



**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022  
for  
The Geshereu Support Network**

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## **The Geshereu Support Network**

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**The Geshereu Support Network**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

The trustees 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).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The objects of the charity set out in the constitution are as follows:-

'To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people of all ages who have been raised in or have spent a significant part of their lives in strict closed religious communities (in particular ultra orthodox Jewish communities) and having left their communities, from remaining socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society and to do all such other things as are necessary for the achievement of the objects.

For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or 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 reassignment; 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).'

**Main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

The trustees have satisfied themselves that GesherEU's activities are compliant with law and guidance for charities on public benefit. The charity's charitable purposes are set out in the 'OBJECTIVES' above. In planning our activities for the year we have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The activities described in the section below are focused on:

- 1) Rebuilding a community for each individual who has lost contact with family and friends from the community in which he or she grew up. Many of our service users now keep in touch with each other outside meetings. The use of a secure WhatsApp group and secret Facebook group both restricted to those who attend GesherEU has continued to be popular and improves communications outside meetings.
- 2) Having contact in social settings, with volunteers of all ages, who have not come from a Charedi background. This enables service users to build a network of friends and contacts that do not originate from their old communities and introduces them to cultural "protocols" with which they are not familiar. It also helps them develop colloquial language skills.
- 3) Introducing service users to concepts and culture (art, theatre, science, sports etc.) with which they did not grow up.
- 4) Supporting service users through the family court system. However, we do not finance legal costs from core funds.
- 5) Giving the GesherEU community a voice.

Often the above activities overlap or are combined.

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Main achievements during the year**

GesherEU has continued to operate within its financial means and has been effective in both strengthening the GesherEU community and helping individuals. During the year there has been a continuing increase (approximately one or two, most months) in the number of individuals using the services of GesherEU. They range in age from 20 - 46, with approximately an equal number of men and women.

We continue to welcome these new service users, some of whom are just starting their journey into the wider community and others who have been living outside of the Charedi community for a number of years. New service users continue to come from across the various Charedi communities with the vast majority now living in Barnet, Harrow and Manchester/Salford. Moving into a new world remains a challenging process and we have had many calls from those who never make the move.

Following a successful National Lottery Community Fund application we recruited and appointed a part time Welfare worker. This will greatly increase the support we can offer our service users. The postholder is the safeguarding lead for GesherEU and brings with her professional expertise in a number of areas, important to our members. This grant has also allowed us to implement new software which is already capturing data important to her work and also helping us monitor our successes and challenges.

During this year, GesherEU continued to benefit from a Trust for London grant to fund a community coordinator and a number of smaller grants including one from JJBS. We thank them all for their support.

We continue to encourage service-users to engage with governmental bodies including the Department for Levelling Up, as part of our efforts to give them a voice. We cooperate with other charities where appropriate. Our concerns are primarily with education provision and arranged marriages at an early age (18-20) as these are significant obstacles to our service users exercising their choice to lead a lifestyle of their choosing.

The social sessions are a key starting place for service users to make new connections and to replace those lost when family and friends break off contact when individuals leave or are forced to leave their communities.

Following the restrictions experienced due to COVID, we have now returned to in person events with a full social program offering wide range of experiences to help members feel at home in the 'outside' world including:

- Theatre and the arts
- History
- Science
- Socialising with a view to building a more cohesive community, including Friday night and festival meals and meetups.
- Two residential events which we find bonds the community in a way that regular meetups are unable to do.

For most of our service-users, the Gesher family steps in where the conventional family is no longer an option.

We retain one zoom session a month as we find this both allows service-users who have moved away to keep in touch and it also allows us to use a wide range of presenters permitting service users to hear about their diverse careers and ideas that will be new and challenging to many.

With a continuing significant donor commitment we have been able to offer professional counselling to a number of service users from two counsellors who have undertaken training in the impact of leaving high control communities.

Again this year, we have provided emotional and practical support to a number of individuals as they negotiate the family court system.

