



**AFRICAN CULTURAL
ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL
REPORT**

2020-2021

Charity No.1157721
Company No.CE002214

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Chair's Report

As a long-term strategy, our commitment is to work to

- Advise and assist individual refugees and non-refugees in the areas of Welfare benefits, Housing, Immigration, Bereavement, Health and Education.
- To advance education and training for employment by the provision of nursery facilities for single parents.
- To advance education in African Culture, History and Language.

Much has changed and now is the time to take stock of how effectively we are fulfilling our commitments and how we should prioritise our efforts over the coming years.

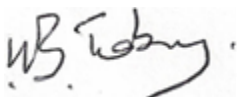
Overall, despite a challenging external environment we are on track to achieve most of our objectives. Our focus should be on priority areas that transform the lives of our target group.

To achieve our aim, we need to continue to make the most of our resources. Not just by raising more money but by changing the way we use it.

Demand for our service continue to increase, however there are significant additional challenges ahead e.g., a tough fundraising environment. Our objects and funding limit the service we provide.

On diversity I am proud to say that we have made a commitment to be a charity that believes in the community regardless of their circumstances, gender, race, disability or behaviour.

I am committed to making a difference in changing the lives of our target group, giving them hope and helping them to realise their potential.



Imelda Toby

Chair

The Management Committee presents its report for the year ended 31 march 2021

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: African Cultural Association

Charity registration number: 1157721

Company registration number: CE002214

UKPRN registration number 10047863

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Mrs. Lesley King	Vice Chair
Mr. Ambrose Goldersmint	Treasurer
Mrs. Hanna Boateng	Secretary
Mrs. Charlotte Boaitey	
Mrs. Francesca Nlemchi	
Mrs. Deborah Adom	
Mrs. Mavis Dougan	
Mrs. Victoria Ghanney	

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

PURPOSES AND AIMS:

- To advise and assist individual refugees and non-refugees in the areas of Welfare benefits, Housing, Immigration, Bereavement, Health and Education.
- To advance education and training for employment by the provision of nursery facilities for single parents.
- To advance education in African Culture, History and Language

Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the charity was set up to further.

ENSURING OUR WORK DELIVERS OUR AIMS:

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of us in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set to help. The review also helps us to ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes.

OUR ACTIVITIES AND ITS BENEFITS:

We provide general advice and information and training to assist unemployed, low income, disadvantaged and vulnerable people. In particular, African/Caribbean/Ethnic Minority refugees and non-refugees who are in condition of need, hardship or distress, residing in the London borough of Barnet as well as surrounding areas within London. UK.

Most of our service users living in Barnet, come from areas with the highest level of poverty and deprivation – areas like Graham Park Estates, Colindale, Burnt Oak and West Hendon. Our service users also come from surrounding areas in London:- Harrow, Brent, Ealing, Camden and other parts of London.

SERVICE USERS AND LEARNERS WHO BENEFIT FROM OUR SERVICES:

- Disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of offending as well as at risk of anti-social behaviour aged 7yrs to 18yrs.
- People from Black and Ethnic Minority backgrounds
- Refugees and non-refugees aged 7years to 70+ years
- Disabled and mental health clients, some who have recovered from long term illness and are lonely and isolated and going through difficulties of finding services available to them
- Those seeking to gain skills or qualification
- The NEET groups
- The unemployed low-income and disadvantaged living in area with highest level of poverty and deprivation in the Borough of Barnet and surrounding areas of London.

We organise adults/ female recreational and training activities, youth group projects, cultural activities, festivals and events – including the celebration of Black History Month. We offer African language translation and advice to hospitals, social services- children and family section. One of our core objectives is also to advance education in African culture, history and language.

SKILL TRAINING

We are a registered UK learning provider; apart from giving general advice, sign posting and information to the community from Mondays to Fridays 10.30am to 3.30pm, we organise skills training 4 days a week: -

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. In the following areas:

- Fashion and Textile Design
- Dressmaking
- Pattern Cutting
- Accessories-Alteration/Mending techniques
- Old clothes recycling.
- African Hair-Braiding/Weaving
- Bag-Making
- Hat Making

- Assorted Crafts i.e. Cushions, Patch work, Embroidery, Curtain making

The above classes enable unemployed and unskilled participants the opportunity to learn a variety of career skills to professional standards.

Youth After School Classes from 7years to 18years.

Most of Youth Activities were online until the Covid 19 Lock down were eased.



Skill Training Classes for Adults from 18 yrs to 70+ were online during the Lockdown due to Covid 19.

