

LONDON SPARK

England & Wales · Charity number 1165809

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-03-01

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

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AMONG MEMBERS OF THE POLISH IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY BY PREVENTING MEMBERS OF THAT COMMUNITY FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THEIR NEEDS AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PART OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF BEING A MEMBER OF A SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED COMMUNITY. 2) THE PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY:(A) THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF RACE, GENDER, DISABILITY , SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR RELIGION;(B) ADVANCING EDUCATION AND RAISING AWARENESS IN EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY;(C) PROMOTING ACTIVITIES TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS;(D) CULTIVATING A SENTIMENT IN FAVOUR OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY.3) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN POLISH CULTURE, TRADITION AND HERITAGE.

Activities: We organise events to bring people together and let different communities meet their Polish neighbours. London Spark supports a Polish community through running Polish Citizens Advice Centre or cooperating with Polish Saturday Schools. It also promotes Polish culture by organising workshops or outdoor events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£27,166	£27,212	-	-
2024-03-31	£22,907	£23,307	-	-
2023-03-31	£36,099	£40,781	-	-
2022-03-31	£41,941	£46,548	-	-
2021-03-31	£40,802	£36,769	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
WLODZIMIERZ WOJCIECH WITKOWSKI	Chair	2016-03-03
MAREK WALCZAK		2016-03-03
RADOSLAW STASZEWSKI		2016-03-03

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London Spark Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Trustees' Annual Report

Overview and Mission

London Spark is a community organisation established to support members of the Polish community living in the United Kingdom. Its mission is to improve social inclusion, wellbeing and access to advice by providing culturally appropriate services, information and education. During the year ended 31 March 2025, London Spark continued to deliver advice, health promotion and parental support activities, primarily through online and telephone-based services.

Principal Activities

During the reporting period, London Spark delivered its charitable objectives through the following key activities:

Citizens Advice Centre

London Spark operated a Citizens Advice Centre providing free, confidential advice to members of the Polish community. Advice was delivered online and over the telephone, ensuring accessibility for individuals who may face language or mobility barriers. The service focused on welfare benefits, housing, employment, immigration-related signposting, and general social welfare issues.

Summer Health Academy

The Summer Health Academy was organised to promote health and wellbeing within the community. The programme focused on preventative health, mental wellbeing, healthy lifestyles and access to health services. Activities were designed to increase awareness and empower participants to make informed decisions about their health.

Parental Academy Webinars

London Spark delivered a programme of webinars under the Parental Academy. These sessions supported parents with topics such as child development, education, emotional wellbeing, and navigating public services in the UK. Webinars were delivered online, enabling wide participation.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. London Spark's activities are directed at providing clear public benefit by supporting a defined community group that may experience barriers to accessing mainstream services. The services are provided free at the point of use and are open to all members of the Polish community who require support.

Achievements and Performance

Despite a challenging funding environment, London Spark successfully delivered its core services throughout the year. Demand for advice services remained strong, particularly for online and telephone-based support. The Summer Health Academy and Parental Academy webinars were well received and contributed positively to community wellbeing and engagement.

Financial Review

Income

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £27,166, compared with £22,907 in the previous year. Income comprised:

- Donations and legacies of £600
- Income from charitable activities of £26,400
- Other income of £166

The majority of income (£26,400) was restricted funding received to deliver specific charitable activities. [filecite\turn0file0](#)

Expenditure

Total resources expended during the year were £27,212 (2024: £23,307). Expenditure included:

- Costs of generating voluntary income of £4,340
- Expenditure on charitable activities of £22,872

Charitable activity expenditure primarily related to the delivery of advice services, health promotion activities and parental support programmes. [filecite\turn0file0](#)

Funds and Reserves

The net movement in funds for the year was a deficit of £46 (2024: deficit of £400). At 31 March 2025, total funds amounted to £4,932 (2024: £4,886), comprising:

- Unrestricted funds of £(24,867)
- Restricted funds of £19,935

The trustees monitor reserves regularly and consider current levels to be sufficient to meet short-term obligations while continuing core activities. [filecite\turn0file0](#)

Reserves Policy

London Spark aims to maintain a modest level of unrestricted reserves to ensure financial stability and continuity of services. Due to the project-based nature of funding, unrestricted

reserves remain limited. The trustees continue to seek diversified funding to strengthen the charity's financial position.

