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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024 FOR AFRICAN
FRENCH SPEAKING COMMUNITY SUPPORT LTD**

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African French Speaking Community Support LTD
Company Limited by Guarantee
Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) (*continued*)
Year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Reference and administrative details

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Introduction

This financial year ending on 31st March 2024 has been very challenging for everyone in this country. The country is currently in the grip of the most severe cost of living crisis seen for decades. High inflation and sharply rising fuel bills are pushing more and more people into poverty and hardship. Here are some of the key events and their effects:

1. **Cost of Living Crisis:** The ongoing cost of living crisis has been one of the most severe in decades, characterized by high inflation, rising food prices, and sharply increasing energy bills. Many charities have had to shift their focus to provide immediate relief to those affected by poverty and financial hardship. Organizations have seen a surge in demand for food banks, emergency financial support, and housing assistance.
2. **Energy Price Increases:** The dramatic rise in energy prices has put additional strain on households and charitable organizations alike. Charities have faced increased operational costs, while also needing to support a growing number of people struggling to pay their utility bills.
3. **Government Policy Changes:** Various changes in government policies, including adjustments to welfare benefits and funding cuts for certain social services, have affected how charities operate and the level of support they can offer. Charities have had to adapt quickly to these changes to continue supporting their beneficiaries effectively.
4. **COVID-19 Pandemic Aftereffects:** The lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continued to influence charitable work. Many organisations have had to address ongoing health issues, mental health support, and the economic fallout from the pandemic. The need for digital services and remote support has remained high.
5. **Ukraine Crisis:** The war in Ukraine has had a ripple effect, with many UK-based charities extending their support to refugees and those affected by the conflict. This has included providing shelter, food, and other essential services, both locally and through international partnerships.
6. **Environmental Disasters:** Events such as flooding and extreme weather conditions in parts of the UK have required immediate response from charities. These organizations have provided emergency relief, rebuilding efforts, and support for affected communities.

7. **Public Awareness and Fundraising Challenges:** With economic hardship affecting many, fundraising has become more challenging. Charities have had to innovate with virtual events, social media campaigns, and other methods to maintain funding levels while public donations have generally decreased.
8. **Royal Events:** The Coronation of King Charles III in May 2023 was a significant national event that brought communities together and provided opportunities for charities to engage with the public, raise awareness, and fundraise.
9. **Mental Health Crisis:** The mental health of the population has continued to be a major concern, with charities focusing on providing mental health support and counselling services to cope with the increased demand.
10. **Digital Transformation:** Charities have increasingly turned to digital platforms to provide services and engage with supporters. The ongoing digital transformation has required investment in technology and training to ensure that services are accessible and effective.

These events have shaped the landscape of charitable work in the UK over the last financial year, highlighting the resilience and adaptability of charitable organizations in the face of numerous challenges. The AFSCS has been among the organisations providing help and support mainly, but not exclusively, to disadvantaged people from the French community living in Birmingham and the Black Country, as well as throughout the UK, thanks to our telephone drop-in service and our digital social media presence on Facebook and YouTube. Despite the rising cost of living, we strived to respond to the multiple needs of our target groups and provide a range of events for celebration and the promotion of important causes. Being part of the voluntary sector is so special, particularly when you see the positive impact that our services and activities can have. Supporting so many vulnerable people has been truly wonderful.

Annual Report Summary for the Financial Year Ending 31st March 2024

Throughout this financial year, our beneficiaries have received support through face-to-face interactions, over the telephone, and via our social media channels (YouTube: UKFC TV and Facebook: www.facebook.com/afscsuk). We have continued to serve the French-speaking community across Birmingham and the Black Country, as well as our local community in Smethwick, without any disruption.

Our dedicated team at the drop-in centre has been instrumental in delivering these services. This team includes two permanent staff members, a Community Development Officer and a Community Welfare & Outreach Officer. Additionally, we have an ESOL Tutor, a Volunteer Outreach Worker, nine volunteers, and seven freelance staff members (music tutors and sports coaches) committed to providing a range of services. Our trustees, staff, and volunteers have worked tirelessly to

enhance our service delivery and improve organizational operations. We have also delivered numerous community events and groups' activities as usual.

Challenges and Determination

Despite facing numerous challenges like other organisations, we remained steadfast in our mission to deliver essential services to our beneficiaries and other vulnerable individuals in the local community. This report outlines the activities and services we provided during the financial year ending 31st March 2024, as well as the financial overview prepared by our accountant following an independent examination.

Financial Support and Capacity Building

Our charity has benefited from various funding sources, including core funding. Trustees express their special thanks to the Lloyds Bank Foundation and the Tudor Trust for their continuous support throughout the financial year. We have also received numerous funding pots from other funders, which have been crucial in equipping trustees, management committee members, volunteers, and staff with enhanced skills for running the organisation and providing resources to meet the needs of our beneficiaries. The capacity-building training has significantly improved our competitiveness in the third sector.

Governance and Future Plans

Our board now includes five trustees, with two additional members on the management committee. These trustees are committed to continuing to deliver essential activities and services tailored to the needs of our primary target group and other community members. We urge local community members to join us as volunteers to support our beneficiaries and vulnerable residents.

Financial Reporting

The trustees, who are also the directors of the charity under the Companies Act 2006, present this report along with the financial statements. The trustees have adhered to the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts per the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Thank you to all our supporters, funders, and the dedicated team who have made it possible to achieve our goals and support our community effectively.

Company General Secretary JASON NDUNDULA

INCORPORATION

The charitable company was incorporated on 18 July 2013 and commenced trading on 1 April 2015.

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Structure, governance, and management

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum of Association, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The AFSCS is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 18 July 2013 (Company No. 8615897) and registered as a charity on 12th February 2012 with its previous charity registration number (1145893). The charity has recently been awarded a new registration number as it has become a charitable company limited by Guarantee (Charity No. 1169279). The organisation was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association (Constitution) which established the objects and powers of the charitable organisation and is governed under its Articles of Association. The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Management Committee. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, members of the Management Committee are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

Structure

During this financial year ending on 31 March 2024, details of some trustees were added into the Charity Commission and Companies House's accounts, for instance: Board of Trustees was strengthened by the appointment of three members after the resignation of the Treasurer. Upskilling Trustees through capacity-building training was adopted during this financial year and will carry on during the next financial year as well.

