

# OROMO WOMEN ASSOCIATION UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1163845

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-10-06

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:TO FURTHER SUCH CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR THE BENEFIT OF OROMO WOMEN NOW LIVING IN THE UK IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY:(1) TO PROMOTE, PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF OROMO WOMEN BY SEEKING TO ADVANCE EDUCATION ABOUT GENITAL MUTILATION, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND TO ADVOCATE TO END THE BAD PRACTICE OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM).(2) TO PROVIDE AND ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION FOR OROMO WOMEN IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE.

**Activities:** OWA UK is a Voice for the Voiceless Oromo mothers in Oromia, Ethiopia, organising peaceful protests across UK. OWA UK assist Oromo migrants to settle in the United Kingdom OWA UK promote Oromo culture, cultural food, Oromo music and dance to a you We come together to celebrate Irreecha (Oromo Thanks giving Day) every year September - November We celebrate International Women's Day

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees	
2024-10-06		£420	£0	-	-
2023-10-06		£40	£20	-	-
2022-10-06		£100	£50	-	-
2021-10-06		£100	£50	-	-
2020-10-06		£400	£200	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>ADDIS ALEM DERESSA</b>	Chair	2015-06-03
DIREBE TIBA		2015-06-03
KONJIT TILAHUN		2015-03-03
RAZIka Zaker		2015-06-03
SEBLEWONGALE TADDESSE		2015-06-03

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The plan is to register OWA UK with the local authorities where the members reside. This plan is to strengthen the charity and get them involved with other charities within the local authorities, to share and gain experience with other organisations.

The branches will have an independent committee and will be able to call a meeting, invite a speaker, fundraise and open a separate bank account when needed.

OWA UK was registered with Coventry City Council Voluntary Action in 2024

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

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**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)**

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- 6) Undertook AGM meeting and replaced two core committee members
- 7) Organised a social and fun day that brought all the family together and
- 8) Visited two members' families whose husbands are critically ill
- 9) In 2024: Registered OWA UK with Coventry City Council Voluntary Action, Getting Involved.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

The above activities are repeated yearly.

OWA UK members are not as active as they used to be. Hence, OWA UK is in the process of strengthening its membership across the UK

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

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Raised awareness of FGM and Domestic violence. Took part in a joint peaceful protest to address the plight of women in Oromia (Ethiopia) affected by conflict.

Create OWA UK branches across the UK.

Encouraging the support of trustees during illnesses and sad periods

Organised cultural events to introduce our younger generation who were born in the UK to their cultural background.

Supported migrants and members who experience domestic violence

Being a Voice for the Voiceless Oromo women, girls and Oromo mothers back in Oromia, Ethiopia.

Discussing with members to register OWA UK with Local Authorities wherever the members are active.

Planning to create a Drop-In Centre for Oromo women working and living in Coventry.

## Section E Financial review

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

The charity doesn't have sufficient funds to have a reserve in the account.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

none

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>	Addis A Deressa	
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Addis Alem Deresa	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>	10/11/25	

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3	Diribe Tarfa Tiba			
4	Hannan Ahmed		2021	
5	Raziya Badhaso		2021	
6	Safya Osmun			
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<b>Date</b>	30.07.24	

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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**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

**Type of adviser**

**Name**

**Address**

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

**Section B                      Structure, governance and management**

## Description of the charity's trusts

Charity constitution	Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)
Association	How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)
Supported by Oromo Community UK	Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)

### **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.

The charity has created 3 branches in order to enable Oromo women have access to OWA UK membership and benefit from it

The branches are created in London, West Midlands and Bolton/Manchester  
The branches will have three committees and will be able to call a meeting, invite a speaker, fundraise and open a separate bank account when needed

OWA UK celebrated international women's Day  
OWA UK has organised three peaceful protests to support Oromo Women in Oromia, Ethiopia

## **Section C Objectives and activities**

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

To promote and preserve and protect the physical and mental health of Oromo women by seeking to advance about female genital mutilation, domestic violence, and stereotypes and to advocate ending the bad practices of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM).

To provide and assist the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for Oromo women in the interest of social welfare and in order to improve their quality of life.

### **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)**

- 1) We organised cultural shows: music and dance to fund raise to support women victims of crime and genocide
- 2) We strengthened Oromo Women Association Affiliated branch office in Bolton to reach out Oromo women in Manchester and West Midlands
- 3) Organised cultural show; had a guest speaker over Skype Human Right watch in relation to Oromo women's human right violations. Displayed educational posters and role played to entertain our guests/audience

- 4) Celebrated International women's day and educated Oromo women the purpose of this celebration. Briefed women that Oromo women had protected their rights with institution called 'Siqqee' and the respect for women which was ratified in Gadaa System in 15th and 16th century and how we lost the system when we were colonised by Ethiopian Empire
- 5) Undertook AGM meeting and replaced two core committee members
- 6) Organised social and fun day that brought all the family together and
- 7) Visited two member's family whose husband are critically ill

#### **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.

Above activities are repeated every year

## **Section D**

## **Achievements and performance**

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

Organise the charity governance i.e constitution and consult all women to participate in drafting the principles of engagement of Oromo women association with its members and other charitable bodies in the UK.

Raised awareness of FGM and Domestic violence. Took part in joint peaceful protest to address the plight of women in Oromia (Ethiopia) affected by conflict.

Strengthened branch of OWA UK in London, Bolton and West Midlands - delegated responsibilities for trustees to run local responsibilities and fund raise.

Encouraging support of trustees during illnesses and sad period

Organised cultural events to introduce our younger generation who are born in UK

Supported migrants and members who experience domestic violence

Undertaken three peaceful protest against the brutal government of Ethiopia

## Section E

## Financial review

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

The charity as £200 reserve in the account.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

none

**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.

**Section G**

**Declaration**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**

Addis A Deressa

Chair

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)**

03/10/22

**Date**