Risk Management

The trustees have identified the main risks facing the organisation as funding uncertainty, increased demand for services, and reliance on restricted project funding. These risks are mitigated through careful budgeting, regular financial monitoring, and ongoing fundraising and partnership development.

Plans for Future Periods

In the coming year, London Spark plans to:

- Maintain and develop its online and telephone advice services
- Expand health and wellbeing education activities
- Continue delivering parental support webinars
- Seek additional funding to improve long-term sustainability

2. Financial Statements Summary

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA)

For the year ended 31 March 2025, London Spark reported total income of £27,166 and total expenditure of £27,212, resulting in a net deficit of £46 for the year. filecite turn0file0

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2025, the charity had net assets of £4,932 (2024: £4,886). Current assets consisted primarily of cash at bank and in hand of £55. Creditors falling due within one year amounted to £4,986. filecite turn0file1

3. Trustees' Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (FRS 102) and the Charities SORP.

4. Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf.

Signed: *Radoslaw Staszecki*

Name: Trustee

Date: 30/06/2025

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**LONDON SPARK Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating Income & Expenditure Account)
for the Year ended 31 March 2024**

	<i>Notes</i>		2024	2023	
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Donations and Legacies		523	-	523	545
Incoming resources from charitable activities		-	22,000	22,000	35,176
Other income		384	-	384	378
Total incoming resources		907	22,000	22,907	36,099
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Cost of generating funds:</i>					
Costs of generating voluntary income		4,088	-	4,088	2,350
		4,088	-	4,088	2,350
<i>Charitable Activities:</i>		2,486	16,733	19,219	38,431
Total resources expended		6,574	16,733	23,307	40,781
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		6,574	16,733	23,307	40,781
Net (outgoing)/Incoming resources before transfers		(5,667)	5,267	(400)	(4,682)
Funds Transfer across funds		-	-	-	-
Net (outgoing)/Incoming resources		(5,667)	5,267	(400)	(4,682)
Other recognised gains and losses					
Gains/(loses) on investment assets		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(5,667)	5,267	(400)	(4,682)
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		-	13,854	9,368	-
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		-	19,521	14,635	-
			4,886	4,886	4,486

LONDON SPARK Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets					
Investments			-		-
			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		-		-	
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		0.49		401	
		0.49		401	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		(4,886)		(4,887)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			- 4,886		- 4,486
NET ASSETS			- 4,886		- 4,486
FUNDS					
Unrestricted			- 19,521		- 13,854
Restricted			14,635		9,368
			- 4,886		- 4,486

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	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023 Total Funds	2022 Total Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Donations and Legacies		545	-	545	1,161
Incoming resources from charitable activities		-	35,176	35,176	39,680
Other income		378		378	1,100
Total incoming resources		923	35,176	36,099	41,941
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Cost of generating funds:</i>					
Costs of generating voluntary income		2,350	-	2,350	14,475
		2,350	-	2,350	14,475
<i>Charitable Activities:</i>		2,266	36,164	38,431	32,072
Total resources expended		4,616	36,164	40,781	46,548
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		4,616	36,164	40,781	46,548
Net (outgoing)/Incoming resources before transfers		(3,694)	(988)	(4,682)	(4,606)
Funds Transfer across funds		-	-	-	-
Net (outgoing)/Incoming resources		(3,694)	(988)	(4,682)	(4,606)
Other recognised gains and loses					
Gains/(loses) on investment assets		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(3,694)	(988)	(4,682)	(4,606)
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		- 10,160	10,356	196	4,802
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		- 13,854	9,368	- 4,486	196

LONDON SPARK Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets					
Investments			-		-
			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		-		-	
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		401		5,140	
		<u>401</u>		<u>5,140</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		(4,887)		(4,944)	
		<u>(4,887)</u>		<u>(4,944)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		-	4,486		196
NET ASSETS		-	<u>4,486</u>		<u>196</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted		-	13,854	-	10,160
Restricted			9,368		10,355
		-	<u>4,486</u>		<u>196</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name London Spark