We have again helped a number of service users with small zero interest loans or bursaries (or a combination). We prioritise those that will help in earning a living in the short or longer term such as help buying a bicycle to get to work, but also help in emergency situations such as an unexpected cut in or non-payment of benefits. We see this as replacing the family support our service users no longer enjoy and believe our rapid assessment process has prevented use of high cost alternatives that may be the start of a debt crisis. We see a high adherence to repayment schedules which enables us to help others.

Our spending on education has increased this year helping those who missed out on primary, secondary and tertiary education. Additionally, this year we helped a mother get extra support for her son who was experiencing problems transferring from a charedi school to a mainstream school.



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**Challenges**

We continue to see service-users struggle to catch up on their education. Although we have relationships with organisations that can give tuition, the need to work in low paid jobs in order to pay high rents leaves little time and energy to catch up some 15 years of missed education.

We do not have our own emergency accommodation nor do we have accommodation for those who struggle with high rents and low pay whilst trying to catch up on years of missed school education.

We have seen little real change in the education of service users leaving the community. We are still being contacted by young men with not a single recognised qualification nor having effective spoken or written English skills. We need to seek new ways of ensuring that those responsible give all young people emerging from Charedi communities the life skills they require to function in the outside world.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Reserves policy**

General funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to special restrictions regarding their use and are available for application to the general purposes.

Designated Funds are set aside/held at the discretion of the trustees and therefore Unrestricted. They are reviewed regularly and in particular at the year-end. The target is to set aside sufficient funds to provide support to members for the following year. With very little unrestricted income guaranteed, this is considered prudent.

Restricted Funds are held to be used specifically in accordance with the donor's instructions.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1157062

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ...15th March 2023... and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
P Weber - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Geshereu Support Network**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Geshereu Support Network**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Geshereu Support Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.



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Date: ..... 15/3/23

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**Statement of Financial Activities  
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		34,908	39,118	74,026	29,534
Investment income	2	<u>52</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u><b>34,960</b></u>	<u><b>39,118</b></u>	<u><b>74,078</b></u>	<u><b>29,537</b></u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charity activities		<u>25,938</u>	<u>32,319</u>	<u>58,257</u>	<u>41,331</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>9,022</b>	<b>6,799</b>	<b>15,821</b>	<b>(11,794)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>18,487</u>	<u>9,026</u>	<u>27,513</u>	<u>39,307</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><b>27,509</b></u>	<u><b>15,825</b></u>	<u><b>43,334</b></u>	<u><b>27,513</b></u>

\*\* Unrestricted funds are detailed in Note 7. They include Designated Funds at 31st December 2022 amounting to £25,330 (2021 £15,796) and General Funds at 31st December 2022 amounting to £2,179 (2021 £2,691)

The notes form part of these financial statements



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## Balance Sheet 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	1,635	-	1,635	-
Cash at bank		<u>28,259</u>	<u>15,825</u>	<u>44,084</u>	<u>28,053</u>
		29,894	15,825	45,719	28,053
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,385)	-	(2,385)	(540)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>27,509</u>	<u>15,825</u>	<u>43,334</u>	<u>27,513</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>27,509</u>	<u>15,825</u>	<u>43,334</u>	<u>27,513</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>27,509</u>	<u>15,825</u>	<u>43,334</u>	<u>27,513</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	7				
Unrestricted funds				27,509	18,487
Restricted funds:					
Educational Fund				-	3,393
Trust for London				2,245	5,633
National Lottery Community Fund				<u>13,580</u>	-
				<u>15,825</u>	<u>9,026</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>43,334</u>	<u>27,513</u>

\*\* Unrestricted funds are detailed in Note 7. They include Designated Funds at 31st December 2022 amounting to £25,330 (2021 £15,796) and General Funds at 31st December 2022 amounting to £2,179 (2021 £2,691)

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15th March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## **The Geshereu Support Network**

### **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 charity, 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 Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **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.

