

**LEVENSHULME INSPIRE FOUNDATION**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

# LEVENSHULME INSPIRE FOUNDATION

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	E Cox G Sammons M Goff K Lowe (appointed 25 July 2022) S Wakefield (appointed 15 December 2022)
Charity number	1163533
Registered office	The Inspire Centre 747 Stockport Road Manchester M19 3AR
Independent examiner	Mitchell Charlesworth (Audit) Limited 3rd Floor 44 Peter Street Manchester M2 5GP

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF LEVENSHULME INSPIRE FOUNDATION

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### Objectives and activities

The objects of the Inspire Foundation are:

- a. The promotion and provision of community capacity building, including developing the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.
- b. The relief and prevention of poverty including financial hardship in the locality by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, and referral with all the necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate or access a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.
- c. The advancement of education in those otherwise disadvantaged by providing and assisting training in social and physical skills of people of all ages but particularly young people, the elderly, people with mental health needs, refugees and asylum seekers. In addition, the charity will assist in the provision of education for those preparing for entry to any occupation, trade or profession.

The trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefit the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purpose.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

#### Achievements and performance

The Foundation continues to work with the Levenshulme Inspire CIC, which manages the community centre, and Levenshulme Inspire Café to provide a welcoming space to meet local needs. Together with the CIC and Café it has helped to develop a community centre that brings people together from diverse backgrounds to work, learn, eat and have fun together. In 2022-2023 it continued to be a resource for all and a place where we can make a difference. Together with the CIC and Café we aim to be a thriving hub for all members of the community and provide opportunities to unlock potential.

However the financial challenges post covid are significant. There is less money about and fewer funding opportunities available to support community projects which means larger projects are more difficult to secure. This impacts the CIC and Café too which are already operating a challenging financial environment. We are working with partners and funders to fund us practically and financially, and our collaboration with 4CT is helping us to navigate this difficult climate. We are also thankful for the many volunteers who help us to keep our community thriving.

Going forward we are looking to simplify the Inspire structures.

We are reshaping our community offer in response to a user survey in 2022 on the impact of the cost of living crisis to focus more on:

- Food – provision of a range of food support
- Heat – a warm and welcoming place to go
- Advice – availability of support
- Action – a place to come together to take action

The main Foundation projects in 2022-2023 were:

- managing the funds for the Opens Partnership for 6 local charities and organisations to its finish in September 2022.
- Finishing the Starting Plates project, (First 1,000 days) which facilitated parents with young toddlers to cook and socialise post covid at small cookery sessions held at local venues in Levenshulme and Gorton. The Starting Plates Impact report provides more information on the project.

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- An Awards for All grant expanded the Starting Plates project to a wider audience and provided hands on cookery sessions to help with the cost of living crisis by showing how to prepare healthy low-cost food for families and individuals. An added benefit from our project experience over the years is that food is a unifier within the community. Sharing food together increases community cohesion and reduces social isolation.
- The community fridge which provided meals and surplus groceries to the community to reduce waste.
- developing and hosting a series of sessions for the unemployed to provide new skills to build their confidence and encourage volunteering through the ESF Community Funds 2 project.
- co-ordinating volunteers to support other activities at the centre: the Bread and Butter Thing, the Café, Starting Plates/ Awards for All cooking sessions, and gardening and miscellaneous tasks through the help of the Great Places grants.
- We co-ordinated a programme of volunteers across Levenshulme and Gorton to spread the message about vaccinations in their own communities over the winter.
- The choir sessions and workshops have been a highlight for many bringing generations together, and working with other choirs in the community.

Our Inspire Impact report from 2021-2022 provides more information about our projects and work during COVID and as we emerged from the crisis. It can be obtained from the Inspire Centre.

The Foundation also administers a URC project for children, youth and families for the church that meets on its premises. The project worker has worked on some activities with Inspire staff which have benefitted the wider community.

The Foundation and Inspired Taskforce became independent of each other on 3 May 2021, although the relationship remains close and the Taskforce is based at the Inspire Centre. Balances on Taskforce projects were transferred to the Taskforce bank account on 11 May 2021.

#### Financial review

During the year, the charity had gross receipts of £136,107 (2022: £139,409). Payments made during the year totalled £128,445 (2022: £172,318). The amount held in the charity's bank balance at the year end was £52,130 (2022: £44,468).

The larger projects from Covid are finishing or have finished and the charity is actively seeking new projects that fit its focus and ethos going forward.

#### Reserves Policy

On 9th December 2021 The Foundation Board agreed a five year target to increase its restricted funds to cover 3 to 6 months of turnover subject to annual financial pressures.

#### Structure, governance and management

At present the charity trustees include those first appointed as the "first trustees" when the charity was established. The trustees reserve the right to appoint further trustees for a period of three years by the passing of a resolution at a properly convened meeting of the trustee body with regard for the effective administration of the charity. This could include up to two nominated trustees from Levenshulme Inspire United Reformed Church.

The Inspire Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which was constituted on 14 September 2015 and operates according to its constitution of that date. It is run by a board of trustees who meet on a quarterly basis to review activities and shape the strategic direction of the Foundation.

The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefit from the charity.



