

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1165797

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-02-29

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ('OBJECTS') ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING:1)THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF FRENCH AFRICAN CULTURE AND HERITAGE, IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND CULTURAL EVENTS.2)TO ADVANCE IN LIFE AND HELP YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE FRENCH AFRICAN COMMUNITY IN MANCHESTER BY PROVIDING SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES WHICH DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.3)TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH AFRICAN COMMUNITY OF MANCHESTER IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY AND HELP MEET THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT

Activities: Training for French tutors with inbuilt placements.Volunteering opportunities for young peopleGenerations Cooking Together (Grand Kitchen) French Supplementary SchoolSign posting and advocacy support for individuals and families of French African heritage

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- Bolton
- Bury
- Manchester City
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Salford City
- Stockport
- Tameside
- Trafford
- Wigan

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£107,600	£57,300	-	-
2024-04-05	£36,213	£38,009	-	-
2023-04-05	£48,926	£47,432	-	-
2022-04-05	£33,105	£32,088	-	-
2021-04-05	£47,181	£74,046	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dany Njiadeu		2019-02-16
Dr O N Albert		2026-04-11
Dr Samuel Oseghale		2026-04-11
Fatima Bangoura		2024-10-05
Frank Djomou Ngonji		2024-02-03
Joel Felix Dongo		2026-04-05
Nogaya Faye		2024-10-05

Accounts

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2024

TRUSTEES:

Jacques Kamwa

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Dany Pharel Njiadeu

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ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 05TH APRIL 2024

The trustees present their report for the year ended 05th April 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Ensemble Manchester is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the charity Commission on 29th February 2016. The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the charity, and believe effective Governance, insurance, checks, controls and procedures are in place to mitigate those risks.

The Trustees meet monthly to attend legal and administrative affairs of the Charity, to review and set policy and to establish long-term strategies for the charity.

Introduction

Ensemble Manchester exists to serve the needs of Manchester residents with a central African background or heritage particularly those who speak French as their native language or those whose parents/heritage is French speaking African. We are concerned to support children, young people, and their families in Manchester, preserving a rich and proud cultural heritage. Thus combating poverty and preventing identity crisis and poor Mental Health.

We work with parents to help retain cultural identity and support children and young people to connect with their heritage, maintain the multilingual and multicultural heritage and through this to understand, acknowledge and share their background positively.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES The Charity's objects are:

1) The advancement of education in all aspects of French African culture and heritage, in particular by the provision of educational activities and cultural events.

2) To advance in life and help young people of the French African community in Manchester by providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

3) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the French African community of Manchester in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society in particular by the provision of training opportunities, advocacy and support.

Our aims also include: To build bridges that help connect different generations and cultures within and between French speaking Africans;

To raise achievement and attainment of children and young people in mainstream schools and society. Promote culturally appropriate physical activities, Healthy eating and mother tongue languages and cultures

5. ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2024

Our Vision: Multilingual and united Franco-African Community that embraces the past and achieves their full potential.

Mission To build bridges that help connects generations and communities through identity awareness and heritage maintenance. Our core provision is the French Supplementary School; we are also involved in healthy eating and exercising, heritage preservation, training and advocacy support for children and young people struggling with identity conflicts.

A big thank you to our long term Funders Manchester City Council, Manchester Active.

The Greater Manchester Community and Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO) for allowing us to project ourselves, make plans towards becoming sustainable and more resilient

We are grateful to Canal river Trust for funding to develop more focused work at local level (Miles Platting and Newton Heath Ward), which is proving to be very successful .

We are also saying a big thank you to all the trustees, volunteers, partners and young people and advisers who have contributed to the charity successfully working towards a much clearer vision.

Our Plan for the year ending 5th April 24 was to pilot French Supplementary School and cookery classes at our own premises using seed loan from GMCVO.

Through the mentoring scheme established with the Holidays Activities and Food program (HAF), young people have been showing genuine interest and making a positive contribution in the delivery of activities for younger children.

This financial year, our focus was on supporting the development of a United Cameroonian Community of Greater Manchester. We have achieved this aim by supporting former leaders in the development of a transitional team

Empowering community lead church to deliver Holidays Activity and Food program

Offering one to one consultancy to Cameroonian Social entrepreneurs,

Supporting and contributing toward the Annual Cameroonian Family Fun Day at Manchester Communication Academy

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2024

We have improved our understanding of the needs of our young people and have gained better understanding of the journey of young people through the Mental Health System. we have developed our partnership with Cameroon Community, through Cameroon Forum by appointing a trainee youth manager and trainee youth worker to supporting vulnerable young people in properties owned by Cameroon Forum as well as other landlords (social or private sector).

We wish to develop our expertise and our interventions to focus more upon improving the Mental health and wellbeing of young people not in Education employment or training, Known to the criminal justice system, struggling with identity crisis, addictions and alcohol and drugs dependency.

Our absolute priority is to have a financially resilient French Supplementary School, Youth Club and Holidays activities that can have an impact on

reducing the number of young people admitted to hospital or referred to early intervention team due to Mental Health crisis.

We have been delivery our Holiday Activities and Food program with goal to empower young people to offer interventions to children and young people experiencing or at risk from tier 1 mental health challenges including depression, anxiety, aggressive behaviour, etc. More beneficiaries will be offered counselling, advocacy, mentoring, group work, and receive one-to-one support to help them access Ensemble's services. Assessment will identify those who need other support from elsewhere, e.g. CAMHS but there will be an attempt to prevent escalation of problems.