Members of the Board of trustees were keen on attending our meetings during financial year, and the current structure of the board of Trustees is made up by the following: Mr. Jacques Matensi-kubanza (Chair); Mr. Jason Ndundula (General Secretary), Mr. Ian Cibanda (Vice-Chair), Mrs. Simplicie Odette Nkonde-Mbomba (Treasurer), and Mr. Gally Petelo Sangwanga (Project Monitoring). Mr. Fiston Muana Mputu (HR) and Miss Angela Gonsalves are part of the Management Committee.

In addition, thanks to the ongoing capacity building support, some sub-committees have been set up for the management of our charity, for instance: Financial Management and Fundraising; HR Policies, EDI and Legal; Marketing, Partnerships and Communication; Monitoring and Learning; and Service Planning. Three Steering groups are also part of the management of our organisation, for instance: Older People; Children and Young People, and Social Media and Musical Instrument.

Volunteers

The AFSCS is a volunteer-led organisation. The charity has got a Volunteers Policy, guiding us to recruit, train and support volunteers. Volunteers working with vulnerable groups (Children, older people or disabled) are DBS checked. In total, the charity has benefited from the input of 9 volunteers (apart from members of the Board of trustees) supporting our target group to achieve their needs, they have given their free time to get involved in the running of a range of activities as highlighted below in this report. Without volunteers' input, the organisation couldn't survive. Since the Covid-19 crisis, our volunteers have been proactive to support vulnerable families and older people with dropping food stuffs, shopping, paying bills, topping up gas and electricity and making phone calls on their behalf.

Objectives and activities

We believe in a society where every household from African French background accesses support to overcome disadvantages and strive to lead a fulfilling life.

The AFSCS exists to advance the development and integration of the African French speaking communities living in the UK and in French speaking African Countries through the promotion of civic responsibility, good citizenship, social empowerment support, guidance and a voice of influence for the communities.

Objectives and aims

(1) The prevention and relief of financial hardship in people of African ethnic origin whose first language is French and who are residing in Africa or in England and Wales by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and

all necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self - sufficient.

(2) The development of the capacity and skills of the socially and economically disadvantaged communities of French speaking Africa so that they are better able to identify and meet their own needs and participate more fully in society.

(3) The relief and assistance of people who live in French speaking African Countries or who have been displaced from French speaking areas of Africa by natural disaster or catastrophe by the supply aid to such persons.

We aim at: enabling our members to integrate as citizens; improving spoken English and education standards; improving health & wellbeing; enhancing training and lifelong learning; and promoting their employability.

Our main aims, in Africa, will be to:

" Relieve poverty and distress of disadvantaged people

" Promote human rights

" Respond to emergency situations by campaigning and collecting aids for people in distress in African French countries " Support local organisations' activities related to education, agriculture, health, women and children's activities " Share the bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man who is naked and give relief to the oppressed.

Strategic Report

The following sections, highlighting the achievements, performance and financial review, form the strategic report of the charity.

Achievements, performance & Significant activities

The organisation provides a range of services and activities contributing to the public benefits as it is underpinned by the Equality and Diversity Policy. Although the organisation aims at targeting primarily people from the African French-speaking community, it doesn't discriminate against people in terms of accessing its services. The organisation is based in Soho & Victoria Ward, in Smethwick (Sandwell, West Midlands). In fact, Soho & Victoria ward is a very deprived neighbourhood, it is characterised by a relatively young and diverse population and suffers from multiple deprivation.

We deliver face-to-face services mainly accessed by people living in Birmingham and the Black Country. In addition, we also deliver Drop-in telephone Service for customers who can't attend any appointment at our drop-in centre. Our Digital Social Media studio streams live shows to educate our beneficiaries throughout the UK. To demonstrate the public benefit achieved by our charity, we hereby present the services and activities delivered during the year ended on 31st March 2024.

During this financial year ending on 31st March 2024, most of our activities have been delivered on face-to-face basis either at our Drop-In Centre, outreach or in a group setting. We have carried out using our digital social media studio streaming several live shows on You Tube (UKFC TV) and Facebook. Our activities are evidenced through our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/afscsuk).

Music and Arts

Music Tuition: Partly funded by the Eveson Trust and The National Foundation / Youth Music, this initiative provides music education and opportunities for young people. Our music tuition program offers a variety of classes, including instrument lessons (guitar, keyboard, and drum), vocal training, and music theory. These classes not only develop musical skills but also foster creativity, discipline, and confidence among participants. The program is designed to be inclusive, catering to various skill levels and musical interests, and aims to inspire a lifelong appreciation for music. At least 36 young people have benefited from our music tuition scheme.

Well-being and Support Services

Children and Young People (CYP) Well-being (Asylum Seeking CYP): Supported by SCVO, this project focused on improving the mental health and well-being of young asylum seekers experiencing trauma. This program established a multi-agency partnership working between our charity (AFSCS), Brushstrokes Community Project and Birmingham Centre of Arts Therapies (BCAT). The Open Mind Therapy Centre worked alongside Brushstrokes to provide counselling to CYP. BCAT was providing arts therapies in different schools in Sandwell. It aimed at helping young asylum

seekers cope with trauma, adapt to new environments, and build resilience. The program also includes workshops on stress management, cultural adjustment, and accessing local resources, ensuring that participants have comprehensive support.

Refugee & Asylum Seekers Support: Funded by Lloyds Bank Foundation, this initiative offers essential services to refugees and asylum seekers. Our support program provides legal assistance, housing support, language classes, and integration activities. By addressing the immediate needs of refugees and asylum seekers, we help them build a foundation for a stable and self-sufficient life in the UK. The program also advocates for their rights and works to create a welcoming community environment. Beneficiaries of this program have also accessed other support provided by our charity and some were also referred to other agencies for more specialised support.

Welfare Support: PWC Foundation and CAF have both contributed to general welfare support services. Our welfare support programs include financial assistance, food distribution, and access to essential services. We provide one-on-one case management to help individuals and families navigate complex systems, secure benefits, and access necessary resources. These programs aim to alleviate immediate hardship and promote long-term stability.

