

Refugee and Migrant Justice

England & Wales · Charity number 1155207

Details

Other names	REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL), RAMFEL, REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF ESSEX AND LONDON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08737163
Registered	2014-01-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 4.1 THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS (OBJECTS) ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS AND ADVANCE EDUCATION OF REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS, VULNERABLE MIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, IN LONDON AND ESSEX, WHO ARE IN NEED, BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE (THE BENEFICIARIES), IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY:4.1.1 PROVIDING IMMIGRATION ADVICE TO BENEFICIARIES WHERE THEY CANNOT ACCESS LEGAL AID OR AFFORD ADVICE;4.1.2 PROVIDING A WELCOMING SAFE SPACE, DESTITUTION SUPPORT AND SPECIALIST ADVICE TO BENEFICIARIES EXPERIENCING CRISIS;4.1.3 SUPPORTING BENEFICIARIES IN THEIR JOURNEY THROUGH THE ASYLUM SYSTEM AND ASSISTING THEIR SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY; AND4.1.4 CAMPAIGNING ON ISSUES RELATED TO THE OBJECTS, IN ORDER TO FOSTER A MORE WELCOMING AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR BENEFICIARIES.

Activities: Legal advice, representation, integration support services for asylum seekers, vulnerable migrants & refugees. We also provide capacity building support for charitable organisations, the public and voluntary sector, as well as undertaking campaigns on issues related to inequality, discrimination and

prejudice

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,573,365	£1,744,717	£349,740	34
2023-12-31	£1,661,301	£1,535,051	£521,092	33
2022-12-31	£1,235,212	£1,121,439	£394,842	27
2021-12-31	£884,762	£752,489	£281,070	20
2020-12-31	£430,944	£418,626	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Margaret Wallace	Chair	2024-06-26
Catherine Margot L Turner		2025-12-15
Fatima Sulaiman		2018-09-28
Felix Rehren		2019-05-01
Jenna Warr		2016-04-01
Lea Ghanem		2023-11-11
Marcos Paul Cuevas-Nunez		2023-11-11
Polly Anna Stephens		2025-12-15
Rashmi Mukherjee		2017-07-01

Accounts

Registered Company No: 08737163

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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT JUSTICE LIMITED

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the

Year Ended

31 December 2024

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT JUSTICE LIMITED
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT JUSTICE LIMITED
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Reference and Administrative Information

Company number	08737163
Charity number	1155207
Registered office and operational address	The People's Place, 80-92 Stratford High Street London
Trustees and Directors	F A Sulaiman - Chair F Rehren - Treasurer B Barakzai (resigned on 20 January 2025) O I Kuforji (resigned on 20 January 2025) R Mukherjee J Warr F J Webster (resigned on 24 September 2024) A M Wallace (appointed on 26 June 2024) L Ghanem M P Cuevas-Nunez
Auditors	Goldwins Limited 75 Maygrove Road West Hampstead London NW6 2EG

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT JUSTICE LIMITED
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

RAMFEL is a charity that supports refugees and vulnerable migrants to access justice, and that provides vital support in moments of individual crisis. Unfortunately, the government's 'hostile environment' has largely remained in place in Britain since its introduction in 2012. There are still new tragic cases of people being made destitute, detained and removed through unfair and inhumane policy combined with missing institutional capabilities.

Against this background there is a large and growing number of compassionate people and organisations, committed to fairness and reform. RAMFEL is able to help many people every year because of the generous contributions of its funders and the effort and dedication of its staff.

The trustees who support RAMFEL in this mission have been mindful of their duty to public benefit, following the guidance of the Charities Commission, in exercising their powers and duties, and use this opportunity to report on the purposes and objectives, strategies, activities and achievements as well as reserves and risk management of the charity in the year 2024.

Purposes and objectives

RAMFEL's purpose is that

All refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants will be treated with respect and their human rights will be protected by law. They will be able to assert those rights and live free of destitution and poverty. They will be able to plan and achieve fulfilling lives.

To achieve this, the charity has set itself the following objectives:

1. Provide immigration advice to vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and refugees where they cannot access legal aid or afford advice.
2. Provide a welcoming safe space, destitution support and specialist advice to refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants experiencing crisis.
3. Support asylum seekers and refugees in their journey through the asylum system and assist their successful integration into society.
4. Campaign on the issues our work presents, focusing on the above areas.

RAMFEL takes a holistic approach to the needs of individuals and families caught up in the most challenging of situations, and provides wrap-around services including housing, asylum support, access to healthcare, access to social services, employability and wellbeing. In particular, the organisation provides end-to-end support helping to both regularise status and support the transition to building a new life in the UK.

Strategies, activities and achievements

In 2024, RAMFEL was one of the largest providers of free, OISC level 3 casework, working on over 2,700 cases for over 4,900 people including dependents. At the same time the charity still did not have capacity to help all potential clients, and needed to close projects to new referrals from time to time as demand continues to exceed our available resources.

The charity's funding in 2024, consistent with its funding strategy, comes primarily from philanthropic organisations and local authorities, with grants typically largely reserved for particular projects. We further outline below the charity's work undertaken in 2024, grouping the activities by objective (even where many holistic activities cut across all objectives).

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1. Immigration advice

RAMFEL focused on those who have been denied legal aid or whom were otherwise restricted from accessing justice. Undocumented children, of which there are estimated to be over 100,000 in London, and their families continued to make up a significant amount of our legal work. Our overwhelmingly successful case outcomes illustrate that many young people are being denied citizenship or status and forced to live in poverty simply due to legal aid cuts.

In 2024, RAMFEL submitted over 700 immigration applications on behalf of clients. In our appeals work we rely on a team of excellent barristers representing our cases pro-bono, to whom we would again like to extend our deepest thanks for their hard work and dedication.

Our work to support asylum seekers was historically hampered by a lack of firms with legal aid contracts willing to take on asylum seekers needing to make fresh claims; RAMFEL has continued to develop its work under a legal aid contract to remedy this. Our work in family reunion cases has been vitally important as we have found that many clients cannot obtain legal aid and that there is little capacity for free immigration advice. We also run a low-fee paying project as an alternative to representation from private firms, which supported over 300 clients this year with a 96% success rate.

Immigration advice to Rough Sleepers has continued to grow thanks to government funding. In 2018 we started to work in Redbridge to provide immigration advice, in what was at the time a unique service; in 2024 we continued to work with multiple London boroughs and the Greater London Authority to provide advice to over 900 clients. Advice is an essential catalyst in helping them move off the streets.

2. Destitution Support

RAMFEL provided food parcels and food vouchers to clients with a weekly food bank, continuing and building upon the significant increase in support we made in 2020 during the pandemic.

3. Integration Support

The charity continued to run services for asylum seekers, ensuring that they access services for the support they need whilst their claims are being processed. RAMFEL supported newly granted Refugees to find work and places to live.

4. Campaigning

RAMFEL's campaign work focuses on highlighting the evidence we see every day, through our other activities, to the public and decision-making bodies with the aim of creating change. We won a judicial review challenging the government's failure to document people on 3C leave, and had several RAMFEL cases in national newspapers.

The trustees have been mindful of the guidance provided by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit when planning the activities of the charity.

Strategic report

Update to the charity's registered name

RAMFEL has decided to change its name and brand to more clearly represent its mission and expand its reach, and as of September 2025 is titled Refugee and Migrant Justice. The change is expected to be launched widely early in 2026.

Reserves policy

RAMFEL's financial resilience primarily comes from its unrestricted reserves (assets available for strategic spending and to ensure the organisation can weather a crisis). The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. Our resulting reserve policy aims that unrestricted funds should be a level which ensures that RAMFEL's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty, for which we target a level of unrestricted reserves equivalent to 3 months of outgoings

RAMFEL was able to maintain its unrestricted reserves in 2024 at £293,988, with £238,856 of cash, representing around 2 months of operating costs respectively, a lower proportion than previously partly as a result of healthy growth. RAMFEL's overall financial health is good and continues to improve, while continuing to monitor the risks posed by rising salary costs on multi-year grants.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees have reviewed the principal risks and uncertainties facing the organisation with a view to mitigating the effect of the most significant of these where this is necessary or practicable.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charitable company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association, which were updated in 2024. The company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in the UK.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware: there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Goldwins Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on
....25 Sep 2025..... and signed on the board's behalf by:

Felix Rehren
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F Rehren - Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF REFUGEE AND MIGRANT JUSTICE LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Refugee and Migrant Justice Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charitable company's policies and procedures relating to:
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements

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made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities]. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anthony Epton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Goldwins Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
75 Maygrove Road
West Hampstead
London NW6 2EG

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT JUSTICE LIMITED**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating an income and expenditure account)****For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Grant and donations	3	279,805	1,199,574	1,479,379	1,569,581
Charitable activities	4	93,971	-	93,971	91,701
Investment income	5	15	-	15	19
Total income		373,791	1,199,574	1,573,365	1,661,301
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	264,685	1,480,032	1,744,717	1,535,051
Total expenditure		264,685	1,480,032	1,744,717	1,535,051
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	7	109,106	(280,458)	(171,352)	126,250
Transfers between funds		(170,624)	170,624	-	-
Net movement in funds		(61,518)	(109,834)	(171,352)	126,250
Reconciliation of funds:	14				
Total funds brought forward		355,506	165,586	521,092	394,842
Total funds carried forward		293,988	55,752	349,740	521,092

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT JUSTICE LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		18,467		24,138
Current assets					
Debtors	11	350,999		337,126	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>238,856</u>		<u>333,815</u>	
		589,855		670,941	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(258,582)		(173,987)	
Net current assets			<u>331,273</u>		<u>496,954</u>
Net assets			<u>349,740</u>		<u>521,092</u>
Funds:					
Restricted funds	14		55,752		165,586
Unrestricted funds:					
- General fund	14		293,988		355,506
Total funds			<u>349,740</u>		<u>521,092</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on 25 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Felix Rehren

Felix Rehren
Trustee

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT JUSTICE LIMITED**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS****For the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	2024	2024	2023	2023
		£	£	£	£
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	15		(92,694)		9,917
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,280)		(11,460)	
Interest / rent / dividends from investments		15		19	
Cash (used in) investing activities			<u>(2,265)</u>		<u>(11,441)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year			(94,959)		(1,524)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			333,815		335,339
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	16		238,856		333,815

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1 Accounting policies

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 (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

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 or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services and activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.
- Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

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1 Accounting policies

Allocation of support costs

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, payroll and governance costs which support the charitable activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

Operating leases

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Tangible fixed assets

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £1,000. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

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| ☐ Fixtures and fittings | 20% on reducing balance. |
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Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Pensions

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:			
Grants and donations	305,047	1,264,534	1,569,581
Charitable activities	91,701	-	91,701
Investment income	19	-	19
Total income	396,767	1,264,534	1,661,301
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	259,096	1,275,955	1,535,051
Total expenditure	259,096	1,275,955	1,535,051
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	137,671	(11,421)	126,250
Transfers between funds	(45,635)	45,635	-
Net movement in funds	92,036	34,214	126,250
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	263,470	131,372	394,842
Total funds carried forward	355,506	165,586	521,092

3 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations	41,344	-	41,344	21,816
Grants	238,461	1,199,574	1,438,035	1,547,765
	279,805	1,199,574	1,479,379	1,569,581

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Casework charges	93,971	-	93,971	91,251
Training	-	-	-	450
	93,971	-	93,971	91,701

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank interest	15	-	15	19
	15	-	15	19

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6 Analysis of expenditure

	Charitable activities	Support costs	Governance Cost	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs	157,510	-	-	157,510	173,627
Staff costs	1,182,870	229,377	-	1,412,247	1,199,966
Other staff costs	-	41,394	-	41,394	45,126
Repairs and renewals	-	-	-	-	356
IT costs	-	21,862	-	21,862	22,901
Rent	-	50,200	-	50,200	31,621
Insurance	-	4,437	-	4,437	3,045
Telephone	-	8,303	-	8,303	8,708
Other office costs	-	5,565	-	5,565	3,019
Bank charges	-	1,567	-	1,567	1,261
Depreciation	-	7,951	-	7,951	6,715
Legal and professional	-	5,222	-	5,222	9,565
Accountancy and bookkeeping	-	21,860	-	21,846	23,641
Audit fees	-	-	6,613	6,613	5,500
	1,340,380	397,738	6,613	1,744,717	1,535,051
Support costs	397,738	(397,738)	-	-	
Governance Cost	6,613	-	(6,613)	-	
Total expenditure 2024	1,744,731	-	-	1,744,717	
Total expenditure 2023	1,535,051	-	-		1,535,051

Of the total expenditure, £264,685 was unrestricted (2023: £259,096) and £1,480,032 was restricted (2023: £1,275,955).

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6 Analysis of expenditure for the previous reporting period

	Charitable activities	Support costs	Governance costs	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs	173,627	-	-	173,627
Staff costs	975,727	224,239	-	1,199,966
Other staff costs	-	45,126	-	45,126
Repairs and renewals	-	356	-	356
IT costs	-	22,901	-	22,901
Rent	-	31,621	-	31,621
Insurance	-	3,045	-	3,045
Telephone	-	8,708	-	8,708
Other office costs	-	3,019	-	3,019
Bank charges	-	1,261	-	1,261
Depreciation	-	6,715	-	6,715
Legal and professional	-	9,565	-	9,565
Accountancy and bookkeeping	-	23,641	-	23,641
Audit fees	-	-	5,500	5,500
	1,149,354	380,197	5,500	1,535,051
Support costs	380,197	(380,197)	-	-
Governance Cost	5,500	-	(5,500)	-
Total expenditure 2023	1,535,051	-	-	1,535,051

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7 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	7,951	6,715
Auditor's remuneration: audit fees	5,250	5,250

8 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	1,230,075	1,053,018
Social security costs	126,798	99,632
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	55,374	47,316
	1,412,247	1,199,966

The following number of employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension and national insurance contributions) during the year between:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	-	1
£80,000 to £89,999	1	-

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity including the employer's pension and national insurance during the year was £334,981 (2023: £221,607).

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was 34 (2023: 33).

9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture Fittings & Equipment 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Cost		
At the start of the year	36,694	36,694
Additions in year	2,280	2,280
At the end of the year	38,974	38,974
Depreciation		
At the start of the year	12,556	12,556
Charge for the year	7,951	7,951
At the end of the year	20,507	20,507
Net book value At the end of the year	18,467	18,467
At the start of the year	24,138	24,138

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	190,436	68,658
Accrued income	153,240	263,109
Prepayments	7,323	5,359
	350,999	337,126

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	467	23,581
Other creditors	7,391	4,570
Deferred income	199,314	114,980
Accrued expenses	51,410	30,856
	258,582	173,987

Deferred income

	2024 £	2023 £
Balance at the beginning of the year	114,980	311,408
Amount released to income in the year	(114,980)	(311,408)
Amount deferred in the year	199,314	114,980
Balance at the end of the year	199,314	114,980

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13 Analysis of net assets between funds**Current period**

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	18,467	-	18,467
Net current assets	275,521	55,752	331,273
Net assets at the end of the year	293,988	55,752	349,740

Previous reporting period

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	24,138	-	24,138
Net current assets	331,368	165,586	496,954
Net assets at the end of the year	355,506	165,586	521,092

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14 Movements in funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Income & gains £	Expenditure & losses £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
Restricted funds:					
Foodbank Donations	-	56,648	(49,477)	-	7,171
The Refugee, Asylum and Migration Policy (RAMP)	-	(2,387)	-	2,387	-
Community Justice Fund	-	843	-	(843)	-
LBBD Children's Services	-	31,412	(31,690)	278	-
Ukraine Advice Project (EECF)	-	691	-	(691)	-
Immigration Law Practitioners & Association and Strategic Legal Fund	-	(2,141)	(10,869)	13,010	-
Syrian citizenship applications	-	1,274	(2,746)	1,472	-
Islington Questionnaires	-	-	(3,066)	3,066	-
Camden Syrian	-	11,234	(16,319)	5,085	-
Evan Cornish	-	811	(843)	32	-
NLHP Rough Sleeping Advice	165,586	615,744	(734,581)	-	46,749
Northeast Rough Sleeping Initiative	-	164,662	(205,759)	41,097	-
Single Homeless Project	-	25,922	(25,645)	-	277
Essex Community Foundation	-	7,609	(7,639)	30	-
GLA Newham	-	16,942	(17,045)	103	-
Lottery	-	81,726	(125,899)	44,173	-
Waltham Forest SS - legal advice	-	31,370	(31,521)	151	-
Walthamstow Migrant Action Group	-	14,166	(14,242)	76	-
The Blue Thread	-	-	(40,037)	40,037	-
Redbridge Migration Fund	-	30,161	(30,285)	124	-
Disrupt Foundation	-	-	(18,444)	18,444	-
Islington RAS	-	75,323	(75,750)	427	-
Home Office	-	9,300	(10,379)	1,079	-
Camden Refugee Service	-	5,534	(5,846)	312	-
Sebba	-	13,834	(14,013)	179	-
Dentons UK and Middle East LLP	-	1,900	(345)	-	1,555
Access to Justice	-	554	(653)	99	-
The Big Give	-	6,442	(6,939)	497	-
Total restricted funds	165,586	1,199,574	(1,480,032)	170,624	55,752
General funds	355,506	373,791	(264,685)	(170,624)	293,988
Total unrestricted funds	355,506	373,791	(264,685)	(170,624)	293,988
Total funds	521,092	1,573,365	(1,744,717)	-	349,740

Purpose of restricted funds:

Foodbank Donations

Funds for the provision of food parcels and food vouchers for destitute clients.

NLHP Rough Sleeping Advice

Immigration advice for rough sleepers in the North Central London area.

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14 Movements in funds (continued)

Purpose of restricted funds:

Single Homeless Project

Immigration advice to Redbridge residents at risk of homelessness.

Northeast Rough Sleeping Initiative

To increase the provision of good quality immigration advice available to migrants sleeping rough or at risk of sleeping rough

Lottery

Supporting undocumented migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

Islington RAS

Assisting migrants, including refugees and asylum seekers with the following legal work (immigration & asylum only)

Movements in funds for the previous reporting period

	At 1				At 31
	January	Income &	Expenditure	Transfers	December
	2023	gains	& losses		2023
		£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds	131,372	1,264,534	(1,275,955)	45,635	165,586
Total restricted funds	131,372	1,264,534	(1,275,955)	45,635	165,586
General funds	263,470	396,767	(259,096)	(45,635)	355,506
Total unrestricted funds	263,470	396,767	(259,096)	(45,635)	355,506
Total funds	394,842	1,661,301	(1,535,051)	-	521,092

15 Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period	(171,352)	126,250
(as per the statement of financial activities)		
Depreciation	7,951	6,715
Interest received	(15)	(19)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(13,873)	49,380
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	84,595	(172,410)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	(92,694)	9,917

16 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	At 1		At 31
	January	Cash flows	December
	2024		2024
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	333,815	(94,959)	238,856
Total cash and cash equivalents	333,815	(94,959)	238,856

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17 Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Less than 1 year	40,179	40,179
1 - 5 years	35,640	74,520
	75,819	114,699

18 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to disclose for the year (2023: none).

Accounts

Registered Company No: 08737163

Registered Charity No: 1155207

**REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF ESSEX AND
LONDON (RAMFEL)**

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the
Year Ended
31 December 2023

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Reference and Administrative Information

Company number	08737163
Charity number	1155207
Registered office and operational address	The People's Place, 80-92 Stratford High Street London
Trustees and Directors	F A Sulaiman - Chair F Rehren - Treasurer B Barakzai (appointed 20 June 2023) O I Kuforji R Mukherjee J Warr F J Webster A M Wallace (appointed 26 June 2024) L Ghanem (appointed 11 November 2023) M P Cuevas-Nunez (appointed 11 November 2023)
Auditors	Goldwins Limited 75 Maygrove Road West Hampstead London NW6 2EG

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

RAMFEL is a charity that supports refugees and vulnerable migrants to access justice, and that provides vital support in moments of individual crisis. Unfortunately, the government's 'hostile environment' has until now largely remained in place in Britain since its introduction in 2012. There are always new tragic cases of people being made destitute, detained and removed through unfair and inhumane policy combined with missing institutional capabilities.

Against this background there is a large and growing number of compassionate people and organisations, committed to fairness and reform. RAMFEL is able to help many people every year because of the generous contributions of its funders and the effort and dedication of its staff.

The trustees who support RAMFEL in this mission have been mindful of their duty to public benefit, following the guidance of the Charities Commission, in exercising their powers and duties, and use this opportunity to report on the purposes and objectives, strategies, activities and achievements as well as reserves and risk management of the charity in the year 2023.

Purposes and objectives

RAMFEL's purpose is that

All refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants will be treated with respect and their human rights will be protected by law. They will be able to assert those rights and live free of destitution and poverty. They will be able to plan and achieve fulfilling lives.

To achieve this, the charity has set itself the following objectives:

1. Provide immigration advice to vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and refugees where they cannot access legal aid or afford advice.
2. Provide a welcoming safe space, destitution support and specialist advice to refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants experiencing crisis.
3. Support asylum seekers and refugees in their journey through the asylum system and assist their successful integration into society.
4. Campaign on the issues our work presents, focusing on the above areas.

RAMFEL takes a holistic approach to the needs of individuals and families caught up in the most challenging of situations, and provides wrap-around services including housing, asylum support, access to healthcare, access to social services, employability and wellbeing. In particular, the organisation provides end-to-end support helping to both regularise status and support the transition to building a new life in the UK.

Strategies, activities and achievements

In 2023, RAMFEL was one of the largest providers of free, OISC level 3 casework, working on over 3,000 cases for over 4,600 people including dependents. At the same time the charity still did not have capacity to help all potential clients, and needed to close projects to new referrals from time to time as demand continues to exceed our available resources.

The charity's funding in 2023, consistent with its funding strategy, comes primarily from philanthropic organisations and local authorities, with grants typically largely reserved for particular projects. We further outline below the charity's work undertaken in 2023, grouping the activities by objective (even where many holistic activities cut across all objectives).

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1. Immigration advice

RAMFEL focused on those who have been denied legal aid or whom were otherwise restricted from accessing justice. Undocumented children, of which there are estimated to be over 100,000 in London, and their families continued to make up a significant amount of our legal work. Our overwhelmingly successful case outcomes illustrate that many young people are being denied citizenship or status and forced to live in poverty simply due to legal aid cuts.

In 2023, RAMFEL submitted over 600 immigration applications on behalf of clients. In our appeals work we rely on a team of excellent barristers representing our cases pro-bono, to whom we would again like to extend our deepest thanks for their hard work and dedication.

Our work to support asylum seekers was historically hampered by a lack of firms with legal aid contracts willing to take on asylum seekers needing to make fresh claims. As a result RAMFEL worked to secure a legal aid contract to provide further support ourselves. Our work in family reunion cases has been vitally important as we have found that many clients cannot obtain legal aid and that there is little capacity for free immigration advice.

Immigration advice to Rough Sleepers has continued to grow thanks to government funding. In 2018 we started to work in Redbridge to provide immigration advice, in what was at the time a unique service; in 2023 we continued to work with multiple London boroughs and the Greater London Authority to provide advice. The fact that rough sleepers in many boroughs still have no advice is of great concern, as it is an essential catalyst in helping them move off the streets.

2. Destitution Support

RAMFEL provided food parcels and food vouchers to clients, continuing and building upon the significant increase in support we made in 2020 during the pandemic.

3. Integration Support

The charity continued to run services for asylum seekers, ensuring that they access services for the support they need whilst their claims are being processed. RAMFEL supported newly granted Refugees to find work and places to live.

4. Campaigning

RAMFEL's campaign work focuses on highlighting the evidence we see every day, through our other activities, to the public and decision-making bodies with the aim of creating change. Having hired a Head of Campaigning, RAMFEL has been able to do more than ever before in this area.

The trustees have been mindful of the guidance provided by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit when planning the activities of the charity.

Strategic report

Reserves policy

RAMFEL's financial resilience primarily comes from its unrestricted reserves (assets available for strategic spending and to ensure the organisation can weather a crisis). The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. Our resulting reserve policy aims that unrestricted funds should be a level which ensures that RAMFEL's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty, for which we target a level of unrestricted reserves equivalent to 3 months of outgoings

RAMFEL was able to maintain its unrestricted reserves in 2023 at around £355,506, and £496,954 of cash and liquid assets on hand, representing 2.5 and 4 months of operating costs respectively. Having this level of reserves has allowed the charity to hire in key support functions in 2023, but we are mindful that the next year is already presenting more difficult circumstances than the last. In particular, the charity's main expense being salary costs continue to increase even on multi-year grants that budgeted for an easier environment.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees have reviewed the principal risks and uncertainties facing the organisation with a view to mitigating the effect of the most significant of these where this is necessary or practicable.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The charitable company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association, which were updated in 2024. The company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in the UK.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware: there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Goldwins Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 26 September 2024 and signed on the board's behalf by:


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F Rehren - Trustee

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are set out below.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- We enquired of management, which included obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation, concerning the charitable company's policies and procedures relating to:
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud;
- The internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We inspected the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested these to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessed whether the judgements

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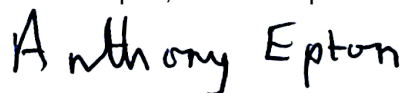
made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and tested significant transactions that are unusual or those outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities]. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Date: 26 September 2024

Anthony Epton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Goldwins Limited
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
75 Maygrove Road
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Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating an income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Grant and donations	3	305,047	1,264,534	1,569,581	1,192,940
Charitable activities	4	91,701	-	91,701	42,267
Investment income	5	19	-	19	5
Total income		396,767	1,264,534	1,661,301	1,235,212
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	6	259,096	1,275,955	1,535,051	1,121,439
Total expenditure		259,096	1,275,955	1,535,051	1,121,439
Net income for the year		137,671	(11,421)	126,250	113,773
Transfers between funds		(45,635)	45,635	-	-
Net movement in funds		92,036	34,214	126,250	113,773
Reconciliation of funds:	15				
Total funds brought forward		263,470	131,372	394,842	281,069
Total funds carried forward		355,506	165,586	521,092	394,842

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL)**BALANCE SHEET****As at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		24,138		19,393
Current assets					
Debtors	11	337,126		386,506	
Cash at bank and in hand		333,815		335,339	
		<u>670,941</u>		<u>721,845</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(173,987)		(342,348)	
Net current assets			<u>496,954</u>		<u>379,497</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	13		-		(4,048)
Net assets			<u>521,092</u>		<u>394,842</u>
Funds:					
Restricted funds	15		165,586		131,372
Unrestricted funds:					
- General fund	15		355,506		263,470
Total funds			<u>521,092</u>		<u>394,842</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the trustees on 26 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Felix Rehren
Trustee

Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL)**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS****For the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Net cash provided by operating activities	16		9,917		(34,916)
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(11,460)		(14,635)	
Interest / rent / dividends from investments		19		5	
Cash (used in) investing activities			<u>(11,441)</u>		<u>(14,630)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year			(1,524)		(49,546)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year			335,339		384,885
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	17		<u>333,815</u>		<u>335,339</u>

Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

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 (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

Public benefit entity

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred. Income received in advance for the provision of specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

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 or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise of trading costs and the costs incurred by the charitable company in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of delivering services and activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.
- Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

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The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2 Detailed comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:			
Grants and donations	7,384	1,185,556	1,192,940
Charitable activities	42,267	-	42,267
Investment income	5	-	5
Total income	49,656	1,185,556	1,235,212
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	37,437	1,084,002	1,121,439
Total expenditure	37,437	1,084,002	1,121,439
Net movement in funds	12,219	101,554	113,773
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	251,251	29,818	281,069
Total funds carried forward	263,470	131,372	394,842

3 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations	14,101	7,715	21,816	20,509
Grants	290,946	1,256,819	1,547,765	1,172,431
	305,047	1,264,534	1,569,581	1,192,940

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Casework charges	91,251	-	91,251	40,117
Training	450	-	450	2,150
	91,701	-	91,701	42,267

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Bank interest	19	-	-	5
	19	-	-	5

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6 Analysis of expenditure

	Charitable activities	Support costs	Governance Cost	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Direct costs	173,627	-	-	173,627	142,868
Staff costs	975,727	224,239	-	1,199,966	859,909
Other staff costs	-	45,126	-	45,126	42,101
Repairs and renewals	-	356	-	356	189
IT costs	-	22,901	-	22,901	18,000
Rent	-	31,621	-	31,621	16,202
Insurance	-	3,045	-	3,045	2,451
Telephone	-	8,708	-	8,708	5,566
Other office costs	-	3,019	-	3,019	2,713
Bank charges	-	1,261	-	1,261	843
Depreciation	-	6,715	-	6,715	3,751
Legal and professional	-	9,565	-	9,565	3,684
Accountancy and bookkeeping	-	23,641	-	23,641	19,162
Audit fees	-	-	5,500	5,500	4,000
	1,149,354	380,197	5,500	1,535,051	1,121,439
Support costs	380,197	(380,197)	-	-	-
Governance Cost	5,500	-	(5,500)	-	-
Total expenditure 2023	1,535,051	-	-	1,535,051	
Total expenditure 2022	1,121,439	-	-		1,121,439

Of the total expenditure, £259,096 was unrestricted (2022: £37,437) and £1,275,955 was restricted (2022: £1,084,002).

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6 Analysis of expenditure for the previous reporting period

	Charitable activities	Support costs	Governance costs	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Direct Costs	142,868	-	-	142,868
Staff costs	-	-	-	859,909
Repairs and renewals	-	189	-	189
IT costs	-	18,000	-	18,000
Rent	-	16,202	-	16,202
Insurance	-	2,451	-	2,451
Telephone	-	5,566	-	5,566
Other office costs	-	2,713	-	2,713
Other staff costs	-	42,101	-	42,101
Bank charges	-	843	-	843
Depreciation	-	3,751	-	3,751
Legal and professional	-	3,684	-	3,684
Bookkeeping and accountancy	-	19,162	-	19,162
Audit fees	-	-	4,000	4,000
	142,868	114,662	4,000	1,121,439
Support costs	114,662	(114,662)	-	-
Governance Cost	4,000	-	(4,000)	-
Total expenditure 2022	261,530	-	-	1,121,439

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7 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6,715	3,751
Auditor's remuneration: audit fees	4,583	3,333

8 Analysis of staff costs, trustee remuneration and expenses, and the cost of key management personnel

Staff costs were as follows:	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	1,053,018	754,381
Social security costs	99,632	72,309
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	47,316	33,212
	1,199,966	859,902

The following number of employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension and national insurance contributions) during the year between:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
£60,000 to £69,999	1	-

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity including the employer's pension and national insurance during the year was £221,607 (2022 - £95,354).

Staff numbers

The average number of employees (head count based on number of staff employed) during the year was 33 (2022: 27).

9 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture Fittings & Equipment 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Cost		
At the start of the year	25,234	25,234
Additions in year	11,460	11,460
At the end of the year	36,694	36,694
Depreciation		
At the start of the year	5,841	5,841
Charge for the year	6,715	6,715
Eliminated on disposal	-	-
At the end of the year	12,556	12,556
Net book value		
At the end of the year	24,138	24,138
At the start of the year	19,393	19,393

All of the above assets are used for charitable purposes.

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	68,658	311,135
Accrued income	263,109	66,033
Prepayments	5,359	9,338
	337,126	386,506

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	23,581	3,278
Other creditors	4,570	8,000
Deferred income	114,980	311,408
Accrued expenses	30,856	19,662
	173,987	342,348

Deferred income

	2023 £	2022 £
Balance at the beginning of the year	311,408	231,970
Amount released to income in the year	(311,408)	(231,970)
Amount deferred in the year	114,980	311,408
Balance at the end of the year	114,980	311,408

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	-	4,048
	-	4,048

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	2023	2023	2023
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	24,138	-	24,138
Net current assets	331,368	165,586	496,954
Net assets at the end of the year	355,506	165,586	521,092

Analysis of net assets between funds for the previous reporting period

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	19,393	-	19,393
Net current assets	248,125	131,372	379,497
Long term liabilities	(4,048)	-	(4,048)
Net assets at the end of the year	263,470	131,372	394,842

15 Movements in funds

	At 1 January 2023	Income & gains	Expenditure & losses	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds	131,372	1,264,534	(1,275,955)	45,635	165,586
Total restricted funds	131,372	1,264,534	(1,275,955)	45,635	165,586
General funds	263,470	396,767	(259,096)	(45,635)	355,506
Total unrestricted funds	263,470	396,767	(259,096)	(45,635)	355,506
Total funds	394,842	1,661,301	(1,535,051)	-	521,092

Movements in funds for the previous reporting period

	At 1 January 2022	Income & gains	Expenditure & losses	At 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds:				
Restricted funds	29,818	1,185,556	(1,084,002)	131,372
Total restricted funds	29,818	1,185,556	(1,084,002)	131,372
General funds	251,251	49,656	(37,437)	263,470
Total unrestricted funds	251,251	49,656	(37,437)	263,470
Total funds	281,069	1,235,212	(1,121,439)	394,842

Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL)**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****For the year ended 31 December 2023**

16 Reconciliation of net income / (expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income for the reporting period	126,250	113,773
(as per the statement of financial activities)		
Depreciation	6,715	3,751
Interest received	(19)	(5)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	49,380	(230,162)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors	(172,410)	77,727
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	9,917	(34,916)

17 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	At 1 January 2023	Cash flows	Other changes	December 2023
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	335,339	- 1,524	-	333,815
Total cash and cash equivalents	335,339	- 1,524	-	333,815

18 Operating lease commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Less than 1 year	40,179	7,117
1 - 5 years	74,520	3,559
	114,699	10,676

19 Related party transactions

There are no related party transactions to disclose for the year (2022: none).

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08737163 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1155207

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
FOR
REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

Hartley Fowler LLP
Statutory Auditors
Chartered Accountants
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**REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)**

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**REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

RAMFEL is a charity that supports refugees and vulnerable migrants to access justice, and that provides vital support in moments of individual crisis. Unfortunately the government's 'hostile environment' largely remains in place in Britain since its introduction in 2012. There are always new tragic cases of people being made destitute, detained and removed through unfair and inhumane policy combined with missing institutional capabilities.

Against this background there is a large and growing number of compassionate people and organisations, committed to fairness and reform. RAMFEL is able to help many people every year because of the generous contributions of its funders and the effort and dedication of its staff.

The trustees who support RAMFEL in this mission have been mindful of their duty to public benefit, following the guidance of the Charities Commission, in exercising their powers and duties, and use this opportunity to report on the purposes and objectives, strategies, activities and achievements as well as reserves and risk management of the charity in the year 2022.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Purposes and objectives

RAMFEL's purpose is that

All refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants will be treated with respect and their human rights will be protected by law. They will be able to assert those rights and live free of destitution and poverty. They will be able to plan and achieve fulfilling lives.

To achieve this, the charity has set itself the following objectives:

1. Provide immigration advice to vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and refugees where they cannot access legal aid or afford advice.
2. Provide a welcoming safe space, destitution support and specialist advice to refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants experiencing crisis.
3. Support asylum seekers and refugees in their journey through the asylum system and assist their successful integration into society.
4. Campaign on the issues our work presents, focusing on the above areas.

RAMFEL takes a holistic approach to the needs of individuals and families caught up in the most challenging of situations, and provides wrap-around services including housing, asylum support, access to healthcare, access to social services, employability and wellbeing. In particular, the organisation provides end-to-end support helping to both regularise status and support the transition to building a new life in the UK.

**REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Strategies, activities and achievements

In 2022, RAMFEL was one of the largest providers of free, OISC level 3 casework, opening over 2,000 cases. At the same time the charity still did not have capacity to help all potential clients, and needed to close projects to new referrals from time to time as demand continues to exceed our available resources.

The charity's funding in 2022, consistent with its funding strategy, comes primarily from philanthropic organisations and local authorities, with grants typically largely reserved for particular projects. We further outline below the charity's work undertaken in 2022, grouping the activities by objective (even where many holistic activities cut across all objectives).

1. Immigration advice

RAMFEL focused on those who have been denied legal aid or whom were otherwise restricted from accessing justice. Undocumented children, of which there are estimated to be over 100,000 in London, and their families continued to make up a significant amount of our legal work. Our overwhelmingly successful cases illustrate that many young people are being denied citizenship or status and forced to live in poverty simply due to legal aid cuts.

In 2022, RAMFEL submitted around 800 immigration applications on behalf of clients. In our appeals work we rely on a team of excellent barristers representing our cases pro-bono, to whom we would again like to extend our deepest thanks for their hard work and dedication.

Our work to support asylum seekers was hampered by a lack of firms with legal aid contracts willing to take on asylum seekers needing to make fresh claims. As a result RAMFEL worked towards securing a legal aid contract to provide further support. Our work in family reunion cases has been vitally important as we have found that many clients cannot obtain legal aid and that there is little capacity for free immigration advice.

Immigration advice to Rough Sleepers has continued to grow thanks to government funding. In 2018 we started to work in Redbridge to provide immigration advice, in what was at the time a unique service; in 2022 we continued to work with 8 London boroughs and the Greater London Authority to provide advice. The fact that rough sleepers in many boroughs still have no advice is of great concern, as it is an essential catalyst in helping them move off the streets.

2. Destitution Support

RAMFEL provided food parcels and food vouchers to clients, continuing and building upon the significant increase in support we made in 2020 during the pandemic.

3. Integration Support

The charity continued to run services for asylum seekers, ensuring that they access services for the support they need whilst their claims are being processed. RAMFEL supported newly granted Refugees to find work and places to live.

4. Campaigning

RAMFEL's campaign work focuses on highlighting the evidence we see every day, through our other activities, to the public and decision-making bodies with the aim of creating change. Having hired a Head of Campaigning, RAMFEL has been able to do more than ever before in this area.

Public benefit

The trustees have been mindful of the guidance provided by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit when planning the activities of the charity.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Reserves policy

RAMFEL's financial resilience primarily comes from its unrestricted reserves (assets available for strategic spending and to ensure the organisation can weather a crisis). The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. Our resulting reserve policy aims that unrestricted funds should be at a level which ensures that RAMFEL's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

RAMFEL was able to maintain its unrestricted reserves in 2022 at around £260,000. Having this level of reserves has allowed the charity to hire in key support functions in 2023. We are mindful that the next year is likely to present more difficult circumstances than the last due as salary costs continue to increase.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

STRATEGIC REPORT

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees have reviewed the principal risks and uncertainties facing the organisation with a view to mitigating the effect of the most significant of these where this is necessary or practicable.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charitable company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in the UK.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08737163 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1155207

Registered office

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F Rehren Treasurer
B Barakzai (appointed 20/6/23)
O I Kuforji
R Mukherjee
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F J Webster
T S Lee (resigned 20/6/23)
M Edwards (resigned 1/2/22)

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

**REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Hartley Fowler LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 31 October 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:

F Rehren - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL) (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identify and assess risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and the charities activities;
- results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charitable company's documentation of their policies and procedures;
- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud. In common with all audits we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

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We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charitable company operates in. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Charities Act 2011, UK Companies Act and tax legislation.

In addition we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

As a result of performing the above, we did not identify any key matters related to the potential risk of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provision of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance, reviewing internal reports, and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias and evaluating the business rationale for any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indication of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Statutory Auditors
Chartered Accountants
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006
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Date:

**REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Grants and donations	2	7,384	1,185,556	1,192,940	815,495
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable activities		42,267	-	42,267	69,267
Investment income	3	5	-	5	-
Total		<u>49,656</u>	<u>1,185,556</u>	<u>1,235,212</u>	<u>884,762</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	5				
Charitable activities		<u>37,437</u>	<u>1,084,002</u>	<u>1,121,439</u>	<u>752,490</u>
NET INCOME		12,219	101,554	113,773	132,272
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		251,251	29,818	281,069	148,797
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>263,470</u></u>	<u><u>131,372</u></u>	<u><u>394,842</u></u>	<u><u>281,069</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL) (REGISTERED NUMBER: 08737163)**

**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	19,393	-	19,393	8,508
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	386,506	-	386,506	156,345
Cash at bank		198,177	137,162	335,339	384,885
		<u>584,683</u>	<u>137,162</u>	<u>721,845</u>	<u>541,230</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(336,558)	(5,790)	(342,348)	(264,621)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>248,125</u>	<u>131,372</u>	<u>379,497</u>	<u>276,609</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		267,518	131,372	398,890	285,117
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(4,048)	-	(4,048)	(4,048)
NET ASSETS		<u>263,470</u>	<u>131,372</u>	<u>394,842</u>	<u>281,069</u>
FUNDS	17				
Unrestricted funds				263,470	251,251
Restricted funds				<u>131,372</u>	<u>29,818</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>394,842</u>	<u>281,069</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31 October 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

F Rehren - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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**CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	(34,916)	202,216
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities		(34,916)	202,216
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(14,635)	(1,536)
Interest received		5	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(14,630)	(1,536)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(49,546)	200,680
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		384,885	184,205
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		335,339	384,885

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**REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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**NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	113,773	132,272
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	3,750	1,601
Interest received	(5)	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(230,161)	26,331
Increase in creditors	77,727	42,012
Net cash (used in)/provided by operations	<u>(34,916)</u>	<u>202,216</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/1/22 £	Cash flow £	At 31/12/22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	384,885	(49,546)	335,339
	<u>384,885</u>	<u>(49,546)</u>	<u>335,339</u>
Total	<u>384,885</u>	<u>(49,546)</u>	<u>335,339</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Grant income received that does not meet the recognition criteria is carried forward as deferred income.

Income in respect of services provided is recognised when, and to the extent that, performance occurs and is measured at the fair value of the consideration receivable.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	20,001	6,308
Gift aid	508	902
Grants	1,172,431	808,285
	<u>1,192,940</u>	<u>815,495</u>

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Redbridge Rough Sleeping Initiative	70,655	95,283
Single Homeless Project	24,032	21,372
RISE	9,311	14,057
Walthamstow Migrant Action Group	15,291	15,171
Essex Community Foundation	14,101	15,178
RAMP - Legal Advice	40,902	35,438
Waltham Forest SS - Legal Advice	15,879	14,445
Lloyds Bank Foundation	31,066	41,274
Children in Need	23,739	30,093
SEGRO	-	10,675
Baring Foundation	7,661	2,664
Deutsche Bank	12,559	14,951
Islington Immigration Advice	19,878	15,018
Hackney Rough Sleepers	-	13,999
ILPA	1,430	239
London Community Response	25,000	25,003
NCIL	-	7,497
National Lottery Fund	236,626	55,990
London Community Foundation - Provident	-	7,503
GLA Rough Sleepers	49,866	48,584
Waltham Forest Rough Sleeper Advice	21,081	28,992
Redbridge Covid Food Fund	-	26,508
Redbridge EUSS Project	37,423	57,012
Cadbury Barrow	-	29,103
Access to Justice	14,583	30,418
NLHP Rough Sleeping Advice	287,879	119,705
Newham Schools Project	-	9,711
Redbridge Household Support Fund	10,500	21,600
Charities Aid Foundation	59,291	946
GLA Advice	17,788	-
AB Charitable Trust	6,667	-
London Borough of Camden	9,032	-
Northeast RSI	83,239	-
Other grants	26,952	(144)
	<u>1,172,431</u>	<u>808,285</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	5	-
	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2022	2021
		£	£
Other income from charitable activities	Charitable activities	42,267	69,267
		<u>42,267</u>	<u>69,267</u>

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs	Support costs (see note 6)	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable activities	1,002,777	118,662	1,121,439
	<u>1,002,777</u>	<u>118,662</u>	<u>1,121,439</u>

6. SUPPORT COSTS

	Information technology	Other administrative overheads	Other	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities	18,189	96,722	3,751	118,662
	<u>18,189</u>	<u>96,722</u>	<u>3,751</u>	<u>118,662</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Information technology

	2022 Charitable activities	2021 Total activities
	£	£
Repairs and renewals	189	482
IT costs	18,000	7,885
	<u>18,189</u>	<u>8,367</u>

Other administrative overheads

	2022 Charitable activities	2021 Total activities
	£	£
Rent	16,202	12,381
Insurance	2,451	1,858
Telephone	5,566	6,825
Other office costs	2,713	4,230
Other staff costs	42,101	23,059
Bank charges	843	772
Legal and professional	3,684	5,681
Bookkeeping and accountancy	19,162	4,182
Examiners fees	-	2,100
	<u>92,722</u>	<u>61,088</u>
Carried forward	92,722	61,088

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6. SUPPORT COSTS - continued

Other administrative overheads - continued

	2022 Charitable activities £	2021 Total activities £
Brought forward	92,722	61,088
Auditors remuneration - audit	4,000	-
	<u>96,722</u>	<u>61,088</u>

Other

	2022 Charitable activities £	2021 Total activities £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>3,751</u>	<u>1,601</u>

7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>3,750</u>	<u>1,601</u>

8. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

9. STAFF COSTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	754,381	533,782
Social security costs	72,309	45,995
Other pension costs	33,212	25,311
	<u>859,902</u>	<u>605,088</u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Chief Executive Officer and the Operations. Manager. The total remuneration of key management personnel during the year was £95,354 (2021 - £91,324).

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

	2022 <u>27</u>	2021 <u>20</u>
General operations		

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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10. AUDITORS REMUNERATION

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examination (net of irrecoverable VAT)	-	1,300
Accountancy (net of irrecoverable VAT)	825	800
Auditors remuneration (net of irrecoverable VAT)	4,000	-
	<u>4,825</u>	<u>2,100</u>

11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Grants and donations	139,202	676,293	815,495
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	69,267	-	69,267
Total	<u>208,469</u>	<u>676,293</u>	<u>884,762</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	80,636	671,854	752,490
NET INCOME	127,833	4,439	132,272
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	123,418	25,379	148,797
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>251,251</u>	<u>29,818</u>	<u>281,069</u>

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2022	1,198	9,401	10,599
Additions	-	14,635	14,635
	<u>1,198</u>	<u>24,036</u>	<u>25,234</u>
At 31 December 2022	1,198	24,036	25,234
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2022	717	1,374	2,091
Charge for year	96	3,654	3,750
	<u>813</u>	<u>5,028</u>	<u>5,841</u>
At 31 December 2022	813	5,028	5,841
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2022	<u>385</u>	<u>19,008</u>	<u>19,393</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>481</u>	<u>8,027</u>	<u>8,508</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Other debtors	311,135	147,066
Prepayments and accrued income	66,033	8,352
Prepayments	9,338	927
	<u>386,506</u>	<u>156,345</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	3,278	-
Other creditors	8,000	25,112
Deferred income	311,408	231,970
Accrued expenses	19,662	7,539
	<u>342,348</u>	<u>264,621</u>

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15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>4,048</u>	<u>4,048</u>

16. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	7,117	7,117
Between one and five years	<u>3,559</u>	<u>10,676</u>
	<u>10,676</u>	<u>17,793</u>

17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	251,251	12,219	263,470
Restricted funds			
Restricted	29,818	101,554	131,372
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>281,069</u>	<u>113,773</u>	<u>394,842</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	49,656	(37,437)	12,219
Restricted funds			
Restricted	1,185,556	(1,084,002)	101,554
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,235,212</u>	<u>(1,121,439)</u>	<u>113,773</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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17. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	123,418	127,833	251,251
Restricted funds			
Restricted	25,379	4,439	29,818
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>148,797</u>	<u>132,272</u>	<u>281,069</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	208,469	(80,636)	127,833
Restricted funds			
Restricted	676,293	(671,854)	4,439
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>884,762</u>	<u>(752,490)</u>	<u>132,272</u>

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08737163 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1155207

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021
FOR
REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)
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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

RAMFEL is a charity that supports refugees and vulnerable migrants to access justice, and that provides vital support in moments of individual crisis. Unfortunately the government's 'hostile environment' largely remains in place in Britain since its introduction in 2012. There are always new tragic cases of people being made destitute, detained and removed through unfair and inhumane policy combined with missing institutional capabilities.

Against this background there is a large and growing number of compassionate people and organisations, committed to fairness and reform. RAMFEL is able to help many people every year because of the generous contributions of its funders and the effort and dedication of its staff.

The trustees who support RAMFEL in this mission have been mindful of their duty to public benefit, following the guidance of the Charities Commission, in exercising their powers and duties, and use this opportunity to report on the purposes and objectives, strategies, activities and achievements as well as reserves and risk management of the charity in the year 2021.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Purposes and objectives

RAMFEL's purpose is that

All refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants will be treated with respect and their human rights will be protected by law. They will be able to assert those rights and live free of destitution and poverty. They will be able to plan and achieve fulfilling lives.

To achieve this, the charity has set itself the following objectives:

1. Provide immigration advice to vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and refugees where they cannot access legal aid or afford advice.
2. Provide a welcoming safe space, destitution support and specialist advice to refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants experiencing crisis.
3. Support asylum seekers and refugees in their journey through the asylum system and assist their successful integration into society.
4. Campaign on the issues our work presents, focusing on the above areas.

RAMFEL takes a holistic approach to the needs of individuals and families caught up in the most challenging of situations, and provides wrap-around services including housing, asylum support, access to healthcare, access to social services, employability and wellbeing. In particular, the organisation provides end-to-end support helping to both regularise status and support the transition to building a new life in the UK.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Strategies, activities and achievements

In 2021, RAMFEL grew by over 100% to become the largest provider of free, OISC level 3 casework in London, seeing 2410 clients in total with a case success rate above 99%. At the same time the charity still did not have capacity to help all potential clients, and needed to close projects to new referrals from time to time as demand continues to exceed our available resources.

The charity's funding in 2021, consistent with its funding strategy, comes primarily from philanthropic organisations and local authorities, with grants typically largely reserved for particular projects. We further outline below the charity's work undertaken in 2021, grouping the activities by objective (even where many holistic activities cut across all objectives).

1. Immigration advice

RAMFEL focused on those who have been denied legal aid or whom were otherwise restricted from accessing justice. Undocumented children, of which there are estimated to be over 100,000 in London, and their families continued to make up a significant amount of our legal work. Our overwhelmingly successful cases illustrate that many young people are being denied citizenship or status and forced to live in poverty simply due to legal aid cuts.

In 2021, RAMFEL submitted 855 immigration applications on behalf of clients. Of these, only 20 were initially refused; subsequently 15 of which have been successful in re-application or otherwise, two are awaiting resubmission, and only three were finally refused. In our appeals work we rely on a team of excellent Barristers representing our cases pro-bono, to whom we would like to extend our deepest thanks for their hard work and dedication: Eva Doerr (Garden Court Chambers), Simon Cox (Doughty Street Chambers), Mark Allison, Daniel Grütters, Imogen Mellor and Catherine Philips (all One Pump Court), and Lucy Mair (Garden Court North).

2021 saw a significant increase in immigration advice for asylum seekers needing merits assessments for fresh claims, family reunion and immigration advice for Rough Sleepers.

Our work to support asylum seekers was hampered by a lack of firms with legal aid contracts willing to take on asylum seekers needing to make fresh claims. As a result RAMFEL is considering seeking to secure a legal aid contract to provide further support. Our work in family reunion cases has been vitally important as we have found that many clients cannot obtain legal aid and that there is little capacity for free immigration advice.

Immigration advice to Rough Sleepers has continued to grow thanks to government funding. In 2018 we started to work in Redbridge to provide immigration advice, in what was at the time a unique service; in 2021 we worked with 8 London boroughs and the Greater London Authority to provide advice. The fact that rough sleepers in many boroughs still have no advice is of great concern, as it is an essential catalyst in helping them move off the streets. The government currently has inconsistent policies in place which threaten to unfairly keep people street homeless forever. RAMFEL funded by Baring foundation has had useful meetings with the Home Office to present our research and advice in this area.

2. Destitution Support

RAMFEL spent £46,491 in providing food parcels and food vouchers to clients, continuing and building upon the significant increase in support we made in 2020 during the pandemic. We also re-distributed support grants for Newham council and a team of volunteers raised thousands of pounds in applications for grants for individuals.

3. Integration Support

The charity continued to run services for asylum seekers, ensuring that they access services for the support they need whilst their claims are being processed. RAMFEL supported newly granted Refugees to find work and places to live and 2021 saw a return of ESOL classes after they stopped during the pandemic.

4. Campaigning

RAMFEL's campaign work focuses on highlighting the evidence we see every day, through our other activities, to the public and decision-making bodies with the aim of creating change.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In cooperation with the Public Interest Law Centre, in 2021 RAMFEL launched a judicial review of a new law that made rough sleeping a ground for refusal in a visa application, which we considered a cruel and impractical policy. The government subsequently released guidance which limited the original scope of the law and a freedom of information request revealed the law has not yet been used, showing that charities and other bodies can hold the government's policies to account.

Together with Bhatt Murphy, and funded by the Immigration Law Practitioner's Association, RAMFEL has undertaken legal research to identify how those granted status on the human rights route can adequately document their ongoing status and entitlements while awaiting decision on renewals. This affects tens or hundreds of thousands every year, many of which wrongly lose their jobs, benefits and homes as a result of a mistaken understanding of the law. This project continues into 2022.

Public benefit

The trustees have been mindful of the guidance provided by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit when planning the activities of the charity.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Reserves policy

RAMFEL's financial resilience primarily comes from its unrestricted reserves (assets available for strategic spending and to ensure the organisation can weather a crisis). The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. Our resulting reserve policy aims that unrestricted funds should be a level which ensures that RAMFEL's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. In particular, the reserves should exceed at least three months' planned expenditure, representing about £240,000 at year-end 2021.

RAMFEL was able to grow its unrestricted significantly in 2021 to £251,252, meaning its fast growth is adequately supported by its financial reserves, which help RAMFEL manage the operational risks and challenges we will face at this new larger scale. In particular, this level of reserves will allow the charity to hire in key support functions. We are also mindful that the next year is likely to present more difficult circumstances than the last due to rent increases and inflation.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees have reviewed the principal risks and uncertainties facing the organisation with a view to mitigating the effect of the most significant of these where this is necessary or practicable.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charitable company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in the UK.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08737163 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1155207

Registered office

The People's Place,
80-92 Stratford High Street
London
E15 2NE

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Trustees

F A Sulaiman Chair (appointed 27/9/21)

F Rehren Treasurer (appointed 27/9/21)

J Warr

M Edwards (resigned 1/2/22)

T S Lee

In addition to the persons listed above whose appointment as director had been recorded at Companies House, the following persons also acted as trustees in the year:

Mr R Mukherjee

Mr F Webster

Independent Examiner

Hartley Fowler LLP

Chartered Accountants

4th Floor Tuition House

27-37 St George's Road

Wimbledon

London

SW19 4EU

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 30 October 2022 and signed on the board's behalf by:

F Rehren - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

Jonathan Askew
ICAEW
Hartley Fowler LLP
Chartered Accountants
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31 October 2022

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Grants and donations	2	139,202	676,293	815,495	388,965
Charitable activities					
Charitable activities		69,267	-	69,267	41,979
Total		208,469	676,293	884,762	430,944
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable activities		80,635	671,854	752,489	418,626
NET INCOME		127,834	4,439	132,273	12,318
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		123,418	25,379	148,797	136,479
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		251,252	29,818	281,070	148,797

The notes form part of these financial statements

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	8,508	-	8,508	8,573
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	156,345	-	156,345	182,676
Cash at bank and in hand		354,947	29,938	384,885	184,205
		<u>511,292</u>	<u>29,938</u>	<u>541,230</u>	<u>366,881</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(264,500)	(120)	(264,620)	(222,609)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>246,792</u>	<u>29,818</u>	<u>276,610</u>	<u>144,272</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		255,300	29,818	285,118	152,845
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(4,048)	-	(4,048)	(4,048)
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>251,252</u>	<u>29,818</u>	<u>281,070</u>	<u>148,797</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				251,252	123,418
Restricted funds				<u>29,818</u>	<u>25,379</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>281,070</u>	<u>148,797</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

F Rehren - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	<u>202,216</u>	<u>33,019</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>202,216</u>	<u>33,019</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(1,536)</u>	<u>(9,966)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(1,536)</u>	<u>(9,966)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>200,680</u>	<u>23,053</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>184,205</u>	<u>161,152</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>384,885</u></u>	<u><u>184,205</u></u>

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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	132,273	12,318
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,601	2,144
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	26,331	(180,414)
Increase in creditors	42,011	198,971
Net cash provided by operations	<u>202,216</u>	<u>33,019</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/1/21 £	Cash flow £	At 31/12/21 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>184,205</u>	<u>200,680</u>	<u>384,885</u>
	<u>184,205</u>	<u>200,680</u>	<u>384,885</u>
Total	<u>184,205</u>	<u>200,680</u>	<u>384,885</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Grant income received that does not meet the recognition criteria is carried forward as deferred income.

Income in respect of services provided is recognised when, and to the extent that, performance occurs and is measured at the fair value of the consideration receivable.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	6,308	9,834
Gift aid	902	1,269
Grants	808,285	377,862
	<u>815,495</u>	<u>388,965</u>

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Redbridge Rough Sleeping Initiative	95,283	38,239
Redbridge Community Project	-	4,750
Single Homeless Project	21,372	28,500
Reaching Communities BLF	-	14,827
RISE	14,057	8,789
Redbridge Catholic Churches	-	7,700
Walthamstow Migrant Action Group	15,171	6,049
Essex Community Foundation	15,178	17,115
RAMP - Legal Advice	35,438	28,771
Waltham Forest SS - Legal Advice	14,445	14,446
Lloyds Bank Foundation	41,274	8,248
Children in Need	30,093	19,321
SEGRO	10,675	3,558
Baring Foundation	2,664	7,374
London Community Foundation - Deutsche Bank	14,951	2,489
Islington Immigration Advice	15,018	7,507
Hackney Rough Sleepers	13,999	7,403
ILPA	239	3,823
London Community Response	25,003	8,254
GLA Londoners EU Advice	-	4,947
NCIL	7,497	2,500
Leathersellers	-	1,000
National Lottery Fund	55,990	58,492
London Community Foundation - Provident	7,503	2,500
GLA Rough Sleepers	48,584	29,413
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	-	9,569
Waltham Forest Rough Sleeper Advice	28,992	14,495
Martin Lewis Coronavirus Fund	-	6,000
Redbridge Covid Food Fund	26,508	3,033
Redbridge EUSS Project	57,012	8,750
Cadbury Barrow	29,103	-
Access to Justice	30,418	-
NLHP Rough Sleeping Advice	119,705	-
Newham Schools Project	9,711	-
Redbridge Household Support Fund	21,600	-
Charities Aid Foundation	946	-
Other grants	(144)	-
	<u>808,285</u>	<u>377,862</u>

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity	2021 £	2020 £
Other income from charitable activities		
Charitable activities	<u>69,267</u>	<u>41,979</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>681,433</u>	<u>71,056</u>	<u>752,489</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Information technology £	Other administrative overheads £	Other £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>8,367</u>	<u>61,088</u>	<u>1,601</u>	<u>71,056</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Information technology

	2021 Charitable activities £	2020 Total activities £
Repairs and renewals	482	-
IT costs	<u>7,885</u>	<u>9,038</u>
	<u>8,367</u>	<u>9,038</u>

Other administrative overheads

	2021 Charitable activities £	2020 Total activities £
Rent	12,381	15,170
Insurance	1,858	910
Telephone	6,825	3,967
Other office costs	4,230	3,820
Other staff costs	23,059	6,520
Bank charges	772	542
Legal and professional	5,681	2,478
Accountancy	4,182	832
Examiners fees	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	<u>61,088</u>	<u>36,239</u>

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued
Other

	2021 Charitable activities £	2020 Total activities £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,601</u>	<u>2,144</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>1,601</u>	<u>2,144</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	533,781	292,103
Social security costs	45,995	23,788
Other pension costs	25,311	12,743
	<u>605,087</u>	<u>328,634</u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Chief Executive Officer and the Immigrations Manager. The total remuneration of key management personnel during the year was £91,324 (2020 - £92,804).

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

	2021 <u>20</u>	2020 <u>12</u>
General operations		

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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9. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination (net of irrecoverable VAT)	1,300	1,250
Accountancy (net of irrecoverable VAT)	800	750
	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,000</u>

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Grants and donations	8,537	380,428	388,965
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>41,979</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,979</u>
Total	<u>50,516</u>	<u>380,428</u>	<u>430,944</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	-	418,626	418,626
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	50,516	(38,198)	12,318
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	72,902	63,577	136,479
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>123,418</u>	<u>25,379</u>	<u>148,797</u>

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11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2021	1,198	9,966	11,164
Additions	-	1,536	1,536
Disposals	-	(2,101)	(2,101)
	<u>1,198</u>	<u>9,401</u>	<u>10,599</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2021	597	1,994	2,591
Charge for year	120	1,481	1,601
Eliminated on disposal	-	(2,101)	(2,101)
	<u>717</u>	<u>1,374</u>	<u>2,091</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2021	<u>481</u>	<u>8,027</u>	<u>8,508</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>601</u>	<u>7,972</u>	<u>8,573</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	147,066	182,676
Prepayments and accrued income	8,352	-
Prepayments	927	-
	<u>156,345</u>	<u>182,676</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	-	5,971
Other creditors	25,112	2,813
Deferred income	231,970	209,025
Accrued expenses	7,538	4,800
	<u>264,620</u>	<u>222,609</u>

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>4,048</u>	<u>4,048</u>

15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within one year	-	7,117
Between one and five years	-	17,793
	<u>-</u>	<u>24,910</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/21	Net movement in funds	At 31/12/21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	123,418	127,834	251,252
Restricted funds			
Restricted	25,379	4,439	29,818
	<u>148,797</u>	<u>132,273</u>	<u>281,070</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	208,469	(80,635)	127,834
Restricted funds			
Restricted	676,293	(671,854)	4,439
	<u>884,762</u>	<u>(752,489)</u>	<u>132,273</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,902	50,516	123,418
Restricted funds			
Restricted	63,577	(38,198)	25,379
TOTAL FUNDS	136,479	12,318	148,797

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,516	-	50,516
Restricted funds			
Restricted	380,428	(418,626)	(38,198)
TOTAL FUNDS	430,944	(418,626)	12,318

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08737163 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1155207

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
FOR
REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

RAMFEL is a charity that supports refugees and vulnerable migrants to access justice and that provides vital support in moments of individual crisis.

Goal 1: Provide Immigration advice to vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and Refugees where they cannot access legal aid or afford advice

Goal 2: Provide a welcoming safe space, destitution support and specialist advice to Refugees Asylum Seekers and Vulnerable Migrants experiencing crisis

Goal 3: Support Asylum Seekers and Refugees in their journey through the asylum system and assist their successful integration into society

Goal 4: Campaign on the issues our work presents, focusing on the above areas.