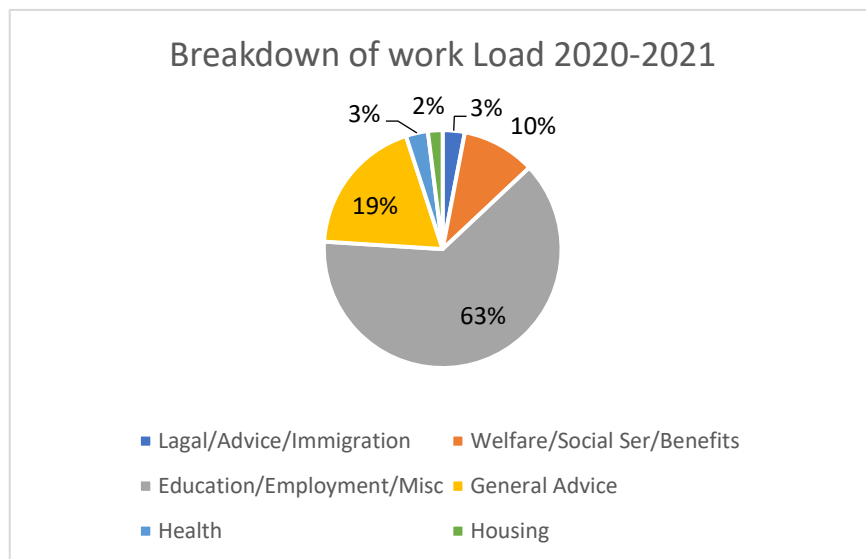


Work experience for students/unemployed

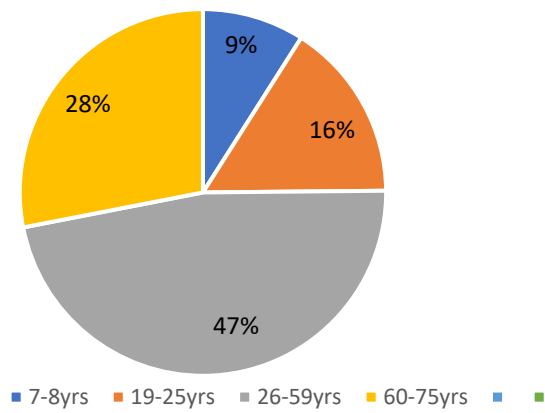
We offer voluntary placements in positions such as Management, admin, marketing, finance, teaching assistance for both young and Older People.

The mainstay of our service remains our volunteers who provide much needed assistance e.g., distributing information leaflets, assisting with delivering medication to older people as well as distributing food during the lock down of covid 19 till present. In the year under review over 1,600 volunteer hours were donated.

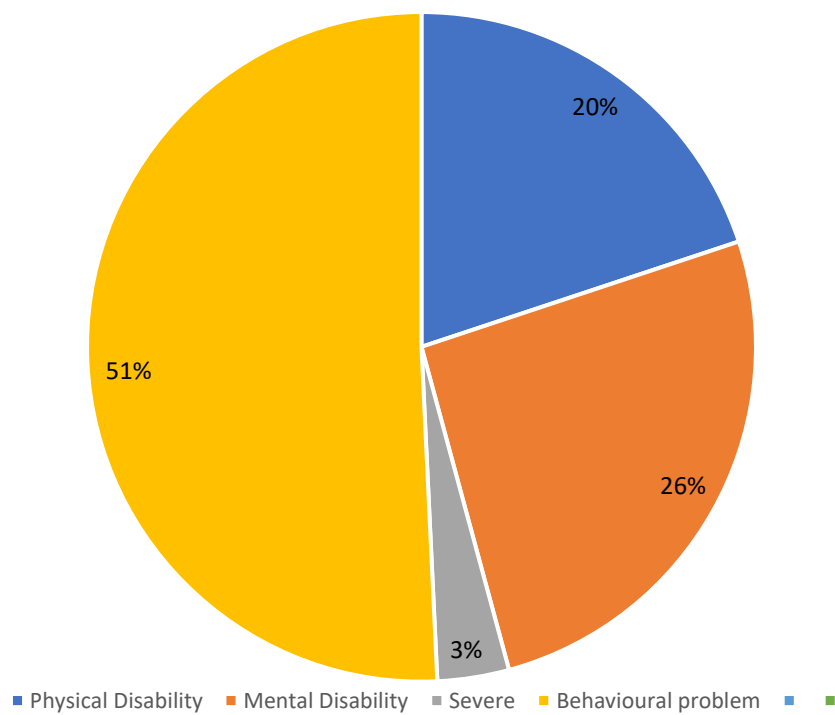
We provide work experience/ mentoring services to many students from Barnet College and Middlesex University as well as to local School Leavers and Unemployed people from Job Centres and Employment Agencies. During 2020/2021 academic year, a total of 10 students were able to achieve their work experience with the association.



