



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2022		31	12	2022

### Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	LIGHT OF HIRA
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1163530
Charity's principal address	86 BERNERS STREET LEICESTER  Postcode LE2 0FS

#### 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	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	CHAIRMAN		
2	DAWOOD ABOWATH	VICE-CHAIRMAN		
3	RASHID PANCHBHAYA	VICE-CHAIRMAN	APPOINTED ON 22-8-2022	Mr Muhammad Isa Abdullah Mr Dawood Abowath Mr Tamir Sujandin
4	TAMIR SUJANDIN	DEPUTY-VICECHAIRMAN	RESIGNED ON 18-5-23	

#### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

### Section B Structure, governance and management

#### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	New Trustees are appointed by this CIO'S Foundation Trustees, after the majority of the Founding Trustees approve the nomination of the said new trustee.

#### 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.

A new trustee was appointed to diversify the charity board's professional background. Mr Rashid Panchbhaya was approved to join us in the Board of Trustees. Mr Panchbhaya is a qualified accountant. He has also supported our services for many years as a volunteer, being fully aware of our organisational needs and familiar with our work ethics. His appointment in last quarter 2022, has brought in a wide range of professional expertise.

In the second quarter of 2023, Mr Tamir Sujandin offered his resignation due to personal circumstances. His resignation was accepted by this charity's board of trustees and records were updated with the Charity Commission.

Our present structure is the following:

Mr Muhammad Isa Abdullah – Chairman  
Mr Dawood Abowath – Vice-chairman  
Mr Rashid Panchbhaya – Vice-chairman

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

We offer help, support and guidance to New Muslims.

Enquiry service for anyone with questions regarding Islam.

Promote Islam's concept of mercy, tolerance and compassion for all.

Provide relief to the poverty stricken and the homeless; destitute men, women and children; and individuals living in crises in Leicester.

## 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)

**Islamic Classes**  
Classes to New Muslims, male and female, have been imparted regularly on a weekly basis. The classes have always been accompanied with advice and counselling as each New Muslim is a world of his/her own, with his/her own personal challenges.

**Meetings**  
People who have expressed interest in Islam and have contacted us have been able to meet our staff for meetings to provide them with reliable information on the Islamic faith.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ACTIVITIES.**  
New Muslims are equipped with authentic religious grounding that guarantees they are law-abiding citizens wherever they live along with their newly adopted faith.

New Muslims are assisted to overcome social problems and provided strong religious foundation reinforcing good citizenship, making sure they remain integrated to main-stream society and become full members of the Muslim community, in order to prevent they learn and pursue their faith in isolation and fall into the hands of extremists; all these efforts in turn contribute to a safer society.

**Publications**  
We also distributed reliable and authentic mainstream Islamic literature on relevant faith topics to our new Muslim students and to members of the general public who contacted us and in particular to Muslim prisoners throughout the whole United Kingdom.

**PUBLIC BENEFIT:**  
Raise awareness of Islamic religious tolerance towards other faiths was raised and promoted amongst the general public as well as address Islamophobia.

Educating Muslim prisoners about the Islamic tolerance being embedded in our faith and practiced historically throughout Islamic history so as not to fall in the trap of religious extremism and hatred for people of other faiths which is present in the prison estate.

## 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.

On Grant-making:

An initial financial contribution would be paid once (and for a limited number of times) to a person who has just embraced the faith to support them in the financial strains that their new circumstances bring about in his/her life until he/she regains stability or can stand on his/her own feet financially.

Due to the limited resources our charity does not consider necessary to adopt a policy programme related to investment.

All the activities undertaken by this CIO are performed by the valuable first-hand contributions of trustees and volunteers in terms of giving up their valuable time to pursue our charity's objectives.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

We relaunched our newly designed website as the previous one became obsolete. It was sourced to a web-designer outside from the organisation. However, it has proven not to be very user friendly and flexible, as we can't modify its basic structure and we struggle with communicating our demands to a web-designer based abroad.

One-to-one counselling has become a service we provide to New Muslims who are struggling to adapt to their new lifestyle. This is always in high demand. Our classes have expanded.