##### **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.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from 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.

#### **2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>52</u>	<u>3</u>

#### **3. 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.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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<b>4. PREVIOUS YEARS COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>			
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	20,684	8,850	29,534
Investment income	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>20,687</u>	<u>8,850</u>	<u>29,537</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charity activities	<u>21,671</u>	<u>19,660</u>	<u>41,331</u>
 <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>(984)</b>	<b>(10,810)</b>	<b>(11,794)</b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	<u>19,471</u>	<u>19,836</u>	<u>39,307</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u><b>18,487</b></u>	<u><b>9,026</b></u>	<u><b>27,513</b></u>
 <b>5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
	2022	2021	
	£	£	
Other debtors	<u>1,635</u>	<u>-</u>	
 <b>6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>			
	2022	2021	
	£	£	
Other creditors	<u>2,385</u>	<u>540</u>	

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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,691	(512)	2,179
Designated	<u>15,796</u>	<u>9,534</u>	<u>25,330</u>
	18,487	9,022	27,509
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Educational Fund	3,393	(3,393)	-
Trust for London	5,633	(3,388)	2,245
National Lottery Community Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>13,580</u>	<u>13,580</u>
	<u>9,026</u>	<u>6,799</u>	<u>15,825</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>27,513</u></u>	<u><u>15,821</u></u>	<u><u>43,334</u></u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	621	(1,133)	(512)
Designated	<u>34,339</u>	<u>(24,805)</u>	<u>9,534</u>
	34,960	(25,938)	9,022
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Educational Fund	-	(3,393)	(3,393)
Trust for London	15,130	(18,518)	(3,388)
National Lottery Community Fund	<u>23,988</u>	<u>(10,408)</u>	<u>13,580</u>
	<u>39,118</u>	<u>(32,319)</u>	<u>6,799</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>74,078</u></u>	<u><u>(58,257)</u></u>	<u><u>15,821</u></u>

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,242	449	2,691
Designated	<u>17,229</u>	<u>(1,433)</u>	<u>15,796</u>
	19,471	(984)	18,487
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Educational Fund	6,200	(2,807)	3,393
Trust for London	<u>13,636</u>	<u>(8,003)</u>	<u>5,633</u>
	<u>19,836</u>	<u>(10,810)</u>	<u>9,026</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>39,307</u>	<u>(11,794)</u>	<u>27,513</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	707	(258)	449
Designated	<u>19,980</u>	<u>(21,413)</u>	<u>(1,433)</u>
	20,687	(21,671)	(984)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Educational Fund	1,750	(4,557)	(2,807)
Trust for London	<u>7,100</u>	<u>(15,103)</u>	<u>(8,003)</u>
	<u>8,850</u>	<u>(19,660)</u>	<u>(10,810)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>29,537</u>	<u>(41,331)</u>	<u>(11,794)</u>

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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,242	(63)	2,179
Designated	<u>17,229</u>	<u>8,101</u>	<u>25,330</u>
	19,471	8,038	27,509
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Educational Fund	6,200	(6,200)	-
Trust for London	13,636	(11,391)	2,245
National Lottery Community Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>13,580</u>	<u>13,580</u>
	<u>19,836</u>	<u>(4,011)</u>	<u>15,825</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>39,307</u>	<u>4,027</u>	<u>43,334</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,328	(1,391)	(63)
Designated	<u>54,319</u>	<u>(46,218)</u>	<u>8,101</u>
	55,647	(47,609)	8,038
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Educational Fund	1,750	(7,950)	(6,200)
Trust for London	22,230	(33,621)	(11,391)
National Lottery Community Fund	<u>23,988</u>	<u>(10,408)</u>	<u>13,580</u>
	<u>47,968</u>	<u>(51,979)</u>	<u>(4,011)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>103,615</u>	<u>(99,588)</u>	<u>4,027</u>

**8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

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