On accounts for the year ended

31/3/2023 Charity no (if any) 1165809

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income ^{* did not (but couldn't upload on system without input)} exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable. ACCA.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 26/3/2024

Name: Boston C. Mwense

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

N/A

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	<i>Notes</i>	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds	2021 Total Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES					
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>					
Donations and Legacies		1,161	-	1,161	1,116
Incoming resources from charitable activities		-	39,680	39,680	29,736
Other income		1,100		1,100	-
Grant (Covid-19)		-		-	9,950
Total incoming resources		2,261	39,680	41,941	40,802
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>					
Costs of generating voluntary income		14,475	-	14,475	4,228
		14,475	-	14,475	4,228
<i>Charitable Activities:</i>		2,928	29,145	32,072	32,542
Total resources expended		17,403	29,145	46,548	36,769
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		17,403	29,145	46,548	36,769
Net (outgoing)/Incoming resources before transfers		(15,142)	10,535	(4,606)	4,032
Funds Transfer across funds		-	-	-	-
Net (outgoing)/Incoming resources		(15,142)	10,535	(4,606)	4,032
Other recognised gains and loses					
Gains/(loses) on investment assets		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(15,142)	10,535	(4,606)	4,032
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		4,982	- 180	4,802	769
Fund balances at 31 March 2022		- 10,160	10,355	196	4,802

LONDON SPARK Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	<i>Notes</i>	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets					
Investments		-		-	
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		-		-	
Debtors		-		565	
Cash at bank and in hand		5,140		4,237	
		<u>5,140</u>		<u>4,802</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(4,944)</u>		<u>-</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>196</u>		<u>4,802</u>	
NET ASSETS		<u><u>196</u></u>		<u><u>4,802</u></u>	
FUNDS					
Unrestricted		- 10,160		4,982	
Restricted		10,355		- 180	
		<u>196</u>		<u>4,802</u>	

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REPORT

March 2020 to March 2021

London Spark continues running Polish Advice Centre supported by Polish Embassy. Due to pandemic London Spark introduced new activities – mental health support, employability and career coaching as well as nutrition advice. We organise webinars run by Polish speaking psychologist, psychotherapist, career coach and nutrition therapist. We also offered individual support on employability for Polish residents of Hounslow. This service was supported by London Borough of Hounslow, Brent as well as The National Lottery Community Fund.

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LONDON SPARK Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating Income & Expenditure Account) for the Year ended 31 March 2021

	<i>Notes</i>		2021	2020
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
INCOMING RESOURCES				
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds:</i>				
Donations and Legacies	1,116	-	1,116	9,540
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-	29,736	29,736	14,618
Investment income	-	-	-	-
Grant income (Covid-19)	9,950	-	9,950	1,685
Total incoming resources	11,066	29,736	40,802	25,843
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
<i>Costs of generating funds:</i>				
Costs of generating voluntary income	4,228	-	4,228	4,347
	4,228	-	4,228	4,347
<i>Charitable Activities:</i>	2,626	29,915	32,542	28,583
Total resources expended	6,854	29,915	36,769	32,930
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	6,854	29,915	36,769	32,930
Net (outgoing)/Incoming resources before transfers	4,212	(180)	4,032	(7,088)
Funds Transfer across funds	-	-	-	-
Net (outgoing)/Incoming resources	4,212	(180)	4,032	(7,088)
Other recognised gains and loses	-	-	-	-
Gains/(loses) on investment assets	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	4,212	(180)	4,032	(7,088)
Fund balances at 1 April 2020	769	-	769	7,857
Fund balances at 31 March 2021	4,981	- 180	4,802	769

LONDON SPARK Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets					
Investments			-		-
			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		-		-	
Debtors		565		480	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,237		289	
		<u>4,802</u>		<u>769</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year		-		-	
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			4,802		769
NET ASSETS			<u>4,802</u>		<u>769</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted			4,981		796
Restricted			- 180		-
			<u>4,802</u>		<u>796</u>