We wish to develop young people and Community Led approaches to the delivery of the French Supplementary School. Thus, Provide an alternative to out of school provision that meets the needs of Children and young people Not in education, employment or training.

We want to support the training and development young people through volunteering, placements, and apprenticeships

We aim to have an extensive programme of health and wellbeing interventions co designed and delivered with the community and partners.

We will have a sustainable youth work and play offer, delivered in partnership with other local organisations and taking into account the specific needs to preserve Children's cultural heritage.

In order to achieve those aims, we need to invest in the development of our teams and systems. We need to build the capacity and strength of our board of trustees, and the quality of systems that serve them.

We aim to have a marketing strategy that makes the best use of traditional and new media to ensure that we are selling the benefits of engaging with our charity to individual, group or commissioner of services.

We aim to develop a new approach to our branding that unifies our different services.

We shall ensure that our IT systems are appropriate for new ways of working, including offsite working.

We shall invest more resources into the training and development of current and future leaders.

Our impact

- Reduce isolation amongst children and young people - Deliver a range of well planned and structured activities that help connect children with their heritage - Increase Access to culturally appropriate Food and physical activities in the local area - Connect community and social Business entrepreneurs within the Community
- Improve our understanding of what it takes to develop a structured and well managed partnership – Through the Greater Manchester Community and Voluntary

Organisation (GMCVO) and Manchester Active Holidays activities and Food program, We have gained knowledge and experiences in how to demonstrate the impact we are making on children and young people within our community

6 - We have offered volunteer, training with inbuilt placement to 6 young people and sessional work to 4 adults /parents.

Our “Friendly Meal” Scheme to those isolated, housebound or infirm within the community did not survive due to the cost of living crisis. The Cooking with Afrognanic Meal kit provision continues with new culturally adapted Food and drinks. we are continuing to consult with different stakeholder groups regarding a new long-term strategy for French Supplementary school. This emergent strategy is driving us to ensure that our services and outcomes are co-produced with the communities that we are here to support. This will be achieved through the design of a youth curriculum that will meet the needs of children and young people from 14 French Speaking African countries, particularly Cameroon. In doing so, we are developing a sustainable workforce able to serve the needs of the wider community.

Activities we have done in order to achieve these objective are 30 sessions of French classes using Songs for teaching French with a group of 36 young people (5-16Years) from Diverse Francophone African Background (Congo, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Senegal and Guinea) Outcome our activities - Aspiration to develop and become volunteer assistant French Tutor within Ensemble's French Supplementary School - better family relations as children reported they have been able to engage more often with extended family back home - Feeling comfortable about going to France or French Speaking African country during holidays - Increased confidence during French lesson at school - Good grade at French GCSE

Ensemble Annual General meeting on the 23th December 2024

Planning Our Work

Report on Funding from MCC Youth and participation to develop the Governance and legal Structure of Ensemble Manchester

Governance

- Review of the constitution (Ensemble will become a Youth organisation catering for young people of Francophone African Background specifically but with an open door access
- Young people and adult work together as equal partners in decision making

Administration

- The membership of Ensemble Cycle speedway club will administer the charity

Finances

- Financial review and audit into the way GMCVO Loan to pay for the time of Project manager (Melanie Ngangen) to make Ensemble Sustainable and independent from Funding will be carried out with view to decide on way forward with payment
- Bring clarity into new relationships to reduce conflict of interest
- Allow Ensemble Youth to take ownership of their own finances

Managing our Projects

- Young people and adults will continue to work together in decision making process regarding projects they want to get involved in

Current and recent Projects

Holiday activities and Food program

Bike Kitchen project in partnership with Astley and Tinsley

Ring doorbell project with Sported

Ensemble Cycle Speedway project with Astley & Tinsley Cycle speedway Club

Manchester European Capital of cycling Grant (Manchester Active)

One To One Bike Maintenance & Up cycling (Mr Albert Mulando)

Making Local Material Work Project in Cameroon (Mia Feu Sooh , Buildwork Solutions, Mipromalo , BoueBi, Bi Construction)

Ensemble Youth Zone project in Cameroon with FAEClyCK

Future Projects & Applications for funding opened

Connecting with our Cameroonian Roots (National Lottery Heritage)

Ensemble Cycle Speedway club (Cash4clubs grant with sported)

Ensemble Cycle Speedway Club (The Geraint Thomas Cycling Club)

Prospective Funding Applications

Keeping Children Safe

Youth Play and Participation

Wraparound provision with Manchester Communication Academy

Building Stronger Communities with

Networking, collaboration and Partnership

Cameroonian lead Communities: VT Creation, United Community and Hope Church, Longstu sport Management , Cameroonian Doctors, Cameroon Forum, Tropical Mini Market , United Community and hope church, 2-Zero Manchester

Congolese Community: Union Bantu, NECOF TV, Mama Africa

Ivory Cost Community: Kalisha African Food store

Senegalese Community: Thiane Hair Dressing

Local Communities and Businesses

Miles Platting Community & Age Friendly, Nurturing Foundation, Manchester Settlement, Manchester Supplementary School Network,

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPOSIBILTIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2024

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES:

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(a) Prepare a receipts and payments account, and (b) prepare a statement of assets and liabilities, instead of a statement of accounts under section 132 (1) Charities Act 2011 if gross income in any financial year does not exceed £250,000. The Trustees have confirmed that an independent examination is required under section 145 Charities Act 2011.

