

# The Association of Islamic Charitable Projects CIO

A Beacon of Light in a Time of Prevailing Darkness  
The Resounding Voice of Moderation

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the 12 Months Ended 31 March 2024**

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## **TRUSTEES & OFFICERS**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **Objectives**

1. To advance the education of the public in the Islamic religion and culture and the Arabic language.
2. To advance the religion of Islam.
3. To relieve Muslims who are in conditions of poverty, sickness, distress or suffering from disability.
4. To take care of the neglected young and the elderly

### **Public benefit**

Our objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims. Each year the trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have complied with their duties as detailed in the Charities Act 2011 section 17(5) by reviewing the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

Our aims remain to educate the Muslim and non-Muslim public in the religion of Islam and the culture and morals of the Muslims according to traditional Sunni teachings. To establish educational programmes that protect our communities from religious extremism and radicalisation and carry out activities to help make our areas we work in peaceful, vibrant and harmonious communities.

### **Charity Structure and Legal Status**

The AICP CIO was registered with the Charity Commission on 28 July 2015 as Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation). The AICP's objectives and powers are set out in its Constitution.

Regional heads are in charge of activities in furtherance of the charities objectives. All expenditure and activities must be agreed with the Chairman and, if required, approved within committee meetings.

### **Charitable Activities**

AICP is part of a global movement working towards a just and harmonious society. We have two principal aims: first to educate people of all backgrounds about Islamic culture and morals, and second to warn against violent extremists who contradict these teachings. In our activities throughout the UK, we work towards establishing a Muslim community that contributes to the betterment of society. Our organisation has a long history of fostering good relations with our non-Muslim neighbours and we continue to work towards the goal of a peaceful and productive society.

The members of the AICP are diverse in their backgrounds and we embrace a wide range of nationalities and cultures. We have well-established programmes aimed at educating new Muslims in the practice of their faith. We have established weekend schools where we educate children and adults about Islamic culture and history in order to dispel misconceptions that have been encouraged by misguided groups.

From the beginning, our organisation has been deeply conscious of the problems that are faced by the Muslim community. We have monitored with alarm the rise of deviant groups that have misguided a minority of community-members and encouraged them to become involved in a range of anti-social behaviours. We have a long history of educating people of all backgrounds in the evils of such groups.

AICP UK believes that the key to dealing with this crisis is empowerment through learning. Students leave our classes equipped with the tools that they need to protect themselves and their families from the contagion of deviant propaganda. The religious knowledge that we impart is derived from the soundest scriptural sources.

## Achievement & Performance

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to those who have used our community centres and educational facilities as well as the wider community in the cities we operate in.

- Spring and autumn recreational and educational camps.
- Annual UK talks during special religious occasions such as Ramadan.
- Permanent teacher education facility.
- Weekly Friday prayer congregations and meetings in towns and cities throughout the UK.
- Seminars to improve knowledge base for teachers/volunteers.
- Educational and recreational activities for children during school holidays.
- Weekly religious education seminars and lessons for the public in the different cities we have a presence.
- Organising festivals and events for different religious celebrations such as the Islamic new year, ^Eed festivals and commemorating the birth of the prophet MuHammad.
- We have combined resources and included The Northern Lights Preschool as one of our main Educational projects in Yorkshire.
- We give food out usually at the celebration events around RamaDaan and ^Eed etc as per the Muslim traditions.
- We are increasing also in all branches more youth and sport activities to encourage younger generation to get involved more in physical activities and living Healthy lifestyles, mentally, spiritually and physically.

## Membership

The men and women of the AICP are diverse in their backgrounds and vary widely in their national origins, ethnicity and age. Our organisation attracts people from virtually every walk of life.

## Financial review

### *Going concern*

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, the charity has sufficient liquid funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due and expenditure is not authorised unless sufficient funds are in place.

Principle funding sources are from regular member donations, standing orders, funding for the preschool as well as parent contributions for after school education programmes and rental income.

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.