Cost of Living Fund: available resources were used to help those affected by the rising cost of living. This fund provides emergency financial assistance to cover essential expenses such as rent, utilities, and groceries. The fund also supports financial literacy workshops, helping beneficiaries manage their budgets and plan for the future. By addressing both immediate and long-term needs, the fund aims to mitigate the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on vulnerable populations.

Youth and Community Activities

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF): Funded by the Department for Education, via SMBC, this scheme delivered the following activities: football, netball, arts & crafts and music tuition (keyboard, guitar and drum) for disadvantaged children and young people in Sandwell.

Youth Club: The Eveson Trust has funded activities aimed at engaging youth in positive ways. Our Youth Club offers a safe and supportive environment where young people can participate in recreational and educational activities. Programs include sports, arts and crafts, homework assistance, music tuition and leadership development. The Youth Club aims to promote social skills, teamwork, and personal growth among its members.

Youth Activities: National Lottery Community Fund, through Millions Hours Fund, supported a variety of activities for young people. These activities range from outdoor sports, indoor sports and cultural excursions to skill-building workshops and

community service projects. By providing diverse and enriching experiences, the program helps young people develop new interests, build self-confidence, and contribute positively to their communities.

Youth Employment Project: HPLC's initiative to enhance youth employment opportunities. This project offers career counselling, job search assistance, and vocational training to young people. It aims to bridge the gap between education and employment, providing participants with the skills and support they need to secure meaningful work. The project also collaborates with local businesses to create internship and apprenticeship opportunities.

Sciences Workshop: British Sciences Week has sponsored educational workshops in science. These workshops are designed to spark curiosity and interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) subjects. Activities include hands-on experiments, interactive presentations, and visits from guest speakers. The workshops aim to inspire young people to pursue STEM careers and develop critical thinking skills.

Sandwell Public Health (SMBC) has provided support for individuals recovering from substance misuse. In partnership with Cranstoun Sandwell, we assisted clients in their recovery journey from drugs and alcohol by addressing welfare, benefit, housing, and debt issues. Additionally, we offer employment support and organise several football tournaments to promote physical activity among our service users, helping to prevent relapse.

Smethwick Baptist Church Drop-In Scheme: We provide support and activities to a group of vulnerable older people living in the Soho & Victoria Ward in Smethwick. Among the activities delivered during feature: Arts & crafts, Gentle exercise (Extend), talks from different professional guests (such as scam awareness; diabetes awareness); and welfare support. Talk & Walk session is undertaken in Victoria Park before the Drop-In session which takes place every Friday.

In addition, due to the rising cost of living, our Community Welfare & Outreach Officer was very busy providing one-to-one support to older people in their homes across Birmingham and The Black Country. Budgeting support, financial capabilities, benefit checks, benefit applications, and support with applying for white goods, furniture, and other individual funding were developed. Furthermore, support to this age group has been extended to other older people from our local community including those from other ethnic backgrounds. Almost, 175 older people received one-to-one support with a range of services as described above. Reducing isolation and loneliness among this age group was also promoted by our Befriending Service. Moreover, support with fuel poverty was extensively provided especially after one of our charity's members achieved the Level 3 diploma in Energy Advice. Many older people are still benefiting with advice around energy efficiency. This project was supervised by John Mwanga.

Educational Support

ESOL Programs: Several funders including Sandwell Consortium, Walsall MBC, Black Country Consortium, and Tudor Trust have supported English language programs for non-native speakers. These ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) programs provide language instruction at various levels, from beginner to advanced. The classes help participants improve their communication skills, which are essential for daily life, employment, and further education. The programs also offer cultural orientation sessions to help newcomers integrate into the community.

Employment and Training

Employment Projects: Funding from The Edward Cadbury, HECF, and Walsall MBC have been instrumental in running employment-related projects. These projects offer job readiness training, resume building, interview preparation, and job placement services. They aim to equip participants with the skills and confidence needed to secure employment. The projects also include partnerships with local employers to create job opportunities and support career advancement.

We carried on delivering Employment support with funding received from the Harborne Parish Lands Charity targeting young people from one specific geographical area and from the Heart of England Community Foundation targeting the general public. Furthermore, basic IT Skills lessons were also delivered as part of the employment support and many jobseekers have taken advantage to improve their skills and knowledge in basic digital skills. The scheme was supervised by Mr Jacques Matensikubanza.

Anticipatory Care Grant

Project: funded by SCVO, this grant supports proactive health and social care planning for individuals with chronic conditions or complex needs. The program includes health assessments, care coordination, and personalised care plans. It aims to improve health outcomes and quality of life by addressing needs before they become emergencies. The project was designed to support frail and older people to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions and readmissions.

Community and Social Activities

Welcoming Space: SCVO's initiative to create a welcoming environment for all. The Welcoming Space project provides a safe and inclusive community hub where people can access services, participate in activities, and build social connections. The space offers various programs such as language classes, arts & crafts, and support groups. It aims to foster a sense of belonging and community cohesion. The Welcoming space was held at the Smethwick Baptist Church.

Women Activities: SCVO's dedicated funding to support women's programs. These programs include health and wellness workshops, leadership development, and support groups. The activities aim to empower women, promote gender equality, and provide a platform for women to share their experiences and build supportive networks.

King Charles III Event: Vision 2030's contribution to a special event celebrating King Charles III. This event brought the community together to celebrate and learn about the history and significance of the Royal Family. The celebration included cultural performances, educational presentations, and interactive activities for all ages. It provided an opportunity for community engagement and cultural exchange. It was held at the Windmill Community Centre in Smethwick.

Sport and Recreation

Sport Activities: The Health Exchange has supported various sport-related activities. These activities promote physical health, teamwork, and social interaction. The Award was provided to assist African French Speaking Community Support in financing the provision of Sport England's 'Together Fund 2022'. This funding aimed to tackle inequalities in activity levels through working with its partners to reach those most in need. We delivered football opportunities at the Windmill Community Centre and at the Black Patch Park in Smethwick.

Sport Equipment: Sported Foundation has provided funding for necessary sport equipment. This support ensures that our sport programs have the resources needed to run effectively. The equipment enhances the quality of our programs and allows participants to fully engage in physical activities. 28 members of our community accessed premiership game at the Wolverhampton Wanderers FC stadium on 25th February 2024 thanks to tickets donated by through Sported Foundation.