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Despite the Windrush scandal and controversy over the hostile environment figuring prominently in national media over the last few years, in practical terms at a national level 2019 saw little changes to 2018. The Home Office missed the chance to learn and engage and to change the culture which led to the tragic cases of people being made destitute, detained and removed through unfair and inhumane policy backed up by institutional administrative incompetency.

Recently the government has looked to challenge the right of legal representatives to represent their clients' best interests and are moving to restrict the right to challenge government decisions through potential Judicial Review changes, so the hostile environment continues seemingly unabated.

On the frontline, in 2019 RAMFEL's focus remained on;

- Giving access to justice for those denied it by legal aid and the legal system.
- Providing support to those struggling whilst caught in the immigration system
- Helping those recently granted status to successfully transition to their new life

Immigration advice

RAMFEL focused on those who have been denied legal aid or whom were otherwise restricted from accessing justice. Undocumented children and their families continued to make up the majority of our legal work. Mayor of London research estimates that over 100,000 children are in this situation in London. We're proud of our 100% success rate in 2019 in representing them, which serves to illustrate that many young people are being denied citizenship or status and forced to live in poverty simply due to legal aid cuts.

Alongside trying to expand our reach to provide legal advice, RAMFEL will look to use our experience to influence any potential changes to government policy or law in this area.

In 2019 we continued our work with Rough Sleepers to provide immigration advice and have had some success in securing status. However we have also faced very difficult challenges in gathering evidence to be able to submit applications for people who, due to rough sleeping and the hostile environment, have been cut out of various services which would give create official records.

In 2019 we submitted 266 immigration applications

- we lodged 8 appeals (some of them heard in 2019, some in 2020, some still pending)
- we had 7 appeals heard (some of them lodged in 2018) and 6 of them were successful (the unsuccessful case subsequently gained status in 2020 through RAMFEL representation)
- we had 5 applications rejected - 1 already won on appeal, 2 of them have a pending appeal, 2 have been referred for JR and 1 we re-lodged another application which has since been granted

The barristers who volunteered to represent us won all the cases they were involved with (except the one family that subsequently received status).

We would like to say a massive thanks to them for their hard work and dedication;

Nicholas Sadeghi (Legis Chambers)
Eleri Griffiths (One Pump Court)
Catherine Jenkins (One Pump Court)
Angelina Nicolaou (One Pump Court)
Ahmed Osman (One Pump Court)
Mark Allison (One Pump Court)
Joseph Byrne (Goldsmith)

Destitution Support

Whilst our advice services are supporting people to achieve official status and get on with their lives, there is also a need to help tackle destitution and the effects of being stuck in asylum or immigration systems. Our weekly foodbank and drop in centre ran weekly providing 3640 food parcels as well as toiletries once a month. The pandemic forced us to adapt the way we deliver this service, and the team did an outstanding job is facing up to this challenge innovatively.

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Holistic advice services

A key part of our organisation strategy is to take a holistic approach to the needs of individuals and families caught up in the most challenging of situations and we're happy to have been able to maintain and even expand these circumstances through one of the most challenging years for our charity and the clients we serve.

Our services provided wrap around support in housing, asylum support, access to healthcare, access to social services, employability and wellbeing.

In particular, these services provided end to end support helping to regularise status but also looking to support the transition to building a new life in the UK.

Public benefit

The trustees have been mindful of the guidance provided by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit when planning the activities of the charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

RAMFEL is in a strong financial position with important new relationships with charitable funders emerging over the last year. As ever we seek longer term funding and partnerships in order to sustain and improve the level of work we can undertake.

Principal funding sources

As set out in the notes to the accounts, the charity is funded primarily by grants from Local Authorities and other organisations.

Reserves policy

The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the trustees have established fundraising strategy which includes ensuring a mix of restricted and unrestricted funding. Our reserve policy is that unrestricted funds not committed should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that RAMFEL's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. This represents at least three months' (13 weeks) expenditure of about £73,500. This will be reviewed annually.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charitable company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in the UK.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08737163 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1155207

Registered office

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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Trustees

Ms M Edwards

Mr T S Lee

Mr F Rehren (appointed 27/9/21)

Ms F A Sulaiman (appointed 27/9/21)

Ms J Warr

Ms E Coyne (resigned 3/3/20)

In addition to the persons listed above whose appointment as director had been recorded at Companies House, the following persons also acted as trustees in the year:

Mr R Mukherjee

Mr F Webster

Independent Examiner

Hartley Fowler LLP

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London

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr F Rehren - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

Jonathan Askew
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Date:

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Grants and donations	2	8,537	380,428	388,965	328,089
Charitable activities	3				
Charitable activities		41,979	-	41,979	18,117
Total		50,516	380,428	430,944	346,206
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable activities		-	418,626	418,626	294,273
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		50,516	(38,198)	12,318	51,933
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		72,902	63,577	136,479	84,546
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		123,418	25,379	148,797	136,479

The notes form part of these financial statements

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	8,573	-	8,573	751
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	182,676	-	182,676	2,262
Cash at bank and in hand		158,826	25,379	184,205	161,152
		<u>341,502</u>	<u>25,379</u>	<u>366,881</u>	<u>163,414</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(222,609)	-	(222,609)	(5,771)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>118,893</u>	<u>25,379</u>	<u>144,272</u>	<u>157,643</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		127,466	25,379	152,845	158,394
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(4,048)	-	(4,048)	(21,915)
NET ASSETS		<u>123,418</u>	<u>25,379</u>	<u>148,797</u>	<u>136,479</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				123,418	72,902
Restricted funds				<u>25,379</u>	<u>63,577</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>148,797</u>	<u>136,479</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 October 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr F Rehren - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Grant income received that does not meet the recognition criteria is carried forward as deferred income.

Income in respect of services provided is recognised when, and to the extent that, performance occurs and is measured at the fair value of the consideration receivable.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations	9,834	4,781
Gift aid	1,269	-
Grants	377,862	323,308
	<u>388,965</u>	<u>328,089</u>

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other grants receivable	-	20,683
Redbridge Rough Sleeping Initiative	38,239	55,000
Redbridge Community Project	4,750	19,000
Single Homeless Project	28,500	28,500
Trust for London	-	15,000
Reaching Communities BLF	14,827	14,827
RISE	8,789	8,091
Redbridge Catholic Churches	7,700	7,600
Walthamstow Migrant Action Group	6,049	2,350
Timebank (English Classes)	-	360
Essex Community Foundation	17,115	16,363
RAMP - Legal Advice	28,771	25,380
Waltham Forest SS - Legal Advice	14,446	14,446
Training grants	-	675
Lloyds Bank Foundation	8,248	57,841
Children in Need	19,321	18,399
The People's Post Code Lottery	-	18,793
SEGRO	3,558	-
Baring Foundation	7,374	-
London Community Foundation - Deutsche Bank	2,489	-
Islington Immigration Advice	7,507	-
Hackney Rough Sleepers	7,403	-
ILPA	3,823	-
London Community Response	8,254	-
GLA Londoners EU Advice	4,947	-
NCIL	2,500	-
Leathersellers	1,000	-
National Lottery Fund	58,492	-
London Community Foundation - Provident	2,500	-
GLA Rough Sleepers	29,413	-
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	9,569	-
Waltham Forest Rough Sleeper Advice	14,495	-
Martin Lewis Coronavirus Fund	6,000	-
Redbridge Covid Food Fund	3,033	-
Redbridge EUSS Project	8,750	-
	<u>377,862</u>	<u>323,308</u>

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity	2020 £	2019 £
Other income from charitable activities		
Charitable activities	<u>41,979</u>	<u>18,117</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>371,205</u>	<u>47,421</u>	<u>418,626</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Information technology £	Other administrative overheads £	Other £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>9,038</u>	<u>36,239</u>	<u>2,144</u>	<u>47,421</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Information technology

	2020 Charitable activities £	2019 Total activities £
IT costs	<u>9,038</u>	<u>11,875</u>

Other administrative overheads

	2020 Charitable activities £	2019 Total activities £
Rent	15,170	18,949
Insurance	910	1,259
Telephone	3,967	2,937
Other office costs	3,820	7,049
Other staff costs	6,520	2,658
Bank charges	542	201
Legal and professional	2,478	1,648
Accountancy	832	4,049
Examiners fees	2,000	2,000
	<u>36,239</u>	<u>40,750</u>

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5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued
Other

	2020 Charitable activities £	2019 Total activities £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>2,144</u>	<u>250</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>2,144</u>	<u>250</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	292,103	202,323
Social security costs	23,788	14,275
Other pension costs	12,743	7,215
	<u>328,634</u>	<u>223,813</u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Immigrations Manager. The total remuneration of key management personnel during the year was £92,804 (2019 - £84,606).

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

	2020	2019
General operations	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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9. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	2020	2019
	£	£
Independent examination (net of irrecoverable VAT)	1,250	1,250
Accountancy (net of irrecoverable VAT)	750	750
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Grants and donations	25,464	302,625	328,089
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	18,117	-	18,117
Total	<u>43,581</u>	<u>302,625</u>	<u>346,206</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	2,650	291,623	294,273
NET INCOME	<u>40,931</u>	<u>11,002</u>	<u>51,933</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	31,971	52,575	84,546
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>72,902</u>	<u>63,577</u>	<u>136,479</u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2020	1,198	-	1,198
Additions	-	9,966	9,966
	<u>1,198</u>	<u>9,966</u>	<u>11,164</u>
At 31 December 2020	1,198	9,966	11,164
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2020	447	-	447
Charge for year	150	1,994	2,144
	<u>597</u>	<u>1,994</u>	<u>2,591</u>
At 31 December 2020	597	1,994	2,591
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2020	<u>601</u>	<u>7,972</u>	<u>8,573</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>751</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	182,676	2,262
	<u>182,676</u>	<u>2,262</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	5,971	-
Other creditors	2,813	3,371
Deferred income	209,025	-
Accrued expenses	4,800	2,400
	<u>222,609</u>	<u>5,771</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	4,048	21,915
	<u>4,048</u>	<u>21,915</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Within one year	7,117	7,117
Between one and five years	17,793	24,910
	<u>24,910</u>	<u>32,027</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,902	50,516	123,418
Restricted funds			
Restricted	63,577	(38,198)	25,379
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>136,479</u>	<u>12,318</u>	<u>148,797</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,516	-	50,516
Restricted funds			
Restricted	380,428	(418,626)	(38,198)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>430,944</u>	<u>(418,626)</u>	<u>12,318</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,971	40,931	72,902
Restricted funds			
Restricted	52,575	11,002	63,577
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>84,546</u>	<u>51,933</u>	<u>136,479</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	43,581	(2,650)	40,931
Restricted funds			
Restricted	302,625	(291,623)	11,002
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>346,206</u>	<u>(294,273)</u>	<u>51,933</u>

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Grants and donations		
Donations	9,834	4,781
Gift aid	1,269	-
Grants	377,862	323,308
	<u>388,965</u>	<u>328,089</u>
Charitable activities		
Other income from charitable activities	41,979	18,117
	<u>41,979</u>	<u>18,117</u>
Total incoming resources	430,944	346,206
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	292,103	202,323
Social security	23,788	14,275
Pensions	12,743	7,215
Volunteer expenses	478	2,191
Immigration advice and support	8,105	2,363
ESOL - Time and foodbank	33,004	12,007
Travel	136	1,024
Covid support - employees WFH	848	-
	<u>371,205</u>	<u>241,398</u>
Support costs		
Information technology		
IT costs	9,038	11,875
Other administrative overheads		
Rent	15,170	18,949
Insurance	910	1,259
Telephone	3,967	2,937
Other office costs	3,820	7,049
Other staff costs	6,520	2,658
Bank charges	542	201
Legal and professional	2,478	1,648
Accountancy	832	4,049
Examiners fees	2,000	2,000
	<u>36,239</u>	<u>40,750</u>
Other		
Fixtures and fittings	150	250
Computer equipment	1,994	-
	<u>2,144</u>	<u>250</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Total resources expended	418,626	294,273
Net income	12,318	51,933

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08737163 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1155207

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
FOR
REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

RAMFEL is a charity that supports refugees and vulnerable migrants to access justice and that provides vital support in moments of individual crisis.