Overall, the trustees are happy with the financial health and operations of the charity. There are stable streams of income from different activities nationally. Things are stable and we are trying to strengthen existing educational centres and programmes as well as trying to grow in different areas of our work, especially in secular education. In 2021/22, we had Cafes at two of our centres, to attract new people to our centres and activities. However, these were majorly impacted during the covid-19 pandemic and we had to close these down thereafter

Current year gains as per the statement of financial activities will be ploughed back into the charity's day-to-day running of activities.

## **Reserves policy**

The total funds of the charity have increased by £30k from £1.94m to £1.97m. Reserves not represented by the charity's properties and previous years' surpluses, are retained mainly in bank accounts. The policy on unrestricted reserves is that these will be accumulated to allow the charity to operate and meet its objectives on a day to day basis.

## **Future Developments**

Looking to the future, AICP UK aims to fulfil the following objectives:

- Use the internet and multimedia technology to advance the cause of religious moderation and tackle issues of violent extremism and radicalisation within UK communities.
- Plan further group Umrah & Hajj (pilgrimage) trips.
- Establish a reference library which will include a collection of classical manuscripts in microfilm and print form; this will be made available to Muslim and non-Muslim scholars and students around the UK.
- Establish after-school educational and recreational programmes throughout the UK.

## **Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of the Association of Islamic Charitable Projects**

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner.**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the Act);
- Follow the procedures laid in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of Independent examiner's statement**

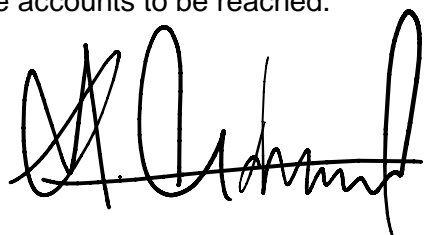
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners 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 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.

Signed:



Date: 30/01/2025

Name: Mr Mudassar Mahmood

Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 10 Percy Street, HD2 2RX, Huddersfield

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024**

<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2		331,682	331,682
Charitable & Educational Programmes			165,402	165,402
Other Grants Income			-	-
<b>Income from Charitable activities:</b>				
CMBC Early Education Funding (TNL Preschool) & Private/OSH fees		169,732	80,612	250,344
CMBC DCATCH Funding (TNL Preschool)				-
<b>Income from other trading activities</b>	3		1,614	1,614
<b>Investment Income</b>	4		103,135	103,135
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>169,732</b>	<b>682,445</b>	<b>852,177</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
Raising Funds			-	-
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
General charitable activity	5		821,792	821,792
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			<b>821,792</b>	<b>821,792</b>
<b>SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)</b>				<b>30,384</b>
<b>Net Movement in funds</b>				<b>30,384</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>				
Total Funds brought forward				<b>1,939,763</b>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>				<b>1,970,147</b>

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.



**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible Assets	6	2,408,549	2,435,758
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors & Prepayments		-	
Cash at bank & in hand	7	508,538	498,273
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		2,917,086	2,934,030
<b>Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors / Accruals		-	-
<b>Creditors - Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>			
Private Loans for Property	8	102,190	102,190
Bank Mortgages	9	844,750	892,077
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>1,970,147</b>	<b>1,939,763</b>
<b>The Funds of the charity</b>			
<b>Accumulated Funds:</b>			
Total Funds Brought Forward		1,939,763	1,887,305
Current Year Earnings		30,384	52,458
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<b>1,970,147</b>	<b>1,939,763</b>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

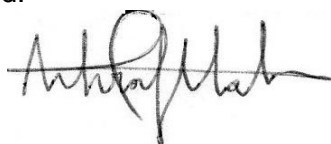
Signed:



Print Name:

MR SHAHID RAUF

Signed:



Print Name:

DR ASHRAF MALHAS

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024**

### **1. Accounting Policies**

#### **Basis of preparation of 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 2015)', 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. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

#### **Fund Accounting**

The bank and cash balances comprise of unrestricted funds, which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

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.

