



Jannaty Women's Social Society - Trustees Annual Report

For the period:

01 Oct 2023 – 30 Sept 2024



Charity number: 1151143



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Director's Update 2023 / 2024

This year Jannaty has successfully secured all of our operational spaces (including a dedicated space for an office), meaning we have continued to offer 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 has worked hard to establish our sewing group in our original home at the Finsbury Park Trust. Jannaty continues to offer 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 sewing classes are our most popular and in demand classes, we always have a waiting list of members who want to join, and this feedback enables Jannaty to make community led informed decisions about the activities we choose to put on.

We are grateful that we continue to attract dedicated volunteers who become the backbone of the charity, all 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 to deliver all our activities, be it social events where women celebrate their culture and heritage, summer trips to the beach, 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 May 2024, I was delighted to have been awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) for services to ethnic minority women. 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. This achievement is a moment of pride for everyone who believes in equality, opportunity and lasting impact.

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, where we challenge structural and systemic barriers, as well as 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 42%, Somali 31%, Bangladeshi 3%, Mixed-White & Black African 2%, Other Asian background 5%, African 5%, White other 2%, Turkish 2%, European 2%, Black or Black British 2%, Moroccan 2%, Afghani 2%.



Some have health needs, in our last survey 5% stated they have a disability, 29% have a long-term health condition, meaning 34% 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, master's 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

- Wellbeing workshops.

Jannaty delivered a digital skills session with Healthwatch Islington called 'How to Manage your digital footprint' in the Finsbury Park Trust open space (Oct 2023).

Women were offered support to learn about the following:

- NHS app.
- Repeat prescriptions.
- GP Appointments.
- Health apps such as Patient Access and Doctor IQ.
- Explained how to request a Linkage key to access multiple platforms.
- Nominating a pharmacy for repeat medications.
- Adding family members to your account.



Training & Skills Development:



- Empowering women with the tools to change their lives and break into different sectors.

Sewing Classes- Anaqaa Sewing to Success



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 they have awarded us with a L5 Food Hygiene Rating from our first food hygiene inspection which we are delighted about.
- 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 now grown our team to 7 members (from 4) who are active members. 3 of these members have already started their own catering businesses as a result our support and business coaching.
- These catering orders help us to raise vital funds to help cover Jannaty's core costs, rent, rates, staffing and volunteer costs.
- Some of the organisations we have catered for include Islington Council, LIFT Programme London Borough of Islington, Islington Town Hall, Plan for Holloway and Creative Ops.



All funds raised support local women
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Halal, vegan and lacto-free and nut-free available, please specify in advance
L3 Food Hygiene

JANNATY'S COOKING CLUB MENU

Price per person
 £7 = 2 starters, 2 mains, dessert OR fruit
 £8 = 2 starters, 2 mains, dessert AND fruit
 £10.00 = 3 starters, 3 mains, dessert AND fruit

STARTER £7	£8 - £10
• Samosa (chicken or vegetarian) • Spring roll (cheese or vegetarian) • Pakora (vegetarian) • Hummus and pitta	• Falafel (chickpea fritter) • Baba Ganoush (aubergine dip) • Fried Haloumi • Kebab - chicken or meat (comes with sauces)
MAIN £7	£8 - £10
• Dhal (lentil) curry • Vegetable curry • Bhuna chick peas curry • Koshari (rice, lentil & pasta dish) • Vegetable wrap • Hummus & salad wrap • Macarona Pasta dish (vegetarian)	• Falafel wrap • Haloumi wrap • Bamia (meat & okra stew) • Moussaka (aubergine and mince dish) • Pastry (various fillings: cheese, olives, vegetable, chicken, mince) • Besila (beef or vegetarian stew) • Macarona Pasta dish (vegetarian, meat, or chicken) • Chicken or meat curry • Biryani (chicken, meat or vegetarian)
DESSERT £7	£8 - £10
• Roz bi laban (rice pudding) • Basbusa (semolina cake) • Firni (rice pudding) • Selection of fresh fruit	• Cake (fruit, banana, vanilla) • Tart (fruit and custard) • Gajar ka halwa (carrot pudding) • Shuji (semolina pudding)

*Naan or rice is served with all curries and stews

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(Oct 2023)

Happy Hub

- Jannaty has been delivering free weekly skills sessions within our Happy Hub (funded by Cloudesley) 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, candle making, facial taster sessions, making essential oils, crochet and embroidery.