Goal 1: Provide Immigration advice to vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and Refugees where they cannot access legal aid or afford advice

Goal 2: Provide a welcoming safe space, destitution support and specialist advice to Refugees Asylum Seekers and Vulnerable Migrants experiencing crisis

Goal 3: Support Asylum Seekers and Refugees in their journey through the asylum system and assist their successful integration into society

Goal 4: Campaign on the issues our work presents, focusing on the above areas.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Despite the Windrush scandal and controversy over the hostile environment figuring prominently in national media over the last few years, in practical terms at a national level 2019 saw little changes to 2018. The Home Office missed the chance to learn and engage and to change the culture which led to the tragic cases of people being made destitute, detained and removed through unfair and inhumane policy backed up by institutional administrative incompetency.

Recently the government has looked to challenge the right of legal representatives to represent their clients' best interests and are moving to restrict the right to challenge government decisions through potential Judicial Review changes, so the hostile environment continues seemingly unabated.

On the frontline, in 2019 RAMFEL's focus remained on;

- Giving access to justice for those denied it by legal aid and the legal system.
- Providing support to those struggling whilst caught in the immigration system
- Helping those recently granted status to successfully transition to their new life

Immigration advice

RAMFEL focused on those who have been denied legal aid or whom were otherwise restricted from accessing justice. Undocumented children and their families continued to make up the majority of our legal work. Mayor of London research estimates that over 100,000 children are in this situation in London. We're proud of our 100% success rate in 2019 in representing them, which serves to illustrate that many young people are being denied citizenship or status and forced to live in poverty simply due to legal aid cuts.

Alongside trying to expand our reach to provide legal advice, RAMFEL will look to use our experience to influence any potential changes to government policy or law in this area.

In 2019 we continued our work with Rough Sleepers to provide immigration advice and have had some success in securing status. However we have also faced very difficult challenges in gathering evidence to be able to submit applications for people who, due to rough sleeping and the hostile environment, have been cut out of various services which would give create official records.

In 2019 we submitted 266 immigration applications

- we lodged 8 appeals (some of them heard in 2019, some in 2020, some still pending)
- we had 7 appeals heard (some of them lodged in 2018) and 6 of them were successful (the unsuccessful case subsequently gained status in 2020 through RAMFEL representation)
- we had 5 applications rejected - 1 already won on appeal, 2 of them have a pending appeal, 2 have been referred for JR and 1 we re-lodged another application which has since been granted

The barristers who volunteered to represent us won all the cases they were involved with (except the one family that subsequently received status).

We would like to say a massive thanks to them for their hard work and dedication;

Nicholas Sadeghi (Legis Chambers)
Eleri Griffiths (One Pump Court)
Catherine Jenkins (One Pump Court)
Angelina Nicolaou (One Pump Court)
Ahmed Osman (One Pump Court)
Mark Allison (One Pump Court)
Joseph Byrne (Goldsmith)

Destitution Support

Whilst our advice services are supporting people to achieve official status and get on with their lives, there is also a need to help tackle destitution and the effects of being stuck in asylum or immigration systems. Our weekly foodbank and drop in centre ran weekly providing 3640 food parcels as well as toiletries once a month. The pandemic forced us to adapt the way we deliver this service, and the team did an outstanding job in facing up to this challenge innovatively.

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Holistic advice services

A key part of our organisation strategy is to take a holistic approach to the needs of individuals and families caught up in the most challenging of situations and we're happy to have been able to maintain and even expand these circumstances through one of the most challenging years for our charity and the clients we serve.

Our services provided wrap around support in housing, asylum support, access to healthcare, access to social services, employability and wellbeing.

In particular, these services provided end to end support helping to regularise status but also looking to support the transition to building a new life in the UK.

Public benefit

The trustees have been mindful of the guidance provided by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit when planning the activities of the charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

RAMFEL is in a strong financial position with important new relationships with charitable funders emerging over the last year. As ever we seek longer term funding and partnerships in order to sustain and improve the level of work we can undertake.

Principal funding sources

As set out in the notes to the accounts, the charity is funded primarily by grants from Local Authorities and other organisations.

Reserves policy

The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the trustees have established fundraising strategy which includes ensuring a mix of restricted and unrestricted funding. Our reserve policy is that unrestricted funds not committed should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that RAMFEL's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. This represents at least three months' (13 weeks) expenditure of about £73,500. This will be reviewed annually.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charitable company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in the UK.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08737163 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1155207

Registered office

The People's Place,
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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Trustees

Ms M Edwards

Mr T S Lee

Mr F Rehren (appointed 27/9/21)

Ms F A Sulaiman (appointed 27/9/21)

Ms J Warr

Ms E Coyne (resigned 3/3/20)

In addition to the persons listed above whose appointment as director had been recorded at Companies House, the following persons also acted as trustees in the year:

Mr R Mukherjee

Mr F Webster

Independent Examiner

Hartley Fowler LLP

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London

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr F Rehren - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

Jonathan Askew
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Date:

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Grants and donations	2	8,537	380,428	388,965	328,089
Charitable activities	3				
Charitable activities		41,979	-	41,979	18,117
Total		50,516	380,428	430,944	346,206
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable activities		-	418,626	418,626	294,273
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		50,516	(38,198)	12,318	51,933
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		72,902	63,577	136,479	84,546
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		123,418	25,379	148,797	136,479

The notes form part of these financial statements

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	8,573	-	8,573	751
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	182,676	-	182,676	2,262
Cash at bank and in hand		158,826	25,379	184,205	161,152
		<u>341,502</u>	<u>25,379</u>	<u>366,881</u>	<u>163,414</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(222,609)	-	(222,609)	(5,771)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>118,893</u>	<u>25,379</u>	<u>144,272</u>	<u>157,643</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		127,466	25,379	152,845	158,394
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(4,048)	-	(4,048)	(21,915)
NET ASSETS		<u>123,418</u>	<u>25,379</u>	<u>148,797</u>	<u>136,479</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				123,418	72,902
Restricted funds				<u>25,379</u>	<u>63,577</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>148,797</u>	<u>136,479</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 October 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr F Rehren - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Grant income received that does not meet the recognition criteria is carried forward as deferred income.

Income in respect of services provided is recognised when, and to the extent that, performance occurs and is measured at the fair value of the consideration receivable.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations	9,834	4,781
Gift aid	1,269	-
Grants	377,862	323,308
	<u>388,965</u>	<u>328,089</u>

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other grants receivable	-	20,683
Redbridge Rough Sleeping Initiative	38,239	55,000
Redbridge Community Project	4,750	19,000
Single Homeless Project	28,500	28,500
Trust for London	-	15,000
Reaching Communities BLF	14,827	14,827
RISE	8,789	8,091
Redbridge Catholic Churches	7,700	7,600
Walthamstow Migrant Action Group	6,049	2,350
Timebank (English Classes)	-	360
Essex Community Foundation	17,115	16,363
RAMP - Legal Advice	28,771	25,380
Waltham Forest SS - Legal Advice	14,446	14,446
Training grants	-	675
Lloyds Bank Foundation	8,248	57,841
Children in Need	19,321	18,399
The People's Post Code Lottery	-	18,793
SEGRO	3,558	-
Baring Foundation	7,374	-
London Community Foundation - Deutsche Bank	2,489	-
Islington Immigration Advice	7,507	-
Hackney Rough Sleepers	7,403	-
ILPA	3,823	-
London Community Response	8,254	-
GLA Londoners EU Advice	4,947	-
NCIL	2,500	-
Leathersellers	1,000	-
National Lottery Fund	58,492	-
London Community Foundation - Provident	2,500	-
GLA Rough Sleepers	29,413	-
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	9,569	-
Waltham Forest Rough Sleeper Advice	14,495	-
Martin Lewis Coronavirus Fund	6,000	-
Redbridge Covid Food Fund	3,033	-
Redbridge EUSS Project	8,750	-
	<u>377,862</u>	<u>323,308</u>

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity	2020 £	2019 £
Other income from charitable activities		
Charitable activities	<u>41,979</u>	<u>18,117</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>371,205</u>	<u>47,421</u>	<u>418,626</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Information technology £	Other administrative overheads £	Other £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>9,038</u>	<u>36,239</u>	<u>2,144</u>	<u>47,421</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Information technology

	2020 Charitable activities £	2019 Total activities £
IT costs	<u>9,038</u>	<u>11,875</u>

Other administrative overheads

	2020 Charitable activities £	2019 Total activities £
Rent	15,170	18,949
Insurance	910	1,259
Telephone	3,967	2,937
Other office costs	3,820	7,049
Other staff costs	6,520	2,658
Bank charges	542	201
Legal and professional	2,478	1,648
Accountancy	832	4,049
Examiners fees	2,000	2,000
	<u>36,239</u>	<u>40,750</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued
Other

	2020 Charitable activities £	2019 Total activities £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>2,144</u>	<u>250</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>2,144</u>	<u>250</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	292,103	202,323
Social security costs	23,788	14,275
Other pension costs	12,743	7,215
	<u>328,634</u>	<u>223,813</u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Immigrations Manager. The total remuneration of key management personnel during the year was £92,804 (2019 - £84,606).

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

	2020	2019
General operations	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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9. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	2020	2019
	£	£
Independent examination (net of irrecoverable VAT)	1,250	1,250
Accountancy (net of irrecoverable VAT)	750	750
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Grants and donations	25,464	302,625	328,089
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	18,117	-	18,117
Total	<u>43,581</u>	<u>302,625</u>	<u>346,206</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	2,650	291,623	294,273
NET INCOME	<u>40,931</u>	<u>11,002</u>	<u>51,933</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	31,971	52,575	84,546
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>72,902</u>	<u>63,577</u>	<u>136,479</u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2020	1,198	-	1,198
Additions	-	9,966	9,966
	<u>1,198</u>	<u>9,966</u>	<u>11,164</u>
At 31 December 2020	1,198	9,966	11,164
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2020	447	-	447
Charge for year	150	1,994	2,144
	<u>597</u>	<u>1,994</u>	<u>2,591</u>
At 31 December 2020	597	1,994	2,591
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2020	<u>601</u>	<u>7,972</u>	<u>8,573</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>751</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	182,676	2,262
	<u>182,676</u>	<u>2,262</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	5,971	-
Other creditors	2,813	3,371
Deferred income	209,025	-
Accrued expenses	4,800	2,400
	<u>222,609</u>	<u>5,771</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	4,048	21,915
	<u>4,048</u>	<u>21,915</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Within one year	7,117	7,117
Between one and five years	17,793	24,910
	<u>24,910</u>	<u>32,027</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,902	50,516	123,418
Restricted funds			
Restricted	63,577	(38,198)	25,379
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>136,479</u>	<u>12,318</u>	<u>148,797</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,516	-	50,516
Restricted funds			
Restricted	380,428	(418,626)	(38,198)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>430,944</u>	<u>(418,626)</u>	<u>12,318</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,971	40,931	72,902
Restricted funds			
Restricted	52,575	11,002	63,577
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>84,546</u>	<u>51,933</u>	<u>136,479</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	43,581	(2,650)	40,931
Restricted funds			
Restricted	302,625	(291,623)	11,002
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>346,206</u>	<u>(294,273)</u>	<u>51,933</u>

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Grants and donations		
Donations	9,834	4,781
Gift aid	1,269	-
Grants	377,862	323,308
	<u>388,965</u>	<u>328,089</u>
Charitable activities		
Other income from charitable activities	41,979	18,117
	<u>41,979</u>	<u>18,117</u>
Total incoming resources	430,944	346,206
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	292,103	202,323
Social security	23,788	14,275
Pensions	12,743	7,215
Volunteer expenses	478	2,191
Immigration advice and support	8,105	2,363
ESOL - Time and foodbank	33,004	12,007
Travel	136	1,024
Covid support - employees WFH	848	-
	<u>371,205</u>	<u>241,398</u>
Support costs		
Information technology		
IT costs	9,038	11,875
Other administrative overheads		
Rent	15,170	18,949
Insurance	910	1,259
Telephone	3,967	2,937
Other office costs	3,820	7,049
Other staff costs	6,520	2,658
Bank charges	542	201
Legal and professional	2,478	1,648
Accountancy	832	4,049
Examiners fees	2,000	2,000
	<u>36,239</u>	<u>40,750</u>
Other		
Fixtures and fittings	150	250
Computer equipment	1,994	-
	<u>2,144</u>	<u>250</u>

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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	2020 £	2019 £
Total resources expended	418,626	294,273
Net income	12,318	51,933

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08737163 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1155207

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020
FOR
REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

RAMFEL is a charity that supports refugees and vulnerable migrants to access justice and that provides vital support in moments of individual crisis.

Goal 1: Provide Immigration advice to vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and Refugees where they cannot access legal aid or afford advice

Goal 2: Provide a welcoming safe space, destitution support and specialist advice to Refugees Asylum Seekers and Vulnerable Migrants experiencing crisis

Goal 3: Support Asylum Seekers and Refugees in their journey through the asylum system and assist their successful integration into society

Goal 4: Campaign on the issues our work presents, focusing on the above areas.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Despite the Windrush scandal and controversy over the hostile environment figuring prominently in national media over the last few years, in practical terms at a national level 2019 saw little changes to 2018. The Home Office missed the chance to learn and engage and to change the culture which led to the tragic cases of people being made destitute, detained and removed through unfair and inhumane policy backed up by institutional administrative incompetency.