Outreach and Floating Support Services

Our scheme provided one-on-one support to vulnerable individuals and families across Birmingham and the Black Country. Much of this support was delivered in the homes of our clients, thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteers who frequently attended appointments.

We offered a variety of services to our community members, including interpretation, information, advice on welfare matters, signposting, and assistance with finding training courses, volunteering opportunities, and university or higher education programs. Many families received help with applications for Universal Credit (UC) and other welfare benefits.

Additionally, some vulnerable community members were supported during hospital stays with tasks such as maintaining their tenancies, managing their benefits, and

providing companionship. We saw an increase in the need for assistance with referrals to Social Services and occupational therapists throughout this financial year.

John Givashi Mwanga supervised the Outreach Services, ensuring our team effectively met the needs of our community.

Core Funding

Core Funding: Tudor Trust's support has been critical for the core operations of our organisation. Core funding covers essential operational costs such as staff salaries, office rent, and administrative expenses. This support ensures that our organisation can maintain its infrastructure and continue delivering high-quality services to the community.

Drop-In-Centre

As stated previously, our charity set up a new office in Smethwick High Street, which is used as a Drop-In Centre from where a range of activities will be delivered. In fact, our beneficiaries are now able to book appointment for benefit matters, debt issues, housing issues, education issues and other support provided on one-to-one basis. The centre does have a Training Room, equipped with 10 computers, which is hosting Digital skills training; employment support and other needs related to online activities. During this financial year ending in March 2023, apart from one-to-one support, the Drop-In Centre has hosted the English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL Classes: Pre-entry, Entry 1, Entry 2 and entry 3 levels) funded by the Sandwell Language Network and Sandwell Consortium. More than 45 students attended the lessons and progressed either into employment or formal college education. Our Centre has been registered with The Ascentis Award body for English Courses (Entry 1, 2 and 3) and Digital Skills for Business (Level 1 and Level 2). In addition, the Drop-In Centre does also host the employment support, English for work purpose and IT lessons. Furthermore, our Social Media Studio and small Recording Studio are also based in this Drop-In-Centre. Moreover, our Music Tuition scheme (keyboard, Drum, guitar), Supplementary Education and Homework Club are also delivered at the Drop-In Centre. Some volunteers are directly involved in the delivering some activities at the Centre. Almost 14 to 16 people receive support each week with welfare matters.

Income Generation Activities

Additionally, some vulnerable community members were supported during hospital stays with tasks such as maintaining their tenancies, managing their benefits, and The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited Financial Statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. Our organisation is striving to undertake some activities for generating an income for furthering our charitable activities. We are currently running a musical instrument business (Afscs Music System). The demand for our musical equipment has slightly increased during this financial year and our young people have been very grateful for this powerful equipment. Our Music Tuition scheme is also delivered for young people to take over the management of our musical instrument and make it a proper business.

In addition, we also hire our digital studio for people from outside of our organisation as well as our Training Room. This scheme is overseen by Jacques Matensi-kubanza.

Community Events

Our charity was also involved in delivering the British Sciences Week, and the celebration of the King Charles III's coronation. Thanks to a funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, we delivered youth concerts, which attracted more than 100 people. Modern music and storytelling were among performances offered during those events.

Recording Studio

A small recording studio has been set up, it is designed to promote our youth activities to get involved into positive activities. The studio is also designed to engage young people by diverting them from getting involved into gang culture, drugs and anti-social behaviours. The recording studio welcome young people to record either gospel music or profane music. Many youth bands have used the studio to record their songs during this financial year.

International Development

The AFSCS is looking to invest more time and resources to raise funding for international development and support to the most vulnerable communities in French-speaking countries in Africa. We have supported the FATEB Academy (Teaching Beyond) Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo) with musical equipment designed to provide quality music education to children and young people from very poor background families. We will do more during this to send more equipment with the intention of reaching as many young people as possible to fulfill their ambitions.

Acknowledgements

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our funders for their generous support and commitment to our mission. Their contributions have enabled us to continue delivering vital services and making a positive impact in the community. We look forward to maintaining and strengthening these partnerships in the future.

General Assembly Meeting

Our General Assembly Meeting was held on 22/08/2024. After a brief report of last year activities, members of the Board of Trustees approved the annual report for the year ending on 31st March 2024 and congratulated the Management Committee for their achievement. Members discussed about different activities to be developed for the following financial year 2024-2025. Members approved the idea of adding one more object to the constitution related to the conservation and preservation of the

environment. Members encouraged the Management Committee to bring in more training courses opportunities to improve beneficiaries' skills, promote their employability and support vulnerable families during this tough time of rising cost of living. They also requested more provision for young people and older people activities as well. Participants congratulated the older Board of Trustees and the Management Committee for their big achievement of running our Drop-In Centre, for the fifth consecutive year, dedicated to supporting beneficiaries with a range of services and activities.

The difference our projects have made to our beneficiaries

Thanks to the support from PwC (Price Waterhouse Coopers) company, our charity has been using "Salesforce" application for managing customers' journey. This CRM system is making easy for us to trace each customer's journey and pick the outcome achieved for each intervention. In fact, we do use several techniques in order to gather evidence about the difference our activities are making in the lives of participants or to the local community. In fact, we have been using the following techniques: Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA) tool, survey through questionnaire; distribute feedback forms; conduct interviews, case studies and observation about participants' progress. Due to poor level of English language and lack of literacy amongst some participants, we quite often conduct interviews, case studies and observation.

Children and Young People's activities

Feedback from some young people has revealed an increased access to online learning with materials from schools and our own learning materials (Conquer maths and IXL). Children and young people's mental health conditions have improved as well. Improved commitment of young people into positive activities, such as: sport and music.

In addition, numerous young people have accessed our supplementary education and homework club delivered every Saturday at our Drop-in Centre. This support has enabled participants to improve their skills in Maths and English and work hard for their studies. Their school attainment has increased as well. Young people have also revealed that they have been positively impacted by British Sciences week event, as some of them have chosen to undertake STEM related studies, others would like to engage into construction apprenticeship.

Furthermore, the guided visit conducted to PWC company has also inspired many young people from our community, who would like to join the schemes promoted by this company. Moreover, sport activities, music tuition and holiday schemes have made a huge difference in the lives of young people. Some of them declared having improved their mental health, enjoying getting together and have prevented them from engaging into youth anti-social behaviours and gang culture.

Adults and families' activities

During this financial year, our charity has supported numerous families with maximising their income through securing individual funding, furniture and household appliances. Our support has relived the burden of numerous families, adults and older people facing the rising cost of living and fuel poverty. Our Outreach programme has had a positive impact on the lives of many older people, especially in relation with fuel poverty and energy efficiency advice. Digital and IT lessons have improved capacities of some adults to go online and become digitally literate. The expected outcomes related to: improved ability of using social media (skype, WhatsApp, messenger, Face book); reduced isolation and loneliness among members of this group; improved mental health conditions and well-being; increased bonding and bridging relationship with others; and Increased opportunities to learn what is going on in the community. Our activities have improved beneficiaries' mental health, reduced their isolation and prompted them to lead a healthy life. Improved social and physical activities for older people through their commitment to our gentle fitness scheme. Improved English language (speaking, listening and writing) has helped many customers to progress in their studies or access paid employment. Some women who attended some trainings have progressed into employment, others have set up their own businesses as self-employed.

Drop In Centre

Thanks to our staffs, many families (at least 213) have benefited from grants, furniture and white goods offered by some charitable trusts. Many customers have accessed one-to-one support with debt issues, benefit issues, housing issues and employment support. Digital and It skills, English lessons (accredited English lessons: Entry 1, 2 and 3) have also been provided at the centre. The Centre offers opportunities to broadcast programmes online via Facebook and You Tube. Many people were informed about the census and did complete it. In addition, our campaign about the Covid-19 vaccination has convinced many members of the BME communities to go forward for receiving their vaccine. Young people artistic talents are also promoted via our music studio facility. Numerous women have been upskilled by attending some training in our training room.

International Development

At least 30 young people from the FATEB Academy (Teaching Beyond) Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo) are accessing good quality music education thanks to musical equipment provided by our charity. Feedback from the Principal of this education setting stated that many other pupils are interested in learning to play musical instruments as part of their curriculum.

Regarding some unexpected outcomes

One adult man from the French-speaking community in Birmingham was supported with his immigration case via our partner and was granted Live to Remain in this country. He is currently looking for job. In addition, our Team has provided useful housing advice to 5 families, preventing them from making themselves intentionally homeless due to bad advice. These families were advised to follow the formal eviction procedure with their private landlords. At the end of the process, all the three families have been successful with their homeless applications with some local councils. Furthermore, many customers from the Recovery Project, funded by the Public Health Sandwell were prevented from actions taken by Bailiff Companies. We intervened to advocate on their behalf and set up a repayment plans. One more older people was referred to the Baron Davenport's charity for the twice yearly grant.

Public Benefit and Social Investments

The AFSCS is bound by the Equal Opportunities Policy, therefore we deliver our activities and services for members of the public and we don't discriminate against anyone on the ground of faith, ethnic background, age, disability, sex, sexual or political orientation. The AFSCS has invested a lot in setting up the Social Media Studio. This facility can also be used by other organisations in order to promote their activities or deliver important information to the public. In addition, funding from DINN Enterprise has enabled us to purchase more musical instrument for live performances. The kit is hired below the market price for mainly social events designed to reduce isolation, promote youth's musical talents and social cohesion. Income generated from the hire of the musical instrument is reinvested into other charitable activities. Furthermore, working in partnership with Sandwell Consortium has supported many customers from different ethnic backgrounds to access English and digital skills lessons. As our Drop-In centre is located on High Street, many people passing by do turn up to seek support with various issues, and our door is open to anyone in need of our support. Moreover, our charity has also been supporting many people from diverse ethnic and faith backgrounds in relation with promoting our EDI policy.

Plans for future periods

We are planning to amend our constitution during our next AGM, so we could open up to indigenous people and include some objects around environmental actions against climate change and global warming. In this perspective, we are also planning to open our first international Office in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In addition, after succeeding to get our Centre recognised by the Ascentis Award Body, we would like to promote our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and IT courses. We are also planning to add more lessons in our portfolio and get recognition from another award body which could offer us opportunities to deliver Level 3 courses. We would like also to get registered for delivering a range of training designed to upskill

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our beneficiaries. As suggested by the older people steering group, support will be provided for this group by reducing their isolation and helping them to engage in community well-being projects.

CONCLUSION

Our charity has delivered a range of services during this financial year ending on 31st March 2024. We managed to keep our two officers in function, one on full time basis and the second on part time basis. Freelance sessional workers were also recruited to deliver the following activities: Netball, Keyboard, Drum, Guitar, Healthy cooking sessions and Arts & crafts.

Customer satisfaction surveys, undertaken after the completion of each project, and feedback collected from our service users attending our Drop-In Centre have been very positive and encouraging so far. Service users are asking more activities according to their needs and would like to see the charity recruit more staffs for its effectiveness.

The Board of Trustees of the AFSCS would like to thank all our funders (The Eveson Trust, The National Lottery Community Funds, The Sheldon Trust, Sport England, The Lloyds Bank Foundation, The Tudor Trust, People Postcode Lottery, The Henry Smith Charity, Local Giving.com, Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC), European Social Fund via Walsall MBC, Sported Foundation, Baron Davenport's Charity, Sandwell Council of Voluntary Service (SCVO), The Asda Foundation, Birmingham City Council (BCC), The Heart of England Community Foundation, The National Foundation Youth Music, The Western Power Distribution, Glasspool Charity, Black Country Active, The Health Exchange, The Harborne Parish Lands Charity, Sandwell Consortium, Baron Davenport's Charity and all the members of the public for the financial support provided for the delivery of our activities and services during the year ended on 31 March 2024.

We also thank our supporters who have been donating to our charity through Localgiving.com. We are also grateful to all our volunteers who have been working very hard in order to meet our aims especially where the organisation is based in the Soho & Victoria Ward.

We are also grateful to our network organisations especially Brushstrokes Community Centre, the Migrant Voice, SCIPS, SCVO, Refugee Council, Friends & Neighbours Soho & Victoria CIC, Entraide Charity, Care Link, St Philip's Parish, Ileys Community Association and all the families, children and young people involved into our activities. In terms of the profile and governance of our organisation, we are pleased to say that AFSCS has improved and is growing. We have expanded our openness to other organisations and network.

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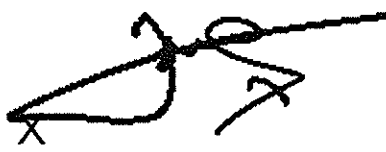
DECLARATION

Trustees, and Members of the Management Committee declare that they have approved the report, regarding activities undertaken for the year ended on 31 March 2024, on Thursday 22/08/2024. Signed on behalf of the Management Committee:

X



Jacques Matensi-kubanza
Chair



Jason Ndundula
General Secretary

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number 08615897 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number: 1169279

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 22/08/2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

X



Mr Jacques Matensi- Kubanza
Trustee

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number: 08615897 (England and Wales)
Registered Charity number: 1169279

Registered office

St. Philip'S Parish Centre
Watt Street
Smethwick
West Midlands
B66 3DA

Trustees

J Matensi-Kubanza, Trustee
Ian Sibanda, Trustee
J Ndundula, Trustee
Simplice Odette Nkonge-Mbomba, Trustee
Petelo Gally Sakwanga, Trustee

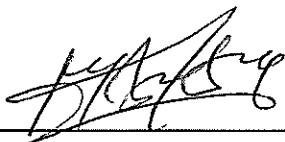
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Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 22/08/2023 and signed on its behalf by:

X



Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of African French Speaking
Community Support LTD
Year ended 31 March 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of African French Speaking Community Support Ltd ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

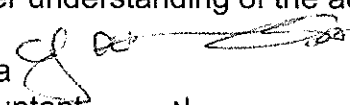
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Godfrey Massa
Certified Accountant
GM Accountancy


19th Nov. 2024

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Community Support LTD
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Date:19/11/2024.....

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)
Year ended 31 March 2024

			2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	725	180,163	180,888	199,474
Total income		725	180,163	180,888	199,474
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	–	144,055	144,054	155,176
Total expenditure		–	144,055	144,054	155,176
Net income		725	36,108	36,834	44,298
Other recognised gains and losses					
Other gains/(losses) user defined 1		–	–	–	137,500
Other gains/(losses) user defined 2		(108,416)	(50,000)	(158,416)	(2,073)
Net movement in funds		(107,691)	(13,892)	(121,582)	179,725
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		110,167	137,500	247,667	67,942
Total funds carried forward		2,476	123,608	126,084	247,667

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 28 to 37 form part of these Financial Statements.

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Statement of Financial Position
31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	10	95,602	91,607
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		30,483	156,060
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current assets		30,483	156,060
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		126,085	247,667
		<u><u>126,085</u></u>	<u><u>247,667</u></u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		123,608	181,798
Unrestricted funds		2,476	65,869
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total charity funds	11	126,084	247,667
		<u><u>126,084</u></u>	<u><u>247,667</u></u>

For the year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its Financial Statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of Financial Statements.

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These Financial Statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 27 July 2020, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr J Matensi- Kubanza
Trustee

The notes on pages 28 to 37 form part of these Financial Statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is St Philips Centre, Messenger Road, Smethwick, West Midlands, B66 3DU, United Kingdom.

2. Statement of compliance

These Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The Financial Statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies (*continued*)

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
- All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

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5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Grants			
Local Giving	725	—	725
Western Power Distribution	—	—	—
Sandwell Forum Of Youth Voluntary Organisation (SFVYO)	—	39,990	39,990
The Sheldon Trust	—	—	—
British Science Foundation	—	—	—
National Lottery Community Fund	—	10,000	10,000
Sandwell Consortium	—	6,736	6,736
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)	—	18,987	18,987
Heart of England Community Foundation	—	—	—
Music Instrument & Social Media Studio	—	14,350	14,350
The Henry Smith Charity	—	—	—
Friends of The Elderly	—	400	400
Eveson Trust	—	10,000	10,000
Sported Foundation	—	2,000	2,000
Health Exchange	—	—	—
The Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust	—	3,000	3,000
European Social Fund Via Walsall MBC	—	—	—
PWC Foundation	—	2,500	2,500
Black Country Active	—	—	—
The National Foundation- Youth Music	—	5,570	5,570
Harborne Parish Lands Charity	—	1,630	1,630
Lloyds Bank Foundation	—	25,000	25,000
The Tudor Trust	—	40,000	40,000
Asda Foundation	—	—	—
	<u>725</u>	<u>180,163</u>	<u>180,888</u>

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5. Donations and legacies (*continued*)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants			
Local Giving	–	–	–
Western Power Distribution	–	9,950	9,950
Sandwell Forum Of Youth Voluntary Organisation (SFVYO)	–	5,000	5,000
The Sheldon Trust	–	885	885
British Science Foundation	–	500	500
National Lottery Community Fund	–	8,771	8,771
Sandwell Consortium	–	–	–
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)	–	23,154	23,154
Heart of England Community Foundation	–	5,000	5,000
Music Instrument & Social Media Studio	–	9,300	9,300
The Henry Smith Charity	–	1,710	1,710
Friends of The Elderly	–	300	300
Eveson Trust	–	10,000	10,000
Sported Foundation	–	500	500
Health Exchange	–	20,325	20,325
The Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust	–	–	–
European Social Fund Via Walsall MBC	–	19,144	19,144
PWC Foundation	–	5,000	5,000
Black Country Active	–	3,600	3,600
The National Foundation- Youth Music	–	26,748	26,748
Harborne Parish Lands Charity	–	3,737	3,737
Lloyds Bank Foundation	–	2,250	2,250
The Tudor Trust	–	43,100	43,100
Asda Foundation	–	500	500
	–	199,474	199,474

