

EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES

England & Wales · Charity number 1155772

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-02-13

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES OF THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY. 2. TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).

Activities: Delivering projects which develop the capacity and skills of the members of socially and economically disadvantaged communities, so that they are better able to identify, and help meet their needs and participate more fully in society. Preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded, and assisting them to integrate into society.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-01	-	-	-	-
2024-01-01	-	-	-	-
2023-01-01	-	-	-	-
2022-01-01	-	-	-	-
2021-01-01	£500	£209	-	-
2020-01-01	£0	£521	-	-
2019-01-01	£0	£605	-	-
2018-01-01	£181	£443	-	-
2017-01-01	£2,650	£1,085	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
TIMOTHY STEPHEN LEVENSON	Chair	2014-02-27
Alessandra Daniella Armstrong		2014-12-09
G SPENCER		2013-10-07

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	02	01	2020		01	01

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Timothy Levenson			
2	Gavin Spencer			
3	Alessandra Armstrong			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 31 January 2014
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

1. TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES OF THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY.
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ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND.

In setting our objects and planning our activities, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

We have continued to deliver, the Community Spaces: Community Places Project.

The aim of this project is to include and empower local communities to transform underutilised and derelict land and buildings within their local community into spaces and places for public benefit, which tackle the seven key causes of multiple deprivation.

Further detail is provided below.

Community Spaces : Community Places Project

This Community Spaces: Community Places Project puts local people at the centre of positive change in their local community. It provides support and encouragement to local communities to work together to transform community spaces and buildings into uses which benefit the local community and tackle the 7 key causes of multiple deprivation. These are low income, lack of employment, poor health or disability, lack of education and skills, lack of access to housing and critical services, high incidents of antisocial behaviour, poor living and working environment.

We support communities through a vehicle that engages and includes local communities in deprived areas, where people are experiencing multiple disadvantage, and empowers local people to make positive change. This vehicle is the development of local underutilised community spaces and places that local communities care about, into facilities to benefit the community, improve the quality of life for those communities, and instil community cohesion and social inclusion across generations.

We go into the heart of communities, supporting and empowering individuals and groups from different backgrounds and interests to work together, to identify a vision for the transformation of a community space or place that meets their needs and tackles the major issues mentioned above. We work together with them to deliver it, providing professional support in governance, delivery, project management, property & funding.

The project helps to build stronger, sustainable and inclusive communities, by building capacity within and between communities, encouraging them to work together inclusively to deliver positive change. The project provides facilities that the local community know are needed in their area to help tackle some of the major causes of multiple deprivation, without imposing top down initiatives that are short term, and do not meet the specific needs of the local community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity continues to deliver the Community Spaces and Places Project.

Due to the Covid Pandemic, activities have been limited this year, however we have still continued to support initiatives which empower the local community

The Community Spaces: Community Places project has supported 2 community groups/not for profit organisations to transform their community spaces and places within their community, for the benefit of the local public. The project has provided over 50 hours of support including in governance, needs assessments, vision and strategy planning, stakeholder and partner engagement, community engagement, project management, funding advice and application support, property advice and management.

The project as a whole has engaged over 100 people of all ages and abilities in charitable activities to support their local community, including those from the most deprived communities in the North East. We have developed the capacity and skills of members of socially and economically disadvantaged communities, in such a way that they have been able to identify, and help meet their local needs, and transform community spaces and buildings to meet these needs, tackling some of the key causes of multiple deprivation together, participating more fully and inclusively in their local communities.

The charity has also provided support to the Scran 4 the Fam project, which was initiated due to the Covid Pandemic. The project provides much needed freshly cooked meals to the elderly and to vulnerable families across the West end of Newcastle during the Covid Pandemic. These daily food deliveries and friendly chat were sometimes the only contact elderly and vulnerable people had with the outside world and provided much needed daily nutrition to those living in poverty across the West End of Newcastle, including those with children off school. This project is community led, from the West End Women and Girls Centre, with the local community volunteering to cook and deliver food. In total, 19,000 portions of food were delivered supporting thousands of people during lockdown. Without this project, many would have gone hungry, and without contact. The community has galvanised around this project, are empowered to support their community and it is a significant achievement for all involved.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves policy is for designated unrestricted funds held by the charity to be set at 6 months of the following years anticipated expenditure plus estimated redundancy and close down costs.

We do not yet have reserves at this level.

In the meantime, we have kept operating costs to a minimum, by using volunteers, with no paid staff, and kept other operating costs to a minimum.

Our operating costs are low, and we have no redundancy and close down costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustee

Signature(s)	<i>Timothy Levenson</i>	<i>Armstrong</i>
Full name(s)	Timothy Stephen Levenson	Alessandra Armstrong
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	7.4.21	6.4.21



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 02.01.2020 To 01.01.2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	500	-	-	500	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	500	-	-	500	-
A3 Payments					
Website	173	-	-	173	305
Fundraising website	-	36	-	36	216
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	173	36	-	209	521
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	173	36	-	209	521
Net of receipts/(payments)	327	- 36	-	291	- 521
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	127	50	-	177	-
Cash funds this year end	454	14	-	468	- 521

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Donations	454	14	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	454	14	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Nil	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Nil		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Nil		-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Nil		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alessandra Armstrong	6.4.20
<i>Timothy Levenson</i>	Timothy Levenson	7.4.20