

Central London Forerunners

Registered Charity Number: 1169620

Central London Forerunners

**Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended 1st April 2023**

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for the year ended 1st April 2023**

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TRUSTES ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 1st April 2023

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 1st April 2023. The trustees have opted, under section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Charities Act'), to prepare receipts and payments accounts

Objectives and Aims

The objects of the CIO are to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public through holding prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of Christian festivals and enlighten others about Christianity.

Summary of main activities

Central London Forerunners (CLF) is a Christian congregation based in Central London. Since its formation, CLF has continued to pursue its purposes of advancing the Christian faith for the benefit of the public. The aim is to show the love of Jesus Christ in both word and deed and to bring people into a closer relationship with him as living Lord.

This is achieved through the following activities:

1. Holding weekly prayer, bible studies and worship meetings;
2. Hosting "Relationship rooms" for group discussions on the complexities of relationships
3. Homeless outreach
4. Facilitating the celebrations of Christian festivals

Public benefit

The trustees have read and given due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The centre in the Philippines is licensed and accredited and monitored by the Standards Unit of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippines to maintain high standards of care and safeguarding for children in need.

Achievement and Performance

Charitable activities

We continued with our online gatherings that were introduced in previous years in order to allow members of the group that are not London based to attend events with a view to creating a forum for the pursuit of spiritual growth, engagement with the community and encouragement of health relationships. During the year the following also took place:

1. in-person/face to face gatherings in various locations including a getaway/ retreat tot the countryside;
2. worship workshops encouraging participants to get creative and confident;
3. Monday worship meetings – every Monday once more creating a space for people to get respite from their day to day and to take some time for the pursuit of praise and worship;
4. celebration of various Festivals such as Rosh Hashanah Feast and Tabernacles, Purim celebration, Face to Face Encounters, Relationship Room etc, all of which were also open to the public; and
5. weekly prayer and worship sessions online throughout the year. Some of these were set up for specific people in need of support and encouragement i.e. for healing from sickness and other personal needs.

Financial review

Income for the year was £ 24,431 (PY 25,554), and expenditure £9,272 (PY: £4,408) leaving a surplus for the year of £15,159 (PY: £21,146)

Unrestricted cash reserves held at the year-end amounted to £71,097 (PY £55,938)

Reserves policy

The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the Charity should be approximately three months of the resources expended. At this level the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the Charity in the event of a significant drop in income.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Central London Forerunners is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) registered on 12th October 2016. The board of trustees meet regularly to discuss the work of the charity. New trustees are elected by the existing trustees to the board after nomination and interview.

Reference and Administration Details

Registered name

Central London Forerunners
CLF (Working name)

Registered Charity number

1169620

Principal address

Guys Chapel
The Bridal Room
Whitechapel
High Street
Shadwell
London E1 7RA

Trustees

Name	Position	Appointments/Resignations
Jessy Simutenda	Chair	Appointed 12 th October 2016
Abigail Kalonga		Appointed 10 th May 2019

Independent Examiner

Magnus Proctor FFA
Lindisfarne
Landkey Road
Barnstaple
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Approved by the board of trustees on 25th January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Jessy Simutenda, Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF Central London Forerunners

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Central London Forerunners

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Central London Forerunners for the year ended 1st April 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Magnus Proctor FFA
Fellow of the Institute of Financial Accountants
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Date: 1st July 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
for the Year ended 1st April 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Gