20,849	18,603
Other Income	1,527	-	1,527	-
	<u>23,196</u>	<u>80,350</u>	<u>103,546</u>	<u>117,743</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Project 01: Anaqaa Apparel	2,416	-
Project 02: Cooking Club	4,930	-
Project 03: Healthwatch Isling Ncl Health Inequal	7,654	-
Project 04: Tud Tr No1 (Rent increase)	3,000	-
Project 05: Healthwatch Isling Car/Cldsly/Ncl2	5,750	-
Project 06: Main Grants - National Lottery	10,000	-
Project 07: TUDOR TRUST NO1 (Core Costs)	44,000	46,000
Project 08: Healthwatch Isling Cloudesleyei	2,600	6,262
Cripplegate Foundation	-	15,428
Counselling-Islington	-	10,000
Action for Race	-	7,000
Health Talk	-	4,000
Muslim Charities	-	4,000
Puppet Project	-	2,220
Catalyst	-	2,000
Diva Choice	-	1,250
SMI Motivational Interviewing	-	980
	<u>80,350</u>	<u>99,140</u>

Notes to the financial activities for the year ended 30 September 2023

3 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Charity	Shop	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Direct charitable costs	11,072	-	11,072	-
Staff costs (note 4)	51,687	6,277	57,964	38,204
Temporary Staff Salaries	4,746	1,463	6,209	-
Rent	11,781	12,614	24,394	23,221
Events & Courses	3,323	359	3,682	11,359
Activities	-	-	-	10,698
Training	-	-	-	9,225
Travel	1,584	-	1,584	1,939
Phone	610	148	757	771
Insurance	691	-	691	695
Governance costs (note 5)	820	-	820	750
Office costs	1,363	231	1,594	199
	<u>87,676</u>	<u>21,092</u>	<u>108,768</u>	<u>97,061</u>

4 STAFF COSTS

	Charity	Shop	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Wages and salaries	41,231	6,277	47,508	38,204
Social security costs	7,539	-	7,539	-
Other pension costs	2,917	-	2,917	-
	<u>51,687</u>	<u>6,277</u>	<u>57,964</u>	<u>38,204</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

2023	2022
<u>3</u>	
<u>3</u>	-

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	2023	2022
£60,001 - £70,000	-	-

5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Charity	Shop	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Legal and professional fees	-	-	-	750
Independent Examiner's fees	820	-	820	-
	<u>820</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>820</u>	<u>750</u>

Notes to the financial activities for the year ended 30 September 2023

6 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Taxation and Social Security	-	-
Other creditors	4,287	4,287
Accruals	820	-
	<u>5,107</u>	<u>4,287</u>

7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	B/F at 1/10/2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £	C/F at 30/9/2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	22,280	23,196	(21,092)	-	24,384
Restricted funds	18,828	80,350	(87,676)	-	11,502
Alms Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>18,828</u>	<u>80,350</u>	<u>(87,676)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,502</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>41,108</u>	<u>103,546</u>	<u>(108,768)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,886</u>

The **Reserve fund** represents the unrestricted funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.