(b) DECLARATION

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

Signed Mr Jacques Kamwa (Trustee)

Date 04th February 2024

Unrestricted Restricted Endowment

Total Funds 2024

Incoming Resources

Donation, Grants and Legacies – (Restricted Funds) £21,167

Charitable Expenditure (Restricted & Unrestricted) £24,944

Net of Receipts/(Payments) £ -3,777

Income resources from generated funds £11,359

Resources Expended £9,700

Net of receipts/Payments £1659

Balance Brought down, At 06 April 2023 £7,017

Balance Brought forward, At 05 April 2024 £ 1664.97

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
05TH APRIL 2024

Accounting Policies Basis of preparation

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Accounts have been prepared on receipt and payments basis in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance.

Analysis of resources expended:

Project MANAGEMENT FEES Including Professional advisers: £24944

Premises Cost £9700

Volunteer Expenses 1,336 –

Publicity Marketing 220

Interest on Loan 2,504 –

Holiday activity programme – £21,167

Bank Charges £216

Trustees Declare that Xpert accountant will be reviewing current account no later than the end of week beginning 03/02/2025

Accounts

**CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1165797
ENGLAND AND WALES**

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

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ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

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ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023



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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

Our Vision

Multilingual and United Franco-African Community that embraces the past and achieves their full potential.

Mission

To build bridges that help connect generations and communities through identity awareness and heritage maintenance.

Our core provision is the French Supplementary School; we are also involved in healthy eating and exercising, heritage preservation, training and advocacy support for children and young people struggling with identity conflicts.

Our Plan for the year ending 5th April 2023 was to pilot French Supplementary School and cookery classes at our own premises using seed loan from GMCVO (Greater Manchester Community and Voluntary Organisation).

We would like to thank our young people who have been showing genuine interest and making a positive contribution taking active role in the development of the community they are apart off.

This financial year marks our first step towards entering into a joint Venture with a commercial venture Kalisha African Food Store to secure a one-year lease on commercial premises at 123 Brisco lane where we worked closely with leaders of the Cameroonian, Ivory Coast, Senegalese and Congolese Communities to offer 320 Free Holiday places to children aged 5-16 during summer 2022 and 160 Free Holiday places during Winter Holidays of 2022.

This joint venture has allowed us to:

- Reduce isolation amongst children and young people
- Deliver a range of well planned and structured activities that help connect children with their heritage
- Increase Access to culturally appropriate Food in the local area
- Connect the community and social Business entrepreneurs within the Community
- Improve our understanding of what it takes to develop a structured and well managed partnership
- We have gained knowledge and experiences in how to demonstrate the impact we are making on children and young people within our community
- We have offered volunteers with training, with inbuilt placements to 14 young people and sessional work to 10 adults/parents.

Our “Friendly Meal” Scheme to those isolated, housebound or infirm within the community did not survive due to the cost of living crisis. The Cooking with Afroganic Meal kit provision was gradually introduced from August 2022 with new culturally adapted Food and drinks. We are delighted that our new service has been so well received by the community, and that we are seeing many more local people trying out the scheme.

In summer 2022 we began consulting with different stakeholder groups regarding a new long-term strategy for French Supplementary school building upon our recognition as educational institution by the University of Manchester. This emergent strategy is driving us to ensure that our services and outcomes are co-produced with the communities that we are here to support. This will be achieved through the design of a youth curriculum that will meet the needs of children and young people from 14 French Speaking African countries, particularly Cameroon. In doing so, we are developing a sustainable workforce able to serve the needs of the wider community.

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

Activities we have done to achieve these objectives are:

30 sessions of French classes using Songs for teaching French with a group of 36 young people (aged 5-16) from Diverse Francophone African Background (Congo, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Senegal and Guinea)

Outcome of our activities:

- Aspiration to develop and become volunteer assistant French Tutor within Ensemble's French Supplementary School
- better family relations as children reported they have been able to engage more often with extended family back home
- Feeling comfortable about going to France or French Speaking African countries during holidays
- Increased confidence during French lesson at school
- Good grade at French GCSE
- Better understanding of the benefits of preserving bilingual heritage

30 sessions of Cooking with Afroganic Meal Kit with a group of 30 Young people (aged 5-16) from diverse African and British community. We delivered 3 additional sessions in Canoeing and Nature walking for parents and children.

Outcome of our activities

- improved health and wellbeing, because young people where able get access to healthier food choices, (gain cooking skills) skills to cook food,
- a clear understanding of their own individual culinary heritage,
- learning/sharing knowledge of each other's heritage
- better family relations as children took the rest of ingredients from Meal Kit Box and continued to make food at home for their family
- increased confidence
- Increase interest of children in Food Tech at school
- Aspiration to develop and become volunteer or activity leaders within Ensemble's Holidays activities and other holiday schemes within the area

Children are starting to embrace their differences, through the love of food at community events and appreciate unique cultural differences.

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

We received additional £7,904 Capacity building support from the Together Fund lead by Canal River Trust and Sport England to develop the Healthy Eating and Active Family program.

The fund has allowed us to engage in conversations with 122 parents, leaders and influential members of the Cameroonian, Ivory Coast and Senegalese communities of Greater Manchester and encourage them to take part in wellbeing activities we offer.

The cookery Services for families have continued to be an effective vehicle for connecting children to their heritage, particularly families on low income with limited or no budgeting skills.

Our services have developed a reputation of value and impact that is a direct result of our strength-based approach.

