

Alliance Francaise de Leeds

Charity number 1163352

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2025



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Independent examiner

Chalitha Herath FCCA

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Public benefit statement

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Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £22,805, including net receipts of £21,986 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £819 on restricted funds.

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Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £46,952.

The trustees have established a policy to maintain a reserve of funds in the bank sufficient to keep the Alliance running for 3 - 6 months.

At this level the trustees believe they would be able to continue the operations of the charity for the foreseeable future. This level of reserves would enable the charity to continue to operate for a reasonable period allowing it continue to function for the short term in the case of an interruption in cash flow, and for it to be wound down in the case of a collapse of income. The trustees will review the policy annually.

The trustees are aware that its free reserves are higher than the policy level. However, we have been setting funds aside because our current premises are not ideal and we would like to move closer to the city centre if possible. The rent for a new location is likely to be higher than our current arrangement. While we expect to cover this from ongoing income, we are building up a small reserve to help with additional costs such as fees, furnishings, and other setup expenses.

Approved by the board of trustees on 26/05/2026

Julie Barnaby (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Alliance Francaise de Leeds

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes	2025	2025	2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Course fees		77,981	-	77,981	59,266
Membership fees		2,833	-	2,833	1,976
DELFL exam fees		2,235	-	2,235	3,660
Grants and donations	(2)	-	989	989	2,142
Other income		121	-	121	29
Event income		1,246	-	1,246	-
Total receipts		84,416	989	85,405	67,073
Payments					
Salaries NI and pensions		18,440	-	18,440	19,457
Teaching fees		29,711	-	29,711	29,335
DELFL exam costs		610	-	610	688
Rent		7,000	-	7,000	9,950
Insurance		174	-	174	241
Networking		71	-	71	1,016
Office and other costs		562	-	562	773
IT costs		891	-	891	899
Accountancy and independent examination		1,892	-	1,892	2,618
Advertising and marketing		829	-	829	-
Activity costs		1,136	170	1,306	-
Equipment, materials and resources		1,114	-	1,114	493
Total payments		62,430	170	62,600	65,470
Net movement in funds		21,986	819	22,805	1,603
Fund balances brought forward		24,966	-	24,966	23,363
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	46,952	819	47,771	24,966

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 August 2025

	2025	2025	2025	2024
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	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	46,952	819	47,771	24,966
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Debtors and prepayments	2025
	£
Other debtors - Rent deposit	500
	<u>500</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Projector
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Liabilities	2025
	£
Accruals - Independent examination	900
	<u>900</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 26/05/2026

Julie Barnaby (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 August 2025

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.

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Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs	-	989	989	-
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No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

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