Unrestricted funds related to specific grant funding related to The Northern Lights Pre-school.

#### **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

#### **Bank receipts (Interest receivable)**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity, this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank

#### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Depreciation is provided for using rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold property	– 2% straight-line method
Fixtures & Fittings	– 25% straight-line method
Equipment	– 25% straight-line method

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**NOTES:**

	<b>2023/24</b>
<b>2 Donations and Legacies</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations from Members	282,431
General Donations & Collections	9,823
HMRC Gift Aid	39,428
	<u>331,682</u>
<b>3 Income from other trading activities</b>	<b>£</b>
General Sales	1,614
	<u>1,614</u>
<b>4 Investment Income</b>	<b>£</b>
Rental Income	96,539
Bank receipts	6,596
	<u>103,135</u>
<b>5 Direct Costs of Charitable Activities</b>	<b>£</b>
Administration & Management & Legal costs	14,575
Specific Events and Programmes	179,323
Books	7,918
Consumables	1,694
Food and Drink	7,920
Fixtures and fittings	860
Building works, Renovations and maintenance	7,447
Printing, postage & stationary	8,129
Recreation, arts & crafts	2,375
Rent, Hall & Room Hire	13,619
Sundry	519
Travel	3,968
Teaching Resources	3,558
Mortgage Interest Paid	62,653
Utilities (Gas, Elec, Water, Phone, Waste)	70,534
Payroll inc PAYE and NI	370,086
Consultancy works	4,000
Rates & C/Tax	4,714
Bank Charges	249
Depreciation	57,650
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<u><b>821,792</b></u>

## 6. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land & Buildings £	Plant, Machinery, Equipment including vehicles £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2023	2,645,741	35,040	83,504	<b>2,764,285</b>
Additions	12,500	17,941		<b>30,441</b>
Disposals				<b>-</b>
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,658,241</u>	<u>52,981</u>	<u>83,504</u>	<u><b>2,794,726</b></u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 April 2023	<u><b>209,983</b></u>	<u><b>35,040</b></u>	<u><b>83,504</b></u>	<u><b>328,527</b></u>
Charge For year	53,165	4,485	-	<b>57,650</b>
At 31 March 2024	<u><b>263,148</b></u>	<u><b>39,525</b></u>	<u><b>83,504</b></u>	<u><b>386,177</b></u>
<b>Net Book value</b>				
At 31 March 2023	2,435,758	-	- 0	2,435,758
At 31 March 2024	<u><b>2,395,093</b></u>	<u><b>13,456</b></u>	<u><b>- 0</b></u>	<u><b>2,408,549</b></u>

## 7. Cash at Bank & In Hand

	2023/24	2022/23
Cash In hand	2,061	1,705
Bank Balances	506,477	496,568
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>508,538</b></u>	<u><b>498,273</b></u>

Current year bank balance includes £234k relating to funds held by and to be used for The Northern Lights, Halifax.

## 8. Private Loans

£102,190 represent Interest Free Loans taken from members in order to purchase new education and community centres in Halifax & London.

## 9. Mortgages

Mortgages relate to the outstanding amounts for the purchase of the AICP buildings located at: VGC House centre, Perivale, London (purchased in January 2013) 84 Gayton Road, Harrow, Greater London (purchased in June 2019).

## 10. Surplus

Current Year surpluses are unrestricted funds for the usage towards the running of the charity and the pre-school. We have combined resources and included The Northern Lights Preschool within our accounts.

## 11. Trustees' Remuneration and benefits

Of the trustees, it is noted that the following have contracts of employment with the charity, and are not being paid for trustee duties, rather in their capacity within the following specific duties:

Mr Shahid Rauf – Head of administration and finance.

## 12. Related Party Disclosures

Mr Mohammad Fayed (connected person to trustee Mr Hadi Fayed) – has an employment contract as a branch lead and teacher.

## 13. Staff costs and the costs of key management personnel

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023/24	2022/23
Charitable Staff	46	44

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000