

Community Unity (Leeds) CIO

Charity number 1157737

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 July 2024



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 July 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Karl Footitt	Chair/Treasurer	
Mary Brennan		
Rev. Darren Percival		Resigned 18 October 2022
Ann Lamprell		Appointed 18 October 2023
Joanne Thewlis		Appointed 18 October 2023

Charity number 1157737 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address

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Accountants

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34 Lupton Street
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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a CIO governed by an Association constitution adopted on 7 July 2014 and as amended 5 January 2019 and 16 October 2019.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 July 2024

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

1. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the community of Richmond Hill, Cross Green and East End Park in the ward of Burmantofts and Richmond Hill in the Metropolitan District of Leeds 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.
3. The prevention or relief of poverty by providing items and services to individuals in need through:
 - a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
 - b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

The charity's main activities

Community Unity (Leeds) CIO's main activities are community family parties, support for local people, weekly meals and Christmas hampers and toy deliveries.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the prevention or relief of poverty.

Achievements and performance

This year Community Unity trustees and volunteers continued running our weekly Wednesday Meals and community outreach, providing practical help and support to local people, this included Christmas food and toy hampers to local individuals and families as well as a Christmas day meal. Wednesday meals continues to be very well attended. With financial support from the Household Support fund from Leeds Christian Community Trust and via the Burmantofts & Richmond Hill Community Anchor Network (BRH CAN) we also have continued our practical support for local individuals and families including food parcels and energy financial support.

In partnership with St Hilda's Church and Project Hope Leeds, and with support from the BRH CAN, we ran several well attended family community events during summer, Halloween and Christmas.

We also supported the running of the annual Lark in the Park summer event.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £2,510, including net receipts of £856 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £1,654 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £7,243.

The trustees have not adopted a formal reserves policy. The Trustees recognise the need to regularly review the finances, budgets and spend against budget together as part of the effective stewardship of the CIO. The charity has not or will not in the near future employ any persons or lease or rent property therefore the Trustees recognise that future reserves need only be kept to a minimum amount to cover its activities for the public benefit and fluctuations in cash flow as well as orderly winding up should the charity need to close.

Approved by the board of trustees on 21/12/2024

Mary Brennan (Trustee)

Community Unity (Leeds) CIO
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 July 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	940	12,001	12,941	6,360
Sales and fees		2,045	-	2,045	2,096
Total receipts		2,985	12,001	14,986	8,456
Payments					
Christmas hampers		13	2,006	2,019	1,289
Community events		290	117	407	267
Insurance		131	-	131	262
Wednesday meals		-	3,266	3,266	3,768
Accounts preparation		24	229	253	240
Community Support		1,481	4,729	6,210	1,914
Lark in the Park Event		97	-	97	29
AGM and meeting costs		93	-	93	17
Total payments		2,129	10,347	12,476	7,786
Net receipts / (payments)		856	1,654	2,510	670
Fund balances brought forward		6,387	1,596	7,983	7,313
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	7,243	3,250	10,493	7,983

Community Unity (Leeds) CIO
Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 July 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	7,226	3,250	10,476	7,983
Cash in hand	17	-	17	-
Total cash funds	<u>7,243</u>	<u>3,250</u>	<u>10,493</u>	<u>7,983</u>

Debtors and prepayments	2024
	£
Debtors	211
	<u>211</u>

Liabilities	2024
	£
Accruals	300
	<u>300</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 21/12/2024

Mary Brennan (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 July 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 July 2024

2 Grants and donations	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Give a Gift	-	1,500	1,500	-
LEDA Ltd	40	-	40	480
Leeds Christian Community Trust (LCCT)	-	5,150	5,150	-
Leeds Community Foundation (LCF)	-	1,816	1,816	3,888
Richard Willis	700	-	700	800
Rosie Cook	200	-	200	250
St Hilda's Church	-	2,035	2,035	-
Veolia	-	1,500	1,500	-
Wades Charity	-	-	-	300
Other donations	-	-	-	642
	<u>940</u>	<u>12,001</u>	<u>12,941</u>	<u>6,360</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Veolia RERF	(1,500)	1,500	-	-	-
VAL Wades	232	-	232	-	-
LCF Jimbo's	2,864	-	2,864	-	-
Give a Gift	-	1,500	1,500	-	-
St Hilda's Church HSF	-	2,035	2,035	-	-
LCCT Household Support Fund	-	2,950	2,950	-	-
LCF Lunch Clubs	-	1,816	409	-	1,407
LCCT Household Support Fund	-	2,200	357	-	1,843
	<u>1,596</u>	<u>12,001</u>	<u>10,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,250</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Veolia RERF	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach. Funding is received in arrears.
VAL Wades	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach.
LCF Jimbo's	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach.
Give a Gift	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach.
St Hilda's Church HSF	For emergency support and practical help for local people.
LCCT Household Support Fund	For emergency support and practical help for local people. Apr 2023 to Mar 2024.
LCF Lunch Clubs	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach.
LCCT Household Support Fund	For emergency support and practical help for local people Apr 2024 to Sep 2024.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.