



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2021 **Period start date**

To 31/08/2022 **Period end date**

Charity name: United Communities Network

Charity registration number: 1153902

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community with in Nottingham in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.</p> <p>To further or benefit residents of Nottingham, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents in Nottingham.</p> <p>The main aims of United Communities Network focus on community development.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>United Communities Network undertakes following tasks/jobs to fulfil its objectives –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) English Classes (speaking and writing) – classes to be held for members of the public who are unable to speak or write English.(2) Poetry classes – Classes to run for the community members that can teach them how to write poetry.(3) Computer Classes – Technology is used very widely in this modern society, this will help build confidence for members of the public who feel deprived of opportunities and to help keep up to date with technological advances.

		<p>(4) Confidence Building Classes (External), Women's Advice Programmes. These can help women to build their confidence; use of external bodies will be used. Working in partnership with other organisations that deal with similar issues.</p> <p>(5) Workshops (Massage, henna, cooking, textiles (e.g. sewing knitting) etc...) – These can be held for entertainment and social purposes that will help disadvantaged members of the community integrate themselves in society.</p> <p>(6) Hair and Beauty – Classes and sessions held to provide beauty lessons and treatments for members of the public.</p> <p>(7) Trips and lunch clubs for community members to help them socialise and integrate themselves with society.</p> <p>(8) Advice and support groups for individuals who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those that could lead to suicide.</p> <p>(9) Awareness events – making the general public aware about particular issues experienced by certain members of the public who are unable to integrate themselves with society. Such as, language barriers, culture, disability etc. These events will include stalls, games/activities and other aspects of entertainment such as dance etc...</p> <p>(10) Volunteering opportunities to assist members to get back into employment.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees for United Communities Network confirm that they are satisfied that they have complied with their duty with regards to ensuring that the charity has undertaken suitable works for the benefit of the public; as required by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>United Communities Network have provided a number of successful projects in the community and supported individuals and families in becoming more confident, learn new skills and integrate in the community to become a stronger community.</p> <p>Through the struggles of the Covid-19 pandemic, the organisation has provided direct support, advice and guidance through our hard-working staff and volunteers to people who have directly been impacted. The organisation has carried out a range of diversionary workshops through online platforms and gradually getting people to get back to normal life.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The bank balance as at 31 st August 2022 was £4.5k of unrestricted funds. The majority of funds raised in the year were via donations and sponsorship. The organisation carried out a number of fund-raising activities to raise funds for the charity. The main risk to the charity is loss of funds via grants, however the financial plan includes carrying out some work to support this.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income; b) to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to undertake from time to time the setting up of new and innovative projects on a pilot basis to demonstrate the viability and potential benefits of such activities as a precursor to securing the external funding necessary to maintain such projects on an on-going basis.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The charity holds £4.7k in reserves at the end of Aug 2022
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Constitution – based on the Charity Commission's model governing document for Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisations, ie: where the Trustees are the only Members of the charity.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>There must be at least three charity trustees.</p> <p>In accordance with the Constitution, Trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	United Communities Network
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1153902
Charity's principal address	46 Aspley Park Drive Aspley Nottingham NG8 3EG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Asiya Younis			
2	Saima Mozley			
3	Maria Sarah Latif			
4	Azra Asghar			
5	Qurat-UI-Ain Khan			
6	Zad Ali Bhatti			
7	Safia Shafayat			
8	Mohammad Safeer			
9	Reta Hossain		Appointed 29 th October 2021	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Asiya Younis</i>	<i>Saima Mozley</i>
Full name(s)	Asiya Younis	Saima Mozley
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	17/04/2023	

Registered Charity No: 1153902

UNITED COMMUNITIES NETWORK

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Accountants Report

I have examined the books and supporting invoices/ receipts of UNITED COMMUNITIES NETWORK and hereby certify that the attached Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2022 and the Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2022 are in accordance therewith.

Report of the Trustees

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statement of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2022. The Trustees confirm that the financial statement have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the accountant's report and complete with the charity's trust deed. The Charities Act 2011 and the Charities SORP 2005.

Reference and Administration Information

The charity was registered with The Charity Commission number 1153902.

Trustees: Asiya Younis (Chairperson)
Saima Mozley (Treasurer)
Azra Asghar (Secretary)
Reta Hossain
Maria Sarah Latif
Qurat-UI-Ain Khan
Zad Ali Bhatti
Safia Shafayat
Mohammad Safeer

Bank: Lloyds Bank, Hyson Green, Nottingham
Registered Office: The Vine Community Center, Bobbersmill Road, Hyson Green,
Nottingham, NG7 5GZ

Organisational Management

The Trustees of the charity are legally responsible for the overall management of the United Communities Network. The day to day running of the charity is led by Asiya Younis ratified at properly constituted meetings of a committee of trustees. In case of a dispute at committee meetings the decision will be made by a majority vote. If the number of votes is equal, Asiya Younis has a casting vote.

Objects

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Asiya Younis

Name: Asiya Younis

Date: 17/04/2023

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

	Notes	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Income			
Donations and sponsorships		£ 25,875	£ 8,505
Gift-aid		£ 785	£ 2,974
Grants		£ 1,000	£ 10,000
Other Income		£ -	£ -
Total Income	1	£ 27,660	£ 21,478
Other Expenditure			
Wages		£ 23,558	£ 12,334
Rent		£ 320	
Insurance		£ 196	
Equipment		£ 2,544	£ 2,383
Marketing and Promotional		£ 613	£ 702
Admin costs		£ 482	£ 116
Donation		£ 5,400	£ 1,330
Training and Development			
Professional		£ 2,500	£ 910
Transport		£ 401	
Other		£ 492	
Total Expenditure		£ 36,507	£ 17,774
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>-£ 8,847</u>	<u>£ 3,704</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets		£ -	£ -
Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments	2	£ 144	£ 546
Cash at bank	4	£ 4,598	£ 13,044
		£ 4,742	£ 13,590
Less: Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors & accrued expenses	3	£ -	£ -
<u>Current Net Assets</u>		<u>£ 4,742</u>	<u>£ 13,590</u>
Funds			
Funds brought forward		£ 13,590	£ 9,886
Surplus/ (deficit) for year		-£ 8,847	£ 3,704
<u>Balance</u>		<u>£ 4,742</u>	<u>£ 13,590</u>

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

Asiya Younis

Name: Asiya Younis

Date: 17/04/2023

Notes to the accounts

1 – Income

Fundraising and Donations	£25,875
Gift-aid payments	£785
Grants	£1,000
Sponsorship	£0
Local Authority Grants	£980
Total	£27,660

2 – Debtors and prepayments

VAT	£144
Other debtors	£0

3 – Trade creditors

£0

4 – Cash in Hand and Bank
Lloyds Bank Account

£4,598



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
United Communities Network

On accounts for the year
ended

31/08/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1153902

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2022**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Anisah Ali

Date:

17/04/2023

Name:

Anisah Ali

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

BA Honours Business Management

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Nottingham

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Nothing to disclose