We produced more teaching material to enhance our services to new Muslims.

We raised more awareness in social media platforms about our charity's services. As a result our standing orders increased from a wider base of donors.

After we have refurbished our rented premises, Food Collection has not been a priority project due to our charity's lack of space to store donated items.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our charity was established in 2015 and counts with limited funds. There has not been a need for a policy on reserves due to its mere size. However, the public contributions which are being received are being saved in order to allow our CIO to move from rented accommodation to our own premises to increase our services and serve the public better and in a more suited fit-for-purpose premises and location.

### 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.

The charity's funding relies solely on public funds for its activities. It runs strictly by volunteers at the moment. There has been no need to pay or hire anyone to-date in order to fulfil the charities' objectives. We are still a small charity so there is no need for an investment policy.

## Section F

## Other optional information

Future projects:

- To design a new website that is more practical to work with and user friendly, and to be designed locally.
- We intend to continue providing reliable Islamic literature to Muslim prisoners in the prison estate throughout the whole of UK which would contribute to their reducing re-offending and also serve as a tool of deradicalization.
- To increase the frequency of food collections to support the local charities, other organisations and public institutions that look after the local people living in different types of crises, void of resources to look after their own subsistence needs.
- To explore the possibility of purchasing a property for permanent use, rather than renting. The new premises will allow us to expand our services.

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	TAMIR SUJANDIN	RASHID PANCHBHAYA
Full name(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	TAMIR SUJANDIN	RASHID PANCHBHAYA
Position	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN	DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN – (RESIGNED ON 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2023)	VICE-CHAIRMAN

Date

12 OCTOBER 2023



LIGHT OF HIRA			Charity No (if any)	1163530	CC39a
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	01-Jan-22	To	Period end date	31-Dec-22	

## Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Note	Restricted			Total this year	Total last year
		Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources (Note 3)		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Donations, legacies and Grants		26,311		-	26,311	12,341
Fundraising events		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		26,311	-	-	26,311	12,341
<b>Resources expended (Notes 4-7)</b>						
Cost of fundraising events		88	-	-	88	88
Rent, rates and Insurance		5,631	-	-	5,631	5,620
Repairs and maintenance		77	-	-	77	18
Light and heat		310	-	-	310	865
telephone postage and stationery		183	-	-	183	100
Donations and Grants		5,718	-	-	5,718	3,747
legal and professional fees		332			332	276
<b>Total resources expended</b>		12,339	-	-	12,339	10,714
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		13,972	-	-	13,972	1,627
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)</b>		13,972	-	-	13,972	1,627
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		13,972	-	-	13,972	1,627
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		11,449	-	-	11,449	9,822
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		25,421	-	-	25,421	11,449

## Section B Balance sheet

	Note	Total this year £ F01	Total last year £ F02
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets		1,367	1,367
Investments		-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		1,367	1,367
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock and work in progress		-	-
Debtors			
(Short term) investments		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		24,054	11,433
<b>Total current assets</b>		24,054	11,433
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		-	1,351
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		24,054	10,082
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		25,421	11,449
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>		-	-
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>		-	-
<b>Net assets</b>		25,421	11,449
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted funds		25,421	11,449
Designated funds		-	-
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>		25,421	11,449
Restricted income funds		-	-
Endowment funds		-	-
<b>Total funds</b>		25,421	11,449

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

Signature	Date of approval
Muhammad Isa Abdullah	28/Oct/23
Dawood Abowath	28/Oct/23
Rashid Panchbhaya	28/Oct/23



## Section C

## Notes to the accounts

### Note 1 Basis of preparation

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice
- and with\* ☒ Accounting Standards FRS102;  
or ☐ Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act.

#### 1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

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**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
LIGHT OF HIRA

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31-Dec-2022

**Charity no**

1163530

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2022**

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

30-Oct-2023

**Name:**

Wajahat Hussain Baloch (FCA, FCCA) on behalf of Redbird Accountants

**Relevant professional  
body:**

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales  
Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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

None