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6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Covid 19 Support	22,416	22,416	2,250	2,250
Charitable Activities Funded by The General Fund and Hire of Instruments	4,450	4,450	4,000	4,000
Older People Scheme	–	–	9,950	9,950
Sandwell Consortium: ESOL Lessons	5,066	5,066	14,000	14,000
British Science Week Event	–	–	200	200
The Tudor Trust: Core Funding	27,480	27,480	35,480	35,480
European Social Fund Via Walsall MBC	–	–	18,944	18,944
Activities Funded by Harborne Parish Land Charity	1,630	1,630	3,500	3,500
PWC Foundation: Welfare Support	1,500	1,500	5,000	5,000
The Souter Charitable Trust: Support for Orphans of Congo	2,000	2,000	390	390
Young People Cooking Skills: ASDA Foundation	–	–	110	110
Music Tuition, Sport: Eveson Trust	21,533	21,533	32,163	32,163
Basketball for Adults: Black Country Active	–	–	975	975
Queens Platinum Jubilee	–	–	7,628	7,628
Music Tuition: The National Foundation	5,560	5,560	15,730	15,730
Charitable Activities Funded by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)	39,370	39,370	–	–
Activities Funded By Sport England	9,386	9,386	–	–
Employment Support	–	–	330	330
Holiday Scheme	–	–	880	880
Holiday Scheme: The Henry Smith Charity	–	–	1,710	1,710
Football Project: Sported Foundation	1,800	1,800	–	–
White Good: Friends of the Elderly	400	400	300	300
Activity type 23	1,464	1,463	–	–
Football for Inactive Adults: Health Exchange/Sported Foundation	–	–	1,636	1,636
	<u>144,055</u>	<u>144,054</u>	<u>155,176</u>	<u>155,176</u>
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7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Covid 19 Support	22,416	22,416	2,250
Charitable Activities Funded by The General Fund and Hire of Instruments	4,450	4,450	4,000
Older People Scheme	—	—	9,950
Sandwell Consortium: ESOL Lessons	5,066	5,066	14,000
British Science Week Event	—	—	200
The Tudor Trust: Core Funding	27,480	27,480	35,480
European Social Fund Via Walsall MBC	—	—	18,944
Activities Funded By Harborne Parish Land Charity	1,630	1,630	3,500
PWC Foundation: Welfare Support	1,500	1,500	5,000
The Souter Charitable Trust: Support for Orphans of Congo	2,000	2,000	390
Young People Cooking Skills: ASDA Foundation	—	—	110
Music Tuition, Sport: Eveson Trust	21,533	21,533	32,163
Basketball for Adults: Black Country Active	—	—	975
Queens Platinum Jubilee	—	—	7,628
Music Tuition: The National Foundation	5,560	5,560	15,730
Charitable Activities Funded by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)	39,370	39,370	—
Activities Funded by Sport England	9,386	9,386	—
Employment Support	—	—	330
Holiday Scheme	—	—	880
Holiday Scheme: The Henry Smith Charity	—	—	1,710
Football Project: Sported Foundation	1,800	1,800	—
White Good: Friends of the Elderly	400	400	300
Activity type 23	1,463	1,463	—
Football for Inactive Adults: Health Exchange/Sported Foundation	—	—	1,636
	144,054	144,054	155,176

8. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

9. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No Trustees were paid during the financial year

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	37,383	54,224	91,607
Additions	—	3,995	3,995
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	—	—	—
At 31 March 2024	37,383	58,219	95,602
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	—	—	—
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2024	37,383	58,219	95,602
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 31 March 2023	37,383	54,224	91,607
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

11. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	31 March 2024 £
General funds	231,268	725	–	–	231,993
Unrestricted fund 2 - desc in a/cs	(121,101)	–	–	(108,416)	(229,517)
	<u>110,167</u>	<u>725</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(108,416)</u>	<u>2,476</u>
	<u><u>110,167</u></u>	<u><u>725</u></u>	<u><u>–</u></u>	<u><u>(108,416)</u></u>	<u><u>2,476</u></u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	31 March 2023 £
General funds	186,970	–	–	–	186,970
Unrestricted fund 2 - desc in a/cs	(119,028)	–	–	(2,073)	(121,101)
	<u>67,942</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(2,073)</u>	<u>65,869</u>
	<u><u>67,942</u></u>	<u><u>–</u></u>	<u><u>–</u></u>	<u><u>(2,073)</u></u>	<u><u>65,869</u></u>

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11. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 20 24 £
Restricted Fund 1 - desc in a/cs	137,500	180,163	(144,055)	–	173,608
Restricted Fund 2 - desc in a/cs	–	–	–	(50,000)	(50,000)
	<u>137,500</u>	<u>180,163</u>	<u>(144,055)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>123,608</u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains and losses £	At 31 March 20 23 £
Restricted Fund 1 - desc in a/cs	–	199,474	(155,176)	137,500	181,798
Restricted Fund 2 - desc in a/cs	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>199,474</u>	<u>(155,176)</u>	<u>137,500</u>	<u>181,798</u>

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

African French Speaking Community Support LTD
Company Limited by Guarantee
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Local Giving	725	—
Western Power Distribution	—	9,950
Sandwell Forum Of Youth Voluntary Organisation (SFVYO)	39,990	5,000
The Sheldon Trust	—	885
British Science Foundation	—	500
National Lottery Community Fund	10,000	8,771
Sandwell Consortium	6,736	—
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)	18,987	23,154
Heart of England Community Foundation	—	5,000
Music Instrument & Social Media Studio	14,350	9,300
The Henry Smith Charity	—	1,710
Friends of The Elderly	400	300
Eveson Trust	10,000	10,000
Sported Foundation	2,000	500
Health Exchange	—	20,325
The Edward Cadbury Charitable Trust	3,000	—
European Social Fund Via Walsall MBC	—	19,144
PWC Foundation	2,500	5,000
Black Country Active	—	3,600
The National Foundation- Youth Music	5,570	26,748
Harborne Parish Lands Charity	1,630	3,737
Lloyds Bank Foundation	25,000	2,250
The Tudor Trust	40,000	43,100
Asda Foundation	—	500
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	180,888	199,474
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Total income	<hr/> 180,888	<hr/> 199,474
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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (*continued*)
Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	54,571	83,198
Rent	7,700	7,400
Other office costs	30,142	24,413
Refreshment and Snacks	1,360	30
Volunteer Expenses	11,365	8,080
Advertising	350	—
Hire of Venue	17,620	18,841
Administrative Expenses	18,386	12,264
Overheads	2,560	950
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	144,054	155,176
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Total expenditure	<hr/> 144,054 <hr/>	<hr/> 155,176 <hr/>
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Net income	<hr/> 36,834 <hr/>	<hr/> 44,298 <hr/>
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African French Speaking Community Support LTD
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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Covid 19 Support		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Wages/ Salaries	11,500	1,000
Rent	1,500	–
Sundry Expenses	2,356	–
Volunteer Expenses	2,670	250
Administrative Expenses	1,830	1,000
Overheads	2,560	–
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	22,416	2,250
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Charitable Activities Funded by The General Fund and Hire os Instruments		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 2 - wages/salaries	–	3,000
Sundry Expenses	800	–
Volunteer Expenses	700	600
Advertising	350	–
Hire of Venue	600	–
Administrative Expenses	2,000	400
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	4,450	4,000
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Older People Scheme		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 3 - wages/salaries	–	4,686
rent	–	1,000
Direct charitable activity 3 - other office costs	–	1,800
Volunteer Expenses	–	480
Hire Of Venue	–	1,160
Administrative Expenses	–	824
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	–	9,950
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Sandwell Consortium: ESOL Lessons		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 4 - wages/salaries	2,000	9,900
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Carried forward	2,000	9,900