Partnership and collaboration

Ensemble collaborated with Cameroonian led charity The United Community and Hope Church by

- Taking the lead on running Children's Sunday School
- offering consultancy support on how to develop infrastructure needed to run Holiday activities and food program
- Writing funding application and raised Funds for the delivery of Holidays activities and food program within the church's premises at Cheetham Hill
- The church was able to offer 320 Free Holiday places to children of various Francophone African Communities
- Delivered an awareness raising session on Mental Health and disabilities. Supported the cost of a trained and vetted deaf tutor to deliver a workshop to 35 children and young people during the Church's 10th Anniversary

Ensemble also worked with Amateur Cameroonian Football 2 Zero Manchester to Plan and deliver The Annual Cameroonian Family Fun Day. Offering the leader of the group opportunity to attend training and work within our Holidays activities and Food Program.

We look forward to launching the new strategy and associated plans in 2024.

Our main planned developments over the next year are:

- To start piloting the use of our multilingual resource packs in French and English
- The establishment of a Community Kitchen social enterprise at 342 Oldham
- The development of trade exchange between Cameroon and the UK

We plan to further support our organisational development by staff and trustee's professional training.

This Grant combined with Investment Loan from GMCVO has supported our work with volunteers and allows us to restructure our team as intergenerational Community Organisation, led by experienced project manager and Youth worker. This approach will see our centre host a much wider range of youth work. Our Volunteer and Placements Service will continue to provide excellent outcomes for both those on placement with us, and our beneficiaries, an average of 120 hours per month of volunteering hours were provided during the year.

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

The major challenge that confronts our charity is the pathway to financial sustainability of the French Supplementary School and Meal Kit services. The investment into these services and the time it takes to reach full capacity means that as forecast the service did not break even in its first year of operation. The budget forecast for this service area continues to predict a deficit into 2023/ 2024, with the service only reaching its monthly income targets in the third year. As in previous years our historic investment in sale of spices to Butchers generates an income which allows us to afford 80% running cost of our services which may take time to be sustainable. The trustees would like to thank all of the funders that have made our significant achievements possible.

Our work would not be possible without the commitment of our passionate volunteers and trustees who are driven to improve the lives of young people. The board would additionally wish to pass on their thanks to them all.

Review of Charity's Position Our financial position at the end of the reporting period is in deficit.

We are planning to do the following in the next 12 months:

The development of plans that are driven by a rolling three-year strategic plan which is subject to a full rewrite in the first six months of 2024/2025 as we will be working alongside Heritage advisers and youth workers whilst encouraging the board to undertake training courses as agreed following £7,500 acceptance from Manchester City Council to spend on Capacity building with following outcome:

- Writing Winning Bids
- Introduction to Data driven project delivery
- Fundamentals of project and data analytics with the use of case studies.
- Practical bespoke Bid Writing session
- Safeguarding training
- 10x Paediatric First Aid training
- Procurement Readiness
- DBS x12
- Effective Human Resource Management
- Tailored train the trainer courses in Healthy Eating, Physical activities Creative Art
- Safeguarding lead
- SEN course

Charity Leadership and Management to deliver all of our ambitions and have elected 3 new board members who will bring new skills in the Human resource and Business management as we are looking more at improving our trading arm "Afrognic".

Our risk register is reviewed at each full trustee board meeting. Targeted Support for Young people with Mental Health Needs.

We wish to broaden the span of our work, to deliver a wider range of support interventions based upon our core methods. We wish to increase the number of places that we support from 30 to 40 within three years.

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We wish to be supporting vulnerable young people in properties owned by Cameroon Forum as well as other landlords (social or private sector). We wish to develop our expertise and our interventions to focus more upon improving the health and wellbeing of young people struggling with identity crisis, addictions and alcohol and drugs dependency.

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DECLARATION

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



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 Signed Mr Dany Pharel Njiadeu (Trustee)

Date 14th February 2024

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 05 April 2023 which are set out on pages 11 to 14.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's Trustees consider that audit is not required for the period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction 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.
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 explanation from the 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

Have not been met; or

- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources	2				
Donation, Grants and Legacies		-	34,284	-	34,284
Income resources from generated funds		14,642	-	-	14,642
		-----	-----	-----	-----
		14,642	34,284	-	48,926
		=====	=====	=====	=====
Resources Expended					
Charitable Expenditure	3	17,023	30,409	-	47,432
		=====	=====	=====	=====
Net of Receipts/(Payments)		(2,381)	3,875	-	1,494
Balance Brought down, At 06 April 2022		(7,708)	-	-	(7,708)
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Balance Brought forward, At 05 April 2023		(10,089)	3,875	-	(6,214)
		=====	=====	=====	=====

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 05TH APRIL 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets	9,137	-	-	9,137
Current Assets				
Stock	2,000	-	-	2,000
Cash at Bank/ in Hand	4,143	3,875	-	8,018
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	6,143	3,875	-	10,018
Creditors				
Amount falling within one year	(8,429)	-	-	(8,429)
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Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	(2,286)	3,875	-	1,589
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Total Assets less current liabilities	6,851	3,875	-	10,726
Creditors				
Amount falling due after one year	(16,940)	-	-	(16,940)
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Net Assets	(10,089)	3,875	-	(6,214)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Reserves				
General Reserve Fund	(10,089)	3,875	-	(6,214)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Funds	(10,089)	3,875	-	(6,214)
	=====	=====	=====	=====

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14th February 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr Dany Pharel Njiadeu (Trustee)

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Accounts have been prepared on receipt and payments basis in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance.

2 Analysis of incoming resources:

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Donation, Grants and Legacies	-	34,284	34,284
Income resources from generated funds	14,642	-	14,642
	-----	-----	-----
Total	14,642	-	48,926

3 Analysis of resources expanded:

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Food Purchase	3,000	-	3,000
Professional Cost	500	-	500
Packaging	700	-	700
Project Coordination Fee	-	13,112	13,112
Deprecation	2,005	-	2,005
Premises Cost	5,880	-	5,880
Volunteer Expenses	1,336	-	1,336
Publicity Marketing	220	500	720
Interest on Loan	2,596	-	2,596
Holiday activity programme	-	16,788	16,788
FSS Printing/PSA	12	9	21
Bank Charges	172	-	172
General Administration Expenses	602	-	602
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Total	17,023	30,409	47,432

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

4 Income:

Income from Grants, fundraising events, goods sale and membership fee is only accounted for only when it is actually received.

Restricted Funds:

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets the criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

Unrestricted Funds:

Unrestricted funds are fundraising events and other income received or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available for general funds.

5 Expenditure:

Expenses of the Charity are accounted for only when the actual payment is actually made

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 06 April 2022	At cost 13,949
Addition during the year	1,468

At 05 April 2023	15,417

Depreciation	
At 06 April 2022	4,275
Charge for the year	2,005

At 05 April 2023	6,280
	=====
Net book value	
At 05 April 2023	9,137
	=====
At 05 April 2022	9,798
	=====

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2023

7 Stock	2023
	£
Finished goods	2,000

	2,000
	=====

8 Debtors:

No Debtors during the year

9 Creditors: amount falling due within one year:

	2023
	£
Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO)	8,428

	8,428
	=====

10 Creditors: amount falling due after one year:

	2023
	£
Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO)	16,940

	16,940
	=====

11 Trustees:

None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the year except for a payment to Mrs Melanie Ngangen for Project coordination.

12 Employees:

There were no employees during the year. The Charity's work is undertaken by Volunteers.

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1165797
ENGLAND AND WALES

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2022

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ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2022

TRUSTEES :	Melanie Ngangen Valerie Ngos Vartan Lloyd Morris Blaise Nsangou Dany Njiadeu
REGISTERED OFFICE:	37 Weybridge Road Manchester M4 6FD
CHARITY NUMBER:	1165797
ACCOUNTANTS:	Xpert Accountants Chartered Certified Accountants 671 Manchester Road Manchester M34 2NA
BANK:	Unity Trust Bank Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2022



The trustees present their report for the year ended 05th April 2022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered with the charity Commission on 29th February 2016.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the charity, and believe effective Governance, insurance, checks, controls and procedures are in place to mitigate those risks.

The Trustees meet regularly to attend legal and administrative affairs of the Charity, to review and set policy and to establish long-term strategies for the charity.

Introduction

Ensemble exists to serve the needs of Manchester residents with a central African background or heritage particularly those who speak French as their native language or those whose parents/heritage is French-speaking African.

We are concerned to support children, young people, and their families in Manchester, preserving a rich and proud cultural heritage. We work with parents to help retain cultural identity and support children and young people to connect with their heritage, maintain the multilingual and multicultural heritage and through this to understand, acknowledge and share their background positively.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity's objects are:

- 1) The advancement of education in all aspects of French African culture and heritage, in particular by the provision of educational activities and cultural events.
- 2) To advance in life and help young people of the French African community in Manchester by providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
- 3) To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the French African community of Manchester in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society in particular by the provision of training opportunities, advocacy and support.

Our aims also include:

To build bridges that help connect different generations and cultures within and between French speaking Africans; to raise achievement and attainment of children and young people in mainstream schools and society.

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2022

Our Vision

Multilingual and united Franco-African Community that embraces the past and achieves their full potential.

Mission

To build bridges that help connect generations and communities through identity awareness and heritage maintenance. Values, Forgiveness, Unity, Family, Identity and origin.

Our core provision is the French Supplementary School; we are also involved in healthy eating and exercising, heritage preservation, training and advocacy support for children and young people struggling with identity conflicts.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

Main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives.

Ensemble Manchester has been working with the Openshaw Community to refine and develop ideas for community activities for their target French African beneficiaries, they now deliver a weekly food and cultural activities for local people. During the past year, more focused work has been undertaken to support individual members of the board of Ensemble to become powerful agents of community change.

The Cooking project has been taking the shape of a 'Meal prep style' service for Children, young people and families in receipt of free school meals as well as Lone parents and young mums. This funding also allowed us to train 15 volunteers.

Our "Friendly Meals" Scheme is continuing to ensure those isolated, housebound or infirm within the community benefited through provision of healthy and satisfying meals and associated befriending. Vulnerable people received visits from volunteers bringing meals, newspapers, conversation or support.

Our volunteers are also able to offer support on well-being issues to isolated, older people during difficult times, such as illness or bereavement.

We have successfully delivered 2 Holidays Activities and Food programs during this financial year utilising monitoring and evaluation systems set up using a defined outcome framework and activities milestones to track the impact of the project on children, young people and their families and communities.

We have shared our experiences of delivering these projects with other leaders of the Congolese, Cameroonian, Ivory Coast and Senegalese Francophone African Communities and share recommendations on ways we can reduce operational overheads and reach out to more disadvantaged children with less money.

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2022

We have continued to encourage young and old people to work together, and we believe that the skills of each generation can add to our strength and enable the development of a long-term self-run community cooking service, contributing to the welfare of the wider African community.

We are planning to do the following:

We are now piloting French Supplementary school and cookery classes at our own premises on 123B Briscoe Lane.

Developing a collaborative Action Plan for Holidays Activities and Food Program to be delivered with other Francophone African Community Leaders, Look at how to run culturally orientated out of school services as a social enterprise offering a safe space for young people, promoting employability and generating and income to sustain our charitable goals.

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2022

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its surplus and deficit for that period, In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
 - Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
 - State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that this basis applies.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are maintained which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees may, in respect of any accounting year, elect under s133 charities Act 2011 to prepare – (a) a receipts and payments account, and (b) a statement of assets and liabilities, instead of a statement of accounts under section 132 (1) Charities Act 2011 if gross income in any financial year does not exceed £250,000.

The Trustees have confirmed that an independent examination is required under section 145 Charities Act 2011

DECLARATION

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

.....
 Signed Mrs Melanie Ngangen (Trustee)

Date 30th January 2023

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 05 April 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's Trustees consider that audit is not required for the period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction 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.
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 explanation from the 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

Have not been met; or

- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources	2				
Donation, Grants and Legacies		8,400	-	-	8,400
Income resources from generated funds		24,705	-	-	24,705
		-----	-----	-----	-----
		33,105	-	-	33,105
		=====	=====	=====	=====
Resources Expended					
Charitable Expenditure	3	32,088	-	-	32,088
		=====	=====	=====	=====
Net of Receipts/(Payments)		1,017	-	-	1,017
Balance Brought down, At 06 April 2021		(8,725)	-	-	(8,725)
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Balance Brought forward, At 05 April 2022		(7,708)	-	-	(7,708)
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ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 05TH APRIL 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets	9,674	-	-	9,674
Current Assets				
Stock	5,000	-	-	5,000
Cash at Bank/ in Hand	626	-	-	626
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	15,300	-	-	15,300
Creditors				
Amount falling within one year	(6,744)	-	-	(6,744)
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Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	8,556	-	-	8,556
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Total Assets less current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Creditors				
Amount falling due after one year	(16,264)	-	-	(16,264)
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-				
Net Assets	(7,708)	-	-	(7,708)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Reserves				
General Reserve Fund	(7,708)	-	-	(7,708)
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Total Funds	(7,708)	-	-	(7,708)
	=====	=====	=====	=====

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th January 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Melanie Ngangen (Trustee)

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2022

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Accounts have been prepared on receipt and payments basis in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance.

2 Analysis of incoming resources:

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Donation, Grants and Legacies	8,400	-	8,400
Income resources from generated funds	24,705	-	24,705
	-----	-----	-----
Total	33,105	-	33,105

3 Analysis of resources expanded:

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Food Purchase	5,338	-	5,338
Professional Cost	500	-	500
Packaging	680	-	680
Volunteer Expenses	4,894	-	4,894
Deprecation	2,124	-	2,124
Premises Cost	5,817	-	5,817
Repairs and Maintenance	300	-	300
Courier/Delivery charges	842	-	842
Publicity Marketing	675	-	675
Interest on Loan	2,112	-	2,112
Holiday activity programme	7,260	-	7,260
FSS Printing/PSA	739	-	739
Bank Charges	197	-	197
General Administration Expenses	610	-	610
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Total	32,088	-	32,088

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2022

4 Income

Income from Grants, fundraising events, goods sale and membership fee is only accounted for only when it is actually received.

Restricted Funds:

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets the criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

Unrestricted Funds:

Unrestricted funds are fundraising events and other income received or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available for general funds.

5 Expenditure

Expenses of the Charity are accounted for only when the actual payment is actually made

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 06 April 2021	At cost 11,949
Addition during the year	2,000

At 05 April 2022	13,949

Depreciation	
At 06 April 2021	2,151
Charge for the year	2,124

At 05 April 2022	4,275
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Net book value	
At 05 April 2022	9,674
	=====
At 05 April 2021	9,798
	=====

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2022

7 Stock	2022
	£
Finished goods	5,000

	5,000
	=====

8 Debtors:

No Debtors during the year

9 Creditors: amount falling due within one year:

	2022
	£
Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO)	6,744

	6,744
	=====

10 Creditors: amount falling due after one year:

	2022
	£
Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO)	16,264

	16,264
	=====

11 Trustees:

None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the year.

12 Employees:

There were no employees during the year. The Charity's work is undertaken by Volunteers.

Accounts

**CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER: 1165797
ENGLAND AND WALES**

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

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ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

TRUSTEES:	Melanie Ngangen Valerie Ngos Vartan Lloyd Morris Blaise Nsangou Dany Njiadeu
REGISTERED OFFICE	37 Weybridge Road Manchester M4 6FD
CHARITY NUMBER	1165797
ACCOUNTANTS	Xpert Accountants Chartered Certified Accountants 317 Dickenson Road Manchester M13 0NR
BANKERS	Unity Trust Bank Nine Brindleyplace Birmingham B1 2HB

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

The trustees present their report for the year ended 05th April 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity's objects are:

- 1) The advancement of education in all aspects of French African culture and heritage, in particular by the provision of educational activities and cultural events.
- 2) To advance in life and help young people of the French African community in Manchester by providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.
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To build bridges that help connect different generations and cultures within and between French speaking Africans; to raise achievement and attainment of children and young people in mainstream schools and society.

