



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2024

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	2 BERNERS STREET LEICESTER Postcode LE2 0AF

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

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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.

We will be possibly looking at revising our CIO constitution next year, since it will be nearly a decade since we adopted it. When we registered our charity, the Charity Commission had just launched the new CIO format. There is an updated version of the CIOs Foundation Model launched in 2023. We want to update our constitution to reflect these changes and make it fully compliant with the new recommendations, as well as making some amendments to reflect the needs of our charity, especially after having bought our permanent premises.

Our present structure is the following:

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

We have also revised and adopted new policies for our CIO to make it fully compliant with the policies recommended by the Charity Commission.

Revised Policies:

- 1 Addressing Terrorism and/or other concerns Policy Guidelines
- 2 General Policy for Writing, Producing, Publishing including Media
- 3 Organising Events & Holding Public Lectures Policy Guidelines
- 4 Expenses Policy Guide
- 5 Financial Controls Policy
- 6 Code of Conduct for Trustees
- 7 CIO's Official & Trustees' Personal Information Record
- 8 Conflicts of Interest Policy (Part 1)
Declaration of Interests Policy Form (Part 2)
Register of Interests at the CIO (Part 3)

Newly Adopted Policies:

- 1 Prevent Statement
- 2 Safeguarding Policy & Procedures
- 3 Bullying & Harassment Policy
- 4 Disability & Special Needs Policy
- 5 Internal Risk Management Policy and Procedures (Part 1)
- 6 CIO Risk Register for Internal Risk Management Policy (Part 2)
- 7 Complaints Policy
- 8 Serious Incident Reporting Policy & Procedures
- 9 Whistleblowing Policy & Procedures
- 10 Procedure to VET an External Speaker
- 11 Financial Reserves Policy & Procedures
- 12 Investing Charity Funds Policy & Procedures
- 13 CCTV Policy

Section C

Objectives and activities

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.

Our charity has newly adopted an Investing Charity Funds Policy. However, we will not undertake lucrative investments ventures to benefit the CIO, for as long as our loans acquired to purchase our permanent premises have not been paid off. At present our raised funds are only directed towards the repayment of loans acquired to purchase this property. This purchase has now enabled the CIO to discontinue paying rent for temporary leased property.

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

Following the purchase of our charity's property in November 2023. We started renovating it. The charity was fully refurbished by February 2024.

We also refurbished the charity's new property to comply with all regulations in terms of safety, security, fire regulations, electricity, and all necessary building regulation policies. Our property opened to the public in mid-February 2024.

With the purchase of our property our activities have expanded. This year we focused primarily on embedding our initial faith-specific classes to the new Muslims who have contacted us to benefit from our services, as this is the core of our activities. We can say confidently that our classes have tripled, thus consolidating this service.

Our presence in the internet has been expanding, thus making people more aware of our services. Various organisations have contacted us for guidance on various topics, e.g. support to New Muslims, issuance of faith certificates, and dissemination of literature produced by ourselves etc.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our charity was established in 2015 and counts with limited funds. Our CIO has recently adopted a Financial Reserves Policy.

Our past public contributions and loans allowed us to save to purchase our own premises to increase our services and serve the public better and in a more suited fit-for-purpose premises and location. At present and for the foreseeable future, all raised funds and donations are being used to repay the contracted loans that were acquired for the purchase of our permanent base.

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 have reviewed the following finances' related policies:
Financial Controls Policy
Expenses Policy Guide

Our CIO has recently adopted an Investing Charity Funds Policy & Procedures as mentioned earlier, and it includes faith/ethical investment guidelines.

Section F

Other optional information

Future projects:

- We intend to continue providing reliable Islamic literature and other faith resources 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 introduce faith-specific classes to the local neighbours in order to enhance their religious practice.
- Commencing faith classes for children will also be considered by the trustees, after ensuring all procedures are in place, now that a Safeguarding policy has been adopted. Children of New Muslims will be able to benefit from these services.

Signature(s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	RASHID PANCHBHAYA
Full name (s)	MUHAMMAD ISA ABDULLAH	DAWOOD ABOWATH	RASHID PANCHBHAYA
Position	CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN	VICE-CHAIRMAN
Date	23 RD MAY 2025		



LIGHT OF HIRA			Charity No (if any)	1163530	CC39a
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	01-Jan-24	To	Period end date	31-Dec-24	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Descriptions by natural category	Note	Restricted			Total this year	Total last year
		Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
		£	£	£	£	£
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Donations, legacies and Grants		46,705	1,013	-	47,718	137,383
Gift aid Claims		2,638	-	-	2,638	10,659
Total incoming resources		49,343	1,013	-	50,356	148,042
Resources expended (Notes 4-7)						
Cost of fundraising events		598	-	-	598	1,343
Rent, rates and Insurance		1,822	-	-	1,822	6,130
Repairs and maintenance		6,070	-	-	6,070	616
Light and heat		1,304	-	-	1,304	500
telephone postage and stationery		954	-	-	954	372
Donations and Grants		1,379	-	-	1,379	5,092
legal and professional fees		-	-	-	-	435
bank charges and interest		-	-	-	-	25
Total resources expended		12,127	-	-	12,127	14,513
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		37,216	1,013	-	38,229	133,529
Gross transfers between funds		0	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)		37,216	1,013	-	38,229	133,529
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		37,216	1,013	-	38,229	133,529
Total funds brought forward		17,769	141,181	-	158,950	25,421
Total funds carried forward		54,985	142,194	-	197,179	158,950

Section B

Balance sheet as at 31-Dec-2024

	Note	Restricted income			Total this year £	Total last year £
		Unrestricted funds £ F01	funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03		
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets		1,367			1,367	1,367
Building			272,700		272,700	272,700
Building Refurbishment			17,131		17,131	17,131
<i>Total fixed assets</i>		1,367	289,831		291,198	291,198
Current assets						
Stock and work in progress		-			-	-
Debtors					-	-
(Short term) investments		-			-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		84,880			84,880	16,402
<i>Total current assets</i>		84,880	-		84,880	16,402
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-			-	-
<i>Net current</i>		84,880	-		84,880	16,402
<i>Total assets less current</i>		86,247	289,831		376,078	307,600
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		-	178,900		178,900	148,650
Provisions for liabilities and		-			-	-
<i>Net assets</i>		86,247	110,931		197,178	158,950
Funds of the Charity						
Unrestricted funds					-	17,769
Designated funds		-			-	-
Total unrestricted funds		-	-		-	17,769
Restricted income funds		86,247	110,931		197,178	141,181
Endowment funds		-			-	-
<i>Total funds</i>		86,247	110,931		197,178	158,950
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees						
		Signature			Date of approval	
		Muhammad Isa Abdullah			19/Sep/25	
		Dawood Abowath			19/Sep/25	
		Rashid Panchbhaya			19/Sep/25	

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-2024

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 **31/12/2024**

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:

19-Sep-2025

Name:

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

Relevant professional
body:

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

None