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (continued)
Year ended 31 March 2024

Sundry Expenses	250	2,100
Volunteer Expenses	346	900
Hire of Venue	1,720	–
Administrative Expenses	750	1,100
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	5,066	14,000
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British Science Week Event		
Activities undertaken directly		
Direct charitable activity 5 - other office costs	–	80
Session Worker	–	30
Hire of Venue	–	90
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	–	200
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The Tudor Trust: Core Funding		
Activities undertaken directly		
Direct charitable activity 6 - wages/salaries	14,470	19,800
Direct charitable activity 6 - rent	6,200	6,000
Direct charitable activity 6 - other office costs	4,000	3,450
Volunteer Expenses	1,650	1,350
Administrative Expenses	1,160	4,880
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	27,480	35,480
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European Social Fund Via Walsall MBC		
Activities undertaken directly		
Direct charitable activity 7 - wages/salaries	–	10,838
Direct charitable activity 7 - other office costs	–	6,000
Volunteer Expenses	–	480
Administrative Expenses	–	1,626
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	–	18,944
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Activities Funded By Harborne Parish Land Charity		
Activities undertaken directly		
Direct charitable activity 8 - wages/salaries	670	1,600
Other office costs	260	345
Volunteer Costs	300	430
Hire Of Venue	–	750
Administrative Expenses	400	375
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	1,630	3,500
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PWC Foundation: Welfare Support		
Activities undertaken directly		
Wages/Salaries	1,500	3,000
Direct charitable activity 9 - rent	–	400

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*
Year ended 31 March 2024

Direct charitable activity 9 - other office costs	—	300
	2024	2023
	(£)	(£)
Brought forward	1,500	3,700
Volunteer Expenses	—	600
Administrative Expenses	—	700
	<u>1,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>
The Souter Charitable Trust: Support for Orphans of Congo		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 10 - other office costs	—	300
Volunteer Expenses	300	—
Hire of Venue	—	90
Administrative Expenses	1,700	—
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>390</u>
Young People Cooking Skills: ASDA Foundation		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Volunteer Expenses	—	30
Administrative Expenses	—	80
	<u>—</u>	<u>110</u>
Music Tuition,Sport: Eveson Trust		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 12 - wages/salaries	7,172	15,874
Direct charitable activity 12 - other office costs	8,550	3,360
Volunteer Expenses	1,785	1,820
Hire of Venue	2,520	10,109
Administrative Expenses	1,506	1,000
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>21,533</u>	<u>32,163</u>
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Basketball for Adults: Black Country Active		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 13 - wages/salaries	—	360
other office costs	—	208
Hire of Venue	—	407
	<u>—</u>	<u>975</u>
Queens Platinum Jubilee		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
wages/salaries	—	3,800
other office costs	—	1,600
Volunteer Expenses	—	300
Hire of Venue	—	1,928
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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Year ended 31 March 2024

	—	7,628
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Music Tuition: The National Foundation		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 15 - wages/salaries	1,140	8,920
Direct charitable activity 15 - other office costs	1,270	1,240
Volunteer Expenses	770	660
Hire of Venue	2,380	3,960
Training	—	950
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	5,560	15,730
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Charitable Activities Funded by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 16 - wages/salaries	10,700	—
Sundry Expenses	9,540	—
Session Worker Fees	1,360	—
Voluntary Expenses	1,870	—
Hire of Venue	7,880	—
Administrative Expenses	8,020	—
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	39,370	—
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Activities Funded By Sport England		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 17 - wages/salaries	4,160	—
Direct charitable activity 17 - other office costs	2,050	—
Volunteer Expenses	576	—
Hire of Venue	1,800	—
Administrative Expenses	800	—
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	9,386	—
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Employment Support		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 18 - wages/salaries	—	120
Direct charitable activity 18 - other office costs	—	150
Volunteer Expenses	—	60
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	—	330
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Holiday Scheme		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Direct charitable activity 19 - other office costs	—	800
Direct charitable activity 19 - other type 4	—	30
Administrative Expenses	—	50
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	—	880
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Holiday Scheme: The Henry Smith Charity		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		

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Year ended 31 March 2024

Direct charitable activity 20 - other office costs	–	1,600
Volunteer Expenses	–	30
	2024 (£)	2023 (£)
Brought Forward		1,630
Administrative Expenses	–	80
	–	1,710
Football Project: Sported Foundation		
Activities undertaken directly		
Direct charitable activity 21 - wages/salaries	720	–
Direct charitable activity 21 - other office costs	240	–
Volunteer Expenses	120	–
Hire of Venue	720	–
	1,800	–
White Good: Friends of the Elderly		
Activities undertaken directly		
Direct charitable activity 22 - other office costs	400	300
Activity type 23		
Activities undertaken directly		
Direct charitable activity 23 - wages/salaries	539	–
Direct charitable activity 23 - other office costs	426	–
Volunteer Expenses	278	–
Administrative Expenses	220	–
	1,463	–
Football for Inactive Adults: Health Exchange/Sported Foundation		
Activities undertaken directly		
Direct charitable activity 25 - wages/salaries	–	300
Direct charitable activity 25 - other office costs	–	780
Volunteer Expenses	–	60
Hire of Venue	–	347
Administrative Expenses	–	149
	–	1,636
Expenditure on charitable activities	144,054	155,176