Recently the government has looked to challenge the right of legal representatives to represent their clients' best interests and are moving to restrict the right to challenge government decisions through potential Judicial Review changes, so the hostile environment continues seemingly unabated.

On the frontline, in 2019 RAMFEL's focus remained on;

- Giving access to justice for those denied it by legal aid and the legal system.
- Providing support to those struggling whilst caught in the immigration system
- Helping those recently granted status to successfully transition to their new life

Immigration advice

RAMFEL focused on those who have been denied legal aid or whom were otherwise restricted from accessing justice. Undocumented children and their families continued to make up the majority of our legal work. Mayor of London research estimates that over 100,000 children are in this situation in London. We're proud of our 100% success rate in 2019 in representing them, which serves to illustrate that many young people are being denied citizenship or status and forced to live in poverty simply due to legal aid cuts.

Alongside trying to expand our reach to provide legal advice, RAMFEL will look to use our experience to influence any potential changes to government policy or law in this area.

In 2019 we continued our work with Rough Sleepers to provide immigration advice and have had some success in securing status. However we have also faced very difficult challenges in gathering evidence to be able to submit applications for people who, due to rough sleeping and the hostile environment, have been cut out of various services which would give create official records.

In 2019 we submitted 266 immigration applications

- we lodged 8 appeals (some of them heard in 2019, some in 2020, some still pending)
- we had 7 appeals heard (some of them lodged in 2018) and 6 of them were successful (the unsuccessful case subsequently gained status in 2020 through RAMFEL representation)
- we had 5 applications rejected - 1 already won on appeal, 2 of them have a pending appeal, 2 have been referred for JR and 1 we re-lodged another application which has since been granted

The barristers who volunteered to represent us won all the cases they were involved with (except the one family that subsequently received status).

We would like to say a massive thanks to them for their hard work and dedication;

Nicholas Sadeghi (Legis Chambers)
Eleri Griffiths (One Pump Court)
Catherine Jenkins (One Pump Court)
Angelina Nicolaou (One Pump Court)
Ahmed Osman (One Pump Court)
Mark Allison (One Pump Court)
Joseph Byrne (Goldsmith)

Destitution Support

Whilst our advice services are supporting people to achieve official status and get on with their lives, there is also a need to help tackle destitution and the effects of being stuck in asylum or immigration systems. Our weekly foodbank and drop in centre ran weekly providing 3640 food parcels as well as toiletries once a month. The pandemic forced us to adapt the way we deliver this service, and the team did an outstanding job in facing up to this challenge innovatively.

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Holistic advice services

A key part of our organisation strategy is to take a holistic approach to the needs of individuals and families caught up in the most challenging of situations and we're happy to have been able to maintain and even expand these circumstances through one of the most challenging years for our charity and the clients we serve.

Our services provided wrap around support in housing, asylum support, access to healthcare, access to social services, employability and wellbeing.

In particular, these services provided end to end support helping to regularise status but also looking to support the transition to building a new life in the UK.

Public benefit

The trustees have been mindful of the guidance provided by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit when planning the activities of the charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

RAMFEL is in a strong financial position with important new relationships with charitable funders emerging over the last year. As ever we seek longer term funding and partnerships in order to sustain and improve the level of work we can undertake.

Principal funding sources

As set out in the notes to the accounts, the charity is funded primarily by grants from Local Authorities and other organisations.

Reserves policy

The Board has assessed the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. As a result, the trustees have established fundraising strategy which includes ensuring a mix of restricted and unrestricted funding. Our reserve policy is that unrestricted funds not committed should be held in reserve and maintained at a level which ensures that RAMFEL's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty. This represents at least three months' (13 weeks) expenditure of about £73,500. This will be reviewed annually.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charitable company is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. The company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in the UK.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08737163 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1155207

Registered office

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REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Trustees

Ms M Edwards

Mr T S Lee

Mr F Rehren (appointed 27/9/21)

Ms F A Sulaiman (appointed 27/9/21)

Ms J Warr

Ms E Coyne (resigned 3/3/20)

In addition to the persons listed above whose appointment as director had been recorded at Companies House, the following persons also acted as trustees in the year:

Mr R Mukherjee

Mr F Webster

Independent Examiner

Hartley Fowler LLP

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London

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL) for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 19 October 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr F Rehren - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Refugee and Migrant Forum of Essex and London (RAMFEL) ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

Jonathan Askew
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Date:

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
ESSEX AND LONDON (RAMFEL)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Grants and donations	2	8,537	380,428	388,965	328,089
Charitable activities	3				
Charitable activities		41,979	-	41,979	18,117
Total		50,516	380,428	430,944	346,206
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable activities		-	418,626	418,626	294,273
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		50,516	(38,198)	12,318	51,933
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		72,902	63,577	136,479	84,546
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		123,418	25,379	148,797	136,479

The notes form part of these financial statements

REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FORUM OF
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BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	8,573	-	8,573	751
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	12	182,676	-	182,676	2,262
Cash at bank and in hand		158,826	25,379	184,205	161,152
		<u>341,502</u>	<u>25,379</u>	<u>366,881</u>	<u>163,414</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(222,609)	-	(222,609)	(5,771)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>118,893</u>	<u>25,379</u>	<u>144,272</u>	<u>157,643</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		127,466	25,379	152,845	158,394
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(4,048)	-	(4,048)	(21,915)
NET ASSETS		<u>123,418</u>	<u>25,379</u>	<u>148,797</u>	<u>136,479</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				123,418	72,902
Restricted funds				<u>25,379</u>	<u>63,577</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>148,797</u>	<u>136,479</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 October 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr F Rehren - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from grants is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Grant income received that does not meet the recognition criteria is carried forward as deferred income.

Income in respect of services provided is recognised when, and to the extent that, performance occurs and is measured at the fair value of the consideration receivable.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations	9,834	4,781
Gift aid	1,269	-
Grants	377,862	323,308
	<u>388,965</u>	<u>328,089</u>

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other grants receivable	-	20,683
Redbridge Rough Sleeping Initiative	38,239	55,000
Redbridge Community Project	4,750	19,000
Single Homeless Project	28,500	28,500
Trust for London	-	15,000
Reaching Communities BLF	14,827	14,827
RISE	8,789	8,091
Redbridge Catholic Churches	7,700	7,600
Walthamstow Migrant Action Group	6,049	2,350
Timebank (English Classes)	-	360
Essex Community Foundation	17,115	16,363
RAMP - Legal Advice	28,771	25,380
Waltham Forest SS - Legal Advice	14,446	14,446
Training grants	-	675
Lloyds Bank Foundation	8,248	57,841
Children in Need	19,321	18,399
The People's Post Code Lottery	-	18,793
SEGRO	3,558	-
Baring Foundation	7,374	-
London Community Foundation - Deutsche Bank	2,489	-
Islington Immigration Advice	7,507	-
Hackney Rough Sleepers	7,403	-
ILPA	3,823	-
London Community Response	8,254	-
GLA Londoners EU Advice	4,947	-
NCIL	2,500	-
Leathersellers	1,000	-
National Lottery Fund	58,492	-
London Community Foundation - Provident	2,500	-
GLA Rough Sleepers	29,413	-
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	9,569	-
Waltham Forest Rough Sleeper Advice	14,495	-
Martin Lewis Coronavirus Fund	6,000	-
Redbridge Covid Food Fund	3,033	-
Redbridge EUSS Project	8,750	-
	<u>377,862</u>	<u>323,308</u>

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3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Activity	2020 £	2019 £
Other income from charitable activities		
Charitable activities	<u>41,979</u>	<u>18,117</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>371,205</u>	<u>47,421</u>	<u>418,626</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	Information technology £	Other administrative overheads £	Other £	Totals £
Charitable activities	<u>9,038</u>	<u>36,239</u>	<u>2,144</u>	<u>47,421</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Information technology

	2020 Charitable activities £	2019 Total activities £
IT costs	<u>9,038</u>	<u>11,875</u>

Other administrative overheads

	2020 Charitable activities £	2019 Total activities £
Rent	15,170	18,949
Insurance	910	1,259
Telephone	3,967	2,937
Other office costs	3,820	7,049
Other staff costs	6,520	2,658
Bank charges	542	201
Legal and professional	2,478	1,648
Accountancy	832	4,049
Examiners fees	2,000	2,000
	<u>36,239</u>	<u>40,750</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

5. SUPPORT COSTS - continued
Other

	2020 Charitable activities £	2019 Total activities £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>2,144</u>	<u>250</u>

6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020 £	2019 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>2,144</u>	<u>250</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

8. STAFF COSTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	292,103	202,323
Social security costs	23,788	14,275
Other pension costs	12,743	7,215
	<u>328,634</u>	<u>223,813</u>

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and the Immigrations Manager. The total remuneration of key management personnel during the year was £92,804 (2019 - £84,606).

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

	2020	2019
General operations	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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9. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REMUNERATION

	2020	2019
	£	£
Independent examination (net of irrecoverable VAT)	1,250	1,250
Accountancy (net of irrecoverable VAT)	750	750
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

10. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Grants and donations	25,464	302,625	328,089
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	18,117	-	18,117
Total	<u>43,581</u>	<u>302,625</u>	<u>346,206</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	2,650	291,623	294,273
NET INCOME	<u>40,931</u>	<u>11,002</u>	<u>51,933</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	31,971	52,575	84,546
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>72,902</u>	<u>63,577</u>	<u>136,479</u>

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2020	1,198	-	1,198
Additions	-	9,966	9,966
	<u>1,198</u>	<u>9,966</u>	<u>11,164</u>
At 31 December 2020	1,198	9,966	11,164
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2020	447	-	447
Charge for year	150	1,994	2,144
	<u>597</u>	<u>1,994</u>	<u>2,591</u>
At 31 December 2020	597	1,994	2,591
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2020	<u>601</u>	<u>7,972</u>	<u>8,573</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>751</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>751</u>

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Other debtors	182,676	2,262
	<u>182,676</u>	<u>2,262</u>

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	5,971	-
Other creditors	2,813	3,371
Deferred income	209,025	-
Accrued expenses	4,800	2,400
	<u>222,609</u>	<u>5,771</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2020 £	2019 £
Other creditors	4,048	21,915
	<u>4,048</u>	<u>21,915</u>

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15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Within one year	7,117	7,117
Between one and five years	17,793	24,910
	<u>24,910</u>	<u>32,027</u>

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/1/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,902	50,516	123,418
Restricted funds			
Restricted	63,577	(38,198)	25,379
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>136,479</u>	<u>12,318</u>	<u>148,797</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	50,516	-	50,516
Restricted funds			
Restricted	380,428	(418,626)	(38,198)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>430,944</u>	<u>(418,626)</u>	<u>12,318</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/1/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/12/19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	31,971	40,931	72,902
Restricted funds			
Restricted	52,575	11,002	63,577
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>84,546</u>	<u>51,933</u>	<u>136,479</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	43,581	(2,650)	40,931
Restricted funds			
Restricted	302,625	(291,623)	11,002
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>346,206</u>	<u>(294,273)</u>	<u>51,933</u>

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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	2020 £	2019 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Grants and donations		
Donations	9,834	4,781
Gift aid	1,269	-
Grants	377,862	323,308
	<u>388,965</u>	<u>328,089</u>
Charitable activities		
Other income from charitable activities	41,979	18,117
	<u>41,979</u>	<u>18,117</u>
Total incoming resources	430,944	346,206
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	292,103	202,323
Social security	23,788	14,275
Pensions	12,743	7,215
Volunteer expenses	478	2,191
Immigration advice and support	8,105	2,363
ESOL - Time and foodbank	33,004	12,007
Travel	136	1,024
Covid support - employees WFH	848	-
	<u>371,205</u>	<u>241,398</u>
Support costs		
Information technology		
IT costs	9,038	11,875
Other administrative overheads		
Rent	15,170	18,949
Insurance	910	1,259
Telephone	3,967	2,937
Other office costs	3,820	7,049
Other staff costs	6,520	2,658
Bank charges	542	201
Legal and professional	2,478	1,648
Accountancy	832	4,049
Examiners fees	2,000	2,000
	<u>36,239</u>	<u>40,750</u>
Other		
Fixtures and fittings	150	250
Computer equipment	1,994	-
	<u>2,144</u>	<u>250</u>

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	2020 £	2019 £
Total resources expended	418,626	294,273
Net income	12,318	51,933

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