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

Our Vision

Multilingual and united Franco-African Community that embraces the past and achieves their full potential.

Mission

To build bridges that help connect generations and communities through identity awareness and heritage maintenance. Values, Identity and origin, Family, Unity, Innovation and creativity, and Enterprising.

Our core provision is the French Supplementary School; we are also involved in healthy eating and exercising, heritage preservation, training and advocacy support for children and young people struggling with identity conflicts.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

Main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives

**Ensemble Healthy Eating and Active Families
Volunteering Training.**

Funding from Forever Manchester has allowed us to become more resilient by training our volunteers we were able to establish clear boundaries, allocate task descriptions and ensure volunteers' expenses are paid. This is so that no one feels out of pocket after helping and have given their time to support others in need and help to reach out to the most vulnerable people within the community.

It has allowed us to work collaboratively with other community leaders and develop a collaborative action plan for cooking, which has received additional funding to carry out the project until March 2021.

This funding also allowed us to train 15 volunteers.

Main Community Served: -

Mainly French speaking community but we also worked with families from all over Africa and the local community.

Volunteer roles included:

- Volunteer Bilingual Tutors
- Volunteer African Drumming and Dance Tutors
- Volunteer Cook
- Volunteer Active Family coach
- Volunteer Heritage Football Coach
- Volunteer Outreach worker

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

The Franco African Collaborative Action Plan for cooking

We have successfully delivered the Franco African Collaborative Action Plan for cooking project-involving Camdoc UK, the Church of Apostles and Ensemble Manchester in Bringing older and younger people from different ethnic groups together during a 6-month period.

The Collaborative Action Plan provided an opportunity for older people (50+) and Younger people (16-30) to contribute to their community, through culturally appropriate healthy cooking programmes.

We have recruited older people as volunteers to cook, and assist families to remain connected. Volunteers had received training, in delivering healthy eating sessions from Ensemble Manchester, project staff and younger volunteers, whilst essentially running the project themselves, supported them.

We have encouraged young and older people to work together and we believe that the skills of each generation can add to our strength and enable the development of a long-term self-run community cooking service, contributing to the welfare of the wider African community.

Our second collaborative Action plan for cooking project has been a 'meals on wheels' style service for vulnerable elderly people, People recovering from Covid-19, Lone parents and young mums. Friendly Meals ensured those isolated, housebound or infirm benefited through provision of healthy and satisfying meals and associated befriending. Vulnerable people received visits from volunteers bringing meals, newspapers, conversation or support. The volunteers were also able to offer support on well-being issues to isolated, older people during difficult times, such as illness or bereavement.

We offered people the chance to take more control of their life and wellbeing during the pandemic. This includes cooking healthy meals, being active and connecting with others, taking on training and work opportunities.

The Collaborative Action Plan for cooking project made the following impact:

- Improved health and wellbeing
- Strengthened community networks, and increased collaboration
- Reduction of fear, risk of burn out and second spike because people will receive regular up to date information about government guidelines on Covid-19 in French or suitable heritage languages
- A more resilient community in which people will want to volunteer because they have been spoken to, feel valued and are prepared to put more effort to sustain the project.

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

The Grand Kitchen Afroganic

During Covid-19, Ensemble delivered their Afroganic Meal Kit online using a cooking coach and sending ingredients and recipes in advance.

Afroganic Meal Kit

This is a meal prep scheme we have designed to teach healthy cooking on a tight budget, to children, young people and families. It also allowed us to make African cuisine simple and fun. The project has allowed people within the Francophone African Community to make a positive contribution volunteering, training or taking up employment within various community projects such as our own. Healthy Eating and Active Family project and the Church of apostles Food parcel scheme.

We now had a lot of feedback from parents and the young people, telling us that the Afroganic Meal Kit offers a lot of value, including supporting young people to gain new skills and improve their knowledge of African cuisine.

We also learnt from participants at the church of Apostles, that trying new foods unfamiliar to them boosted their appetite and supported them during their recovery from Covid-19.

Contribution made by volunteers

280 hours volunteering time offered by 15 volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

Ensemble received a loan and grant package of £40,000 from GM Social Investment in January 2020 to develop and trade their French Supplementary School training package and to explore their proposals to create a training/bulk cooking kitchen.

Selling the French Supplementary School training package was put on hold during the pandemic of covid-19, with the aim of restarting it in the new financial year. Instead, food and cooking, particularly for young people and families on limited budgets, become a greater priority. Ensemble looked at ways to do their bulk cooking sessions online using a cooking coach and sending ingredients and recipes in advance.

A total of 278 people benefited directly from our cooking project during covid-19. These include 51 People from White, Irish and Caribbean background, who received friendly hot meals, 35 of them from the church of apostles (20 females and 15 males over 50) 3 Disable.

Our Beneficiaries

Franco African Families in greater Manchester, Young people under 25yrs and older people over 50s

Young people less than 25yrs

Asylum seekers and/or refugees 65

Young people not in education employment or training 12

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

Within social services 0

Disable: 2

Parents in work poverty, older parents, Grandparents or guardian over 50s

Asylum seekers and/or refugees 126

People leaving with long term chronic conditions 6

Lone Parents 60

Young Mums 36

PARTICIPANTS BREAKDOWN

40 English, Scottish, Northern Irish UK residents received regular hot meal, 158 African, Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups received Meal Kit/Food parcels and attended online webinars delivered by Cameroonian Doctors.

