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Trustees Report and Accounts for the year ended 6th April 2021.

Reconnected was registered as a Charity on 15 April 2014 under number 1156704.

Charity Objectives

The main objectives of the Charity are to develop long term partnerships between the private and third sector organisations in order to deliver essential services to the community. Supporting the creation of training and job opportunities, we aim to support our customers into employment and independent living as soon as it's practicable. We also aim to look after our customers' general well-being. For example, we provide Social activities and Life Skills sessions as part of healthy living and move on program.

Our aim is to reduce poverty, maximise social inclusion, to enable better quality of life by creating learning and job opportunities for local people. We also provide quality supported accommodation for people who are homeless.

A PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL BUSINESS

We continue to bridge the gap between the private and third sector organisations by promoting philanthropic giving whether it consists of donating money, goods or services

EVERY PERSON MATTERS

We are supporting people in need across the city, from all religious, cultural or ethnic backgrounds, whether they are Birmingham-born who find themselves homeless, or people in need of our specialist refugee support.

The Trustees at 6th April 2021 were:

James Ackrill -Chair
Fred Duncan Operations Director
Carina Ackrill
Shane Bland
Dominic Bradley

Trustees Responsibilities

In connection with the accounts and financial statements the Trustees acknowledge that it is their Responsibility under Charity Law to:

- (A) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (B) Make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- (C) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.
- (D) The Trustees are also responsible for:
- (E) Ensuring that proper accounting records are kept;
- (F) Taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud,

Risk

The trustees ensure that there is protection of vulnerable adult policy in place. Disclosure & Barring Service checks are carried out prior to commencement of staff employment. These checks are carried out again every three years in line with statutory requirements. In addition to setting up procedures to ensure that the requirements of the Birmingham adult and vulnerable persons Safeguarding Board's Policy and Procedures are met, the trustees will review, at least on an annual basis, the risks associated with occupying property and operating a Hostel Accommodation. Policies will be put in place and monitored to mitigate any such risk to all concerned.

Volunteers

A great contribution is made by volunteers. We are grateful for the many hours' volunteers have spent supporting the charity to spread its message to the world through social media, meetings and provision of goods and labour. Without these valuable contributions of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Accomplishments

In line with the charity objectives and ethos the board decided to look at the provision of an upmarket supported accommodation for single homeless people over 25. The aim and objectives is to set the standard for other housing providers to follow, in other words move away from the dingy dark smelly accommodation which happens to be the norm within the homeless accommodation provision sector. This falls in line with the charity objectives of reconnecting communities and alleviating poverty, after all accommodation is the first step in the process of rehabilitating and empowering people that are homeless to take the next step.

In September 2015 Reconnected took over a disused and derelict hotel in the heart of china town Birmingham and converted it to the only Midland purpose built specialist accommodation for homeless refugees fleeing from war and social devastation. In the last 4 years Reconnected has protected 170 vulnerable people from imminent

rooflessness, destitution and associated effect of being homeless. Out of the 172 leavers 50 customers are gainfully employed in various capacities, 80 are in college or other training programmes; 10 have been supported to secure reunion Visa and reconnected with families from Iran, Afghanistan and Sudan. We continue to provide floating support to help the remaining 9 into work or suitable training. All 172 now have secure long term accommodation.

Despite Reconnected's limited capacity and meagre resources, the charity, staffs and her board continue to make enormous difference to the most vulnerable in our society. Reconnected is little in size but mighty in effort and making change where it matters most.

Impact Assessment

As a result of the services reconnected provides, we made remarkable difference to over 150 vulnerable people's lives and we will continue to carry out this most important role as we continue to see the resultant effect of government austerity measures in our community. While our accommodation provision service remains small Reconnected continues to touch more lives in other ways with help from all our friends.

We are conscious that what we do is not on a very large scale or attracts daily publicity, but our impact as a charity to the community cannot be underestimated. Reconnected continues to make change happen.

Value Added

The charity has worked very hard since the lockdown and distributed 25 pallets of various food items within the community to help and support our community affected by Covid 19. Some of the beneficiaries include vulnerable customers from Spring Housing association, Trident Reach, Vanguard property, Jesus Army and Sifa Fireside Midland Heart Street Outreach Service and various others.

One of our greatest and most rewarding partnerships this year has been and still is with FareShare. We have collected food items valued in the region of £30000 since the partnership was signed in the summer of 2016. We also increased our store pick up from 1 to 3. The items we collected have been a great help to hub customers that move in without JSA or ESA in place. Excess food is also passed to other local charity that requires it to support customers in need or suffering from food poverty.

Fun Figure

Total collection 300, total 6000kg, equivalent to 10000 meals and we saved the planet from 10600kg CO2 emissions

Recognition

As a result of the excellent service Reconnected delivers to customers and community we were presented with a Tesco community food connection award by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham in May 2017 followed by a certificate of achievement from speaker of the House of Commons, Rt Hon John Bercow MP for running an integration programme that encourages and empowers new migrant to get involved in politics and active participation various civic duties through involvement in Parliament Week 2017.

Reserves policy

The Trustees continues to build up sufficient unrestricted funds in reserve, to meet ongoing running costs for up to six months, enabling them to meet shortfalls caused by fluctuations in the Housing Benefit payment. Restricted Reserves will be held for the purpose that they were given. Where grants have been received for capital improvements, it is anticipated that these will be disbursed as soon as is practical.

Investment policy

The Trustees will be responsible for Investments. They do not anticipate large amounts of funding to be available for long term investment. Short term surpluses will be held on deposit with a reputable deposit taker.

Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
BANK	44,913		
FUNDOS WITH			
MANAGING AGENT	4,244		
Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	49,157		

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
LEASEHOLD			
IMPROVEMENTS	52,006		

B5 Liabilities

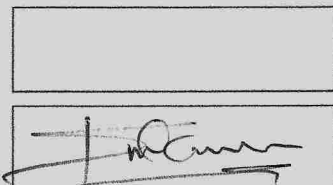
Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf
of all the trustees

Signature

Print name

Date of approval



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Reconnected

We report on the accounts of Reconnected for the year ended 6th April 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the account. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43 (7) (b) of the Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

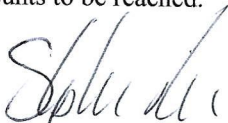
Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination as carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; have not been met; or
2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 1st June 2021