G Sammons

Dated: 12/10/23



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I report on the accounts of the for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

#### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The Trustees, who are also the directors of Levenshulme Inspire Foundation for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2022, and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2022 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2022 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### Independent examiner's statement

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;
- (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs Jamielee Johnston CA

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Dated: 17/10/23

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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations	823	663	1,486	2,131	-	2,131
Grant income	17,520	101,604	119,124	6,521	120,423	126,944
Other	13,354	2,143	15,497	10,334	-	10,334
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>31,697</b>	<b>104,410</b>	<b>136,107</b>	<b>18,986</b>	<b>120,423</b>	<b>139,409</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Grant distribution	-	24,887	24,887	253	42,693	42,946
Staff costs	11,472	35,917	47,389	114	23,982	24,096
Printing	30	868	898	-	361	361
Accountancy	1,380	-	1,380	1,590	-	1,590
Project costs *	8,164	12,038	20,202	4,869	33,300	38,169
Catering and room hire	2,084	7,392	9,476	80	7,871	7,951
Consulting	-	1,200	1,200	2,952	-	2,952
Travel	1,125	114	1,239	5	642	647
Utilities	-	-	-	-	4,680	4,680
Donations	650	150	800	364	30	394
Taskforce donation	-	-	-	-	20,832	20,832
Other expenses	34	270	304	766	5,552	6,318
Management fee	7,543	5,833	13,376	-	7,321	7,321
Management & financial support	-	3,805	3,805	-	1,725	1,725
Memberships and subscriptions	440	-	440	469	-	469
IT software and consumables	-	300	300	-	1,470	1,470
Promotional and social media	143	1,901	2,044	2,239	5,290	7,529
Telephone and internet	16	80	96	-	96	96
Volunteer costs	84	525	609	112	2,660	2,772
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>33,165</b>	<b>95,280</b>	<b>128,445</b>	<b>13,813</b>	<b>158,505</b>	<b>172,318</b>
<b>Net receipts for the year</b>	<b>(1,468)</b>	<b>9,130</b>	<b>7,662</b>	<b>5,173</b>	<b>(38,082)</b>	<b>(32,909)</b>
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>(771)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(559)</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(697)</b>	<b>8,359</b>	<b>7,662</b>	<b>4,614</b>	<b>(37,523)</b>	<b>(32,909)</b>
<b>Bank and cash balances at start of year</b>	<b>24,007</b>	<b>20,460</b>	<b>44,468</b>	<b>19,393</b>	<b>57,983</b>	<b>77,376</b>
<b>Bank and cash balance at end of year</b>	<b>23,310</b>	<b>28,819</b>	<b>52,130</b>	<b>24,007</b>	<b>20,460</b>	<b>44,468</b>

\* Project costs cover facilitator costs, food and small equipment and accessories.

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £	
Cash at bank and in hand	52,130	44,468	
<b>Assets</b>			
Trade debtors	11,484	6,955	
	11,484	6,955	
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Trade creditors	(9,105)	(1,780)	
Accruals	(1,518)	(1,320)	
PAYE and pension	(1,322)	(679)	
Money for other organisations	(2,014)	-	
	(13,959)	(3,779)	
<b>Analysis of net assets between funds</b>			
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>2023 Total</b>
Debtors	-	11,484	11,484
Cash and bank	23,310	28,819	52,130
Current liabilities	(9,258)	(4,701)	(13,959)

### Notes

1. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. As a lower-income charity under section 133 of the 2011 Act, the trustees have elected to prepare the charity's financial statements under the Receipts & Payments basis.

### 2. Related parties

The charity works alongside a company, Levenshulme Inspire Community Enterprise CIC (company registration number 0652795). Edward Cox is a trustee of the charity and a director of the company. The trustees ensure that any conflict of interest is dealt with by consultation between the CIC directors and the Foundation's trustees and funders as appropriate.

At the year end, the charity owed Levenshulme Inspire CIC an amount of £1,196 (2022: £1,108).



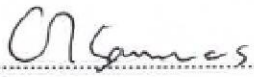
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3. Restricted funds	31 March				31 March			
	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	2023	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
IPP	-	-	-	-	-	(530)	-	-
Inspired Taskforce - DID	-	-	-	-	-	(3,210)	-	-
Inspired Taskforce - CVSF	-	-	-	-	-	(85)	-	-
Taskforce - open grants	-	-	-	-	-	(1,627)	-	-
Urban villages	-	-	-	-	-	(14,193)	-	-
Levy Livelies	-	-	-	-	-	(1,187)	-	-
Volunteer project	-	(511)	-	-	-	(3,713)	-	512
Lottery awards	8,774	(7,039)	-	1,735	-	(729)	-	-
First 1,000 days	4,167	(16,748)	94	-	31,250	(35,489)	-	12,487
CV CSF	-	-	-	-	-	(230)	-	-
CV small grants	4,000	-	-	4,000	-	(2,607)	559	-
One Manchester	-	(4,059)	-	561	-	-	-	4,620
ESF Community Fund	-	-	-	-	7,435	(11,012)	-	-
ESF Community Fund 2	14,503	(11,480)	-	-	4,968	(7,991)	-	(3,024)
Open funds for partners	23,660	(23,660)	-	-	47,320	(47,320)	-	-
Great Places	15,129	(7,247)	-	12,882	-	-	-	5,000
Covid connectors	-	-	-	-	24,650	(24,650)	-	-
HAF	-	-	(865)	-	4,800	(3,935)	-	865
URC CYF inclusion	23,663	(16,594)	-	7,069	-	-	-	-
Community fridge	3,000	(3,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Family healthy cooking	-	(551)	-	(551)	-	-	-	-
Winter warriors fund	4,000	(2,920)	-	1,080	-	-	-	-
Choir 2023	1,500	(1,471)	-	29	-	-	-	-
Funds for other organisations	2,014	-	-	2,014	-	-	-	-
	104,410	(95,280)	(771)	28,819	120,423	(158,505)	559	20,460

The accounts were approved by the Board on 12/10/23

  
G Sammons

Charity Registration No. 1163533