The impact the funding had on beneficiaries

3/7 of our leadership are women from Black and ethnic minority Ethnic group

OUTPUTS

Partnership

The number of community organization joining forces to work together to support volunteers, recruiting volunteers, 280 hours volunteering time.

A stronger community that work well together and share resources to support individuals affected by covid-19

Increased chances of employment in the community as a result of volunteering in a structured program

Number of organisations we have collaborated with Cameroon Forum UK, Cameroon Doctors UK, Manchester Settlement and Parental Engagement Network, Church of Apostles, Congo 10, Master Moves.

FUTURE PLANNING AND PROPOSALS:

Our future plans and activities are adversely affected by COVID 19 and we are hopeful that we get through this difficult period and hopefully things will get better soon. We are planning to do the following:

- We are now piloting French Supplementary school and cookery classes online
- Developing a collaborative Action Plan for cooking
- Looking at how digital technology can extend our reach and facilitate cultural exchange

The projects are also allowing people to make a positive contribution volunteering, training or taking up employment within our community projects and social enterprise (Sessions are Free for young people).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its surplus and deficit for that period, In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
 - Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
 - State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that this basis applies.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are maintained which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees may, in respect of any accounting year, elect under s133 charities Act 2011 to prepare – (a) a receipts and payments account, and (b) a statement of assets and liabilities, instead of a statement of accounts under section 132 (1) Charities Act 2011 if gross income in any financial year does not exceed £250,000.

The Trustees have confirmed that an independent examination is required under section 145 Charities Act 2011

DECLARATION

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

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 Signed Mrs Melanie Ngangen (Trustee)

Date 26th April 2022

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 05 April 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's Trustees consider that audit is not required for the period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction 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.
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 explanation from the 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

Have not been met; or

- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources	2				
Donation, Grants and Legacies		-	31,677	-	31,677
Income resources from generated funds		15,504	-	-	15,504
		-----	-----	-----	-----
		15,504	31,677	-	47,181
		=====	=====	=====	=====
Resources Expended					
Charitable Expenditure	3	24,950	49,096	-	74,046
		=====	=====	=====	=====
Net of Receipts/ (Payments)		(9,446)	(17,419)	-	(26,865)
Balance Brought down At 06 April 2020		721	17,419	-	18,140
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Balance Brought forward At 05 April 2021		(8,725)	-	-	(8,725)
		=====	=====	=====	=====

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 05TH APRIL 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £
Fixed Assets	9,798	-	-	9,798
Current Assets				
Stock	7,000	-	-	7,000
Cash at Bank/ in Hand	4,229	-	-	4,229
	-----	-----	-----	-----
	21,027	-	-	21,027
Creditors				
Amount falling within one year	(6,744)	-	-	(6,744)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	14,283	-	-	14,283
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Total Assets less current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Creditors				
Amount falling due after one year	(23,008)	-	-	(23,008)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
-				
Net Assets	(8,725)	-	-	(8,725)
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Reserves				
General Reserve Fund	(8,725)	-	-	(8,725)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total Funds	(8,725)	-	-	(8,725)
	=====	=====	=====	=====

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 26th April 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Melanie Ngangen (Trustee)

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Accounts have been prepared on receipt and payments basis in accordance with the Charity Commission guidance.

2 Analysis of incoming resources:

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Restricted Funds	-	31,677	31,677
Unrestricted Funds	15,504	-	15,504
	-----	-----	-----
Total	15,504	31,677	47,181

3 Analysis of resources expended:

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Food Purchase	618	5,254	5,872
Professional Cost	500	-	500
Project Coordination Fee	8,012	8,548	16,560
Packaging	226	811	1,037
Volunteer Expenses	-	1,668	1,668
Deprecation Equipment	2,151	-	2,151
Premises Cost	5,993	5,460	11,453
Repairs and Maintenance	1,526	-	1,526
Subcontractor	2,592	21,250	23,842
Publicity Marketing	617	2,125	2,742
Interest on Loan	1,632	-	1,632
Miscellaneous	150	300	450
Training	708	3,000	3,708
Bank Charges	34	80	114
General Administration Expenses	191	600	791
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Total	24,950	49,096	74,046

ENSEMBLE MANCHESTER
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

4 Income

Income from Grants, fundraising events, goods sale and membership fee is only accounted for only when it is actually received.

Restricted Funds:

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets the criteria is identified to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

Unrestricted Funds:

Unrestricted funds are fundraising events and other income received or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available for general funds.

5 Expenditure

Expenses of the Charity are accounted for only when the actual payment is actually made

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £
Cost or valuation	
At 06 April 2020	At cost -
Addition during the year	11,949
At 05 April 2021	----- 11,949 -----
Depreciation	
At 06 April 2020	-
Charge for the year	2,151
At 05 April 2021	----- 9,798 =====
Net book value	
At 05 April 2021	9,798 =====
At 05 April 2020	- =====

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 05TH APRIL 2021

7 Stock	2021
	£
Finished goods	7,000

	7,000
	=====

8 Debtors:

No Debtors during the year

9 Creditors: amount falling due within one year:

	2021
	£
Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO)	6,744

	6,744
	=====

10 Creditors: amount falling due after one year:

	2021
	£
Greater Manchester Centre for Voluntary Organisation (GMCVO)	23,008

	23,008
	=====

11 Trustees:

None of the Trustees received any remuneration during the year except for a payment to Mrs Melanie Ngangen for Project coordination.

12 Employees:

There were no employees during the year. The Charity's work is undertaken by Volunteers.