

	Trustees' Annual Report for the period								
	From		Period start date			To		Period end date	
			Day 01	Month 04	Year 2023			Day 31	Month 03

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Reconnection
Other names charity is known by	East African Diaspora Community Network (EDCN)
Registered charity number (if any)	1157568
Charity's principal address	141 Greenwich High Road London Postcode SE10 8JA

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	Asmerom Wold	Chair		
2	Ismael Musa	Treasurer		
3	Gimja Adhanom	Secretary		
4				
5				
6				
Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)				
	Name	Dates acted if not for whole year		
	N/A			

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 as amended on June 2017
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the annual general meeting held in June.

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.

Induction checklist for staff, Volunteers and Trustees policy

Training and development policies for staff, volunteers and Trustees have been developed and adopted in January 2019 and reviewed annually.

Generic risk register policy adopted in January 2019 and reviewed annually.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

1. To relieve and prevent poverty among members of all 'newly arrived communities' and their dependents living in Greenwich, Brent, Bexley and surrounding areas by providing advocacy/signposting/general advice/translation and interpretation services
2. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit among members of newly arrived communities who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position in particular by providing:
 - a. Informal conversational English groups, with fluent English speakers;
 - b. Experiential learning in the community;
 - c. Support and advocacy.

In this clause 'newly arrived communities' means those coming to live and settle in the UK from other countries, particularly those who do not speak English, predominantly refugees and migrants.

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)

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The main activities are as follows:

- Digital inclusion project to tackle digital poverty,
- the provision of advice and information,
- the support of building self-support networks process,
- the provision of interpreting and translation service,
- the development of volunteering opportunities.

These activities benefit refugees and migrants by developing their self-confidence, social skills and life skills, improving their ability to access available services and providing opportunities for refugees to become volunteers themselves. We welcome all refugees and migrants of all ages regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances

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.

We continue to be grateful for the many hours, volunteers with lived experiences and experts by experience who have spent listening to and encouraging our service users. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our achievements, in the last 12 months include:

- **we continued to be** awarded a **Business Excellence Quality Mark** for our commitments to customer service excellence by WorldHost Customer Service Excellence Charter for our easily accessible, effectively managed and employ staff with the skills and knowledge to meet the needs of our clients.
- We successfully run and continue to run our four-year digital inclusion project to tackle the digital divide our clients face.
- We successfully continued our Coffee-Chat-Shop-Advice to bring communities together, tackle isolation and promote integration.

We continued to effectively carry out our theory-of-change principle in challenging barriers to accessing services.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

N/A

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.



Our main source of funds this year has been grants restricted to running specific projects only.

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 trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Asmerom Wold	Ismael Musa
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	02/12/2024	01/12/2024

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2023

To

Period end date
31/03/2024

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					
Brought forward	-	16,786.00	-	16,786.00	49,483.00
Big Lottery Awards for All	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
Brent Council	-	300.00	-	300.00	-
Trust for London	-	22,000.00	-	22,000.00	-
Greenwich Community Centre	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
Reserve	6,000	-	-	6,000.00	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,000	45,086.00	-	51,086.00	49,483.00
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,000	45,086.00	-	51,086.00	49,483.00
Salary costs	3,500	16,700.00	-	20,200.00	-
General running costs	2,500	11,200.00	-	13,700.00	-
Training costs	-	480.00	-	480.00	-
Travel expenses	-	2,310.00	-	2,310.00	-
Consultancy costs	-	1,700.00	-	1,700.00	-
Overhead costs	-	1,920.00	-	1,920.00	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,000	34,310.00	-	40,310.00	32,697.00
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Project equipments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,000	34,310.00	-	40,310.00	32,697.00
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	10,776.00	-	10,776.00	16,786.00
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-

A6 Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end

-	-	-	-	-
-	10,776.00	-	10,776.00	16,786.00



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		-	10,776.00	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	10,776.00	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Printer		-	-
	Fax Machine		-	-
	Laptop		-	-
	Camera		-	-
	Books		-	-
	Teaching aid and cultural DVDs		-	-
	Memory cards		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)

B5 Liabilities

		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of draft account (approval)
	Asmerom Wold	02 December 2024
	Ismael Musa	01 December 2024

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Reconnection

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/03/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1157568

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2024**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

Signed:

Bekit

Date:

30/11/2023

Name:

Mr. Bekit Ramadan Nuir

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

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London

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Section B**Disclosure**

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

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