By Age group



By Disability



AFRICAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION AND ADVICE BARNET PROJECT

We are a member of the Advice Barnet Project, which is a partnership of over 16 organisations in Barnet. This is to increase access to good quality legal advice, specifically in the areas of welfare benefits, debt, housing and employment, for those in greatest need who live work or study in the London Borough of Barnet, so they can avoid or overcome disadvantage by:

- improving the way in which existing local advice providers from the voluntary, public and private sector work together in partnership
- improving the quality of advice within those advice providers
- helping more people to receive the advice they need at an earlier stage by making more efficient use of current resources and making it easier to find
- identifying and then preventing commonly encountered legal problems

The key project activities undertaken to achieve the overall aim is twofold:

1. The setting up of a helpline which will offer callers a single point of access to all the advice providers within Barnet.
2. The provision of high-quality training and quality assurance.

Our Services and Activities

African Hair braiding and Weaving Classes



Fashion Dressmaking and Pattern Cutting Classes





During Covid 19 face to face classes are run with few learners in class. Students have to adhere to Covid 19 protocol. Wearing facemask and working at 2 metre space apart.

AFRICAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF AFRICAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

I report on the financial statement of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statement under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 financial statement presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statement, 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 financial statement 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 connection with 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 1993 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.



Mrs Angela Maselino
191 Bocket Way, Chigwell, Essex.
21st July 2021

AFRICAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1ST APRIL 2020 TO 31ST MARCH 2021

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
GRANTS		£ 6,152.00
MEMBERSHIP		£ -
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS		£ 2,140.50
REFUND		£ 126.43
TOTAL		£ 8,418.93

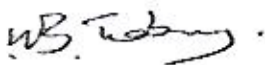
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
INSURANCE	£ 315.60
EVENTS AND PROJECT COSTS	£ 72.97
MAINTENANCE/ REPAIRS AND REFURBISHMENT	£ 424.80
PRINTING, POSTAGE AND STATIONERY	£ 7.29
TELEPHONE, FAX, EMAIL AND WEBSITE	£ 1,493.01
PREMISES/ HALL HIRE AND OVERHEADS	£ 1,852.50
GAS AND ELECTRICITY	£ 584.00
WATER	£ 257.40
RATE AND WASTE COLLECTION	£ 1,456.62
GOVERNANCE AND PROFESSIONAL COST	£ 2,183.55
EQUIPMENTS	£ 100.58
SALARY/ VOLUNTEER EXPENSES AND NI	£ 1,999.80
MISCELLANEOUS	£ 137.92
TOTAL	£ 10,886.04

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE -£ 2,467.11

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1 APRIL 2020 £ 6,208.98

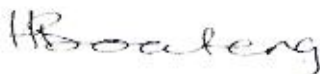
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH 2021 £ 3,741.87

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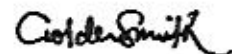
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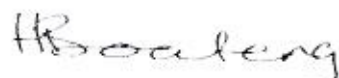
<u>INCOME</u>	UNRESTRICTED FUND	RESTRICTED FUND	TOTAL 2021
GRANTS	£ -	£ 6,152.00	£ 6,152.00
MEMBERSHIP	£ -	£ -	£ -
VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS & DONATIONS	£ 2,140.50	£ -	£ 2,140.50
REFUND	£ 126.43	£ -	£ 126.43
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	£ 2,266.93	£ 6,152.00	£ 8,418.93
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
INSURANCE	£ 315.60	£ -	£ 315.60
EVENTS AND PROJECTS COSTS	£ 36.49	£ 36.48	£ 72.97
MAINTENANCE/ REPAIRS AND REFURBISHMENT	£ 424.80	£ -	£ 424.80
PRINTING, POSTAGE AND STATIONERY	£ -	£ 7.29	£ 7.29
TELEPHONE, FAX, EMAIL AND WEBSITE	£ 780.57	£ 712.44	£ 1,493.01
PREMISES/ HALL HIRE AND OVERHEADS	£ -	£ 1,852.50	£ 1,852.50
GAS AND ELECTRICITY	£ 584.00	£ -	£ 584.00
WATER	£ 257.40	£ -	£ 257.40
RATE AND WASTE COLLECTION	£ 1,456.62	£ -	£ 1,456.62
GOVERNANCE AND PROFESSIONAL COST	£ 640.06	£ 1,543.49	£ 2,183.55
EQUIPMENTS	£ 100.58	£ -	£ 100.58
SALARY/ VOLUNTEER EXPENSES AND NI	£ -	£ 1,999.80	£ 1,999.80
MISCELLANEOUS	£ 137.92	£ -	£ 137.92
	£ 4,734.04	£ 6,152.00	£ 10,886.04
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-£ 2,467.11	£ -	-£ 2,467.11
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1st APRIL 2020	£ 6,208.98	£ -	£ 6,208.98
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 MARCH 2021	£ 3,741.87	£ -	£ 3,741.87

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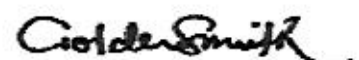
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