Social Events

- Celebrating culture and building connections.



Charity Shop

- Affordable clothing for the local community.





Update On Activities Oct 2023 – Sept 2024

Health & Wellbeing Services

Healthwatch Research:

We continue to work 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.

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.

Healthwatch Islington Workshops

Our Healthwatch Islington partnership continues to help us provide women in Islington with important health and wellbeing information and to conduct research to inform policy and local NHS services. This year we took part in the following research:

- Breast Cancer awareness and screening
- Menopause awareness
- Diabetes awareness
- Wellbeing workshop
- Parenting and Autism awareness
- SEND workshop

Working with UCL, Jannaty held a focus group for women to learn about breast cancer awareness. They provided leaflets in different languages such as Somali and Arabic and English which was really valued by those that spoke these languages.

Anaqaa- Sewing to Success

Jannaty's sewing classes have been in great demand again this year and we had a waiting list of 24 individuals when we started in the autumn term. Women from disadvantaged backgrounds have been learning basic sewing skills, supported by volunteers offering interpretation in Arabic, Somali and Afghan languages. Jannaty has secured funding from The National Lottery to help us with this project.

Members Events & Training

In September 2023 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. 63% women responded to our survey and 67% 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, Netherlands and Turkey.

We understood from our members that:

- 64% are interested in Jannaty offering social events which celebrate their culture and identity.
- 40% want to join sewing classes (most responded they are beginners).
- 22% would like to take part in cooking classes.
- 50% 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.

Ramadan & Eid Mubarak Events

We held our yearly Ramadan and Eid events to celebrate this special month for our members. 50 women attended each of the events, where they shared stories of how they celebrate this month in their countries.



Tackling Food Poverty

Jannaty continues to support this need in Islington 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.



MBE- For Services to Ethnic Minority Women

We are incredibly proud to share that our Director Majida Sayam was awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) for services to ethnic minority women in May 2024. This prestigious honour is a powerful recognition of Majida's unwavering dedication, vision and tireless work to empower and uplift women from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds. Majida's leadership continues to inspire us all, and this achievement is a moment of pride not just for her, but for everyone who believes in equality, opportunity, and lasting impact.





Final Thanks

Thanks to our wonderful supporters this year:





Independent examiner's report

I report on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2024 set out on pages 17 -18 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 19.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dunstanette Kuti", written over a horizontal line.

Name: Dunstanette Kuti FCCA MCSI

Date: 07/07/25

Position: Head of Finance
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**Statement of financial activities
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

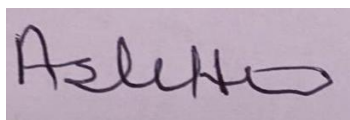
	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income:					
Charitable Activities	2	25,116	75,569	100,685	103,546
Investments		-	-	-	-
Total Income		25,116	75,569	100,685	103,546
Expenditure:					
Charitable Activities	3	22,559	76,828	99,386	108,768
Total Expenditure		22,559	76,828	99,386	108,768
Net Income / (expenditure)		2,557	(1,259)	1,298	(5,222)
Transfer between funds		(20,340)	20,340	-	-
Net movement in funds		(17,783)	19,081	1,298	(5,222)
Total Funds brought forward		24,384	11,502	35,886	41,108
Total Funds carried forward		6,601	30,583	37,184	35,886

The notes on pages 18 to 21 form part of these accounts.

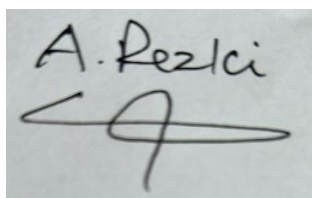
Balance Sheet
as at 30 September 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Cash at bank and in hand		42,291	40,993
		<u>42,291</u>	<u>40,993</u>
CREDITORS:			
Amounts falling due within one year	6	5,107	5,107
		<u>5,107</u>	<u>5,107</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS:		37,184	35,886
NET ASSETS		<u>37,184</u>	<u>35,886</u>
FUNDS:			
Restricted Funds		30,583	11,502
Unrestricted Funds		6,601	24,384
	7	<u>37,184</u>	<u>35,886</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board on _01/07/2025_ and signed on its behalf by:



Asli Hassan Kinzi
(Chair)



Asmaa Rezki
(Treasurer)

The notes on pages 18 to 21 form part of these accounts.



Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 30 September 2024

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 statement for the year ended 30 September 2024 (Continued)

2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants and Contracts	-	75,569	75,569	80,350
Donations	1,246	-	1,246	820
Shop sales	21,826	-	21,826	20,849
Other Income	2,044	-	2,044	1,527
	<u>25,116</u>	<u>75,569</u>	<u>100,685</u>	<u>103,546</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Anaqaa Apparel Sales	348	2,416
Cooking Club	6,746	4,930
Healthwatch Islington – Strategy Meeting	200	-
Healthwatch Islington Ncl Cancer	6,000	7,654
Healthwatch Islington Community Research 23/24	4,748	-
Tudor Trust No1 – Rent Increase	3,000	3,000
Healthwatch Islington Community Research 23/24	528	-
Richard Cloudesley - Cloudesley	10,000	-
Tudor Trust No1 – Core Costs	44,000	44,000
Healthwatch Island Car/Cldsly/Ncl2	-	5,750
Main Grants- National Lottery	-	10,000
Healthwatch Islington Cloudesley	-	2,600
	<u>75,569</u>	<u>80,350</u>

Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 30 September 2024 (Continued)

3 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Charity £	Shop £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Direct charitable costs			-	11,072
Staff costs (note 5)	46,507	9,455	55,962	57,965
Temporary Staff Salaries	1,721	900	2,621	6,209
Rent	11,863	-	11,863	24,394
Events & Courses	4,278	234	4,512	3,682
Activities	7,074	102	7,176	-
Training	46	-	46	-
Travel	1,320	-	1,320	1,584
Phone	510	-	510	757
Insurance	-	-	-	691
Governance costs (note 6)	2,941	-	2,941	820
Office costs	568	11,868	12,435	1,594
	76,828	22,559	99,386	108,768

4 STAFF COSTS

	Charity £	Shop £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Wages and salaries	42,378	9,455	51,833	47,508
Social security costs	1,913	-	1,913	7,539
Other pension costs	2,216	-	2,216	2,917
	46,507	9,455	55,962	57,964

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

2024	2023
3	3
3	3

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

	2024	2023
£60,001 - £70,000	-	-

Notes to the financial statement for the year ended 30 September 2024 (Continued)

5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Charity	Shop	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Legal and professional fees	1,987	-	1,987	-
Independent Examiner's fees	880	-	880	820
Support costs	74	-	74	-
	<u>2,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,941</u>	<u>820</u>

6 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	4,287	4,287
Accruals	820	820
	<u>5,107</u>	<u>5,107</u>

7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	B/F at 1/10/2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Funds transfer	C/F at 30/9/2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	24,384	25,116	(22,559)	(20,340)	6,601
Restricted funds	11,502	75,569	(76,828)	20,340	30,583
Alms Fund	-				-
Interest Fund	-				-
	<u>11,502</u>	<u>75,569</u>	<u>(76,828)</u>	<u>20,340</u>	<u>30,583</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>35,886</u>	<u>100,685</u>	<u>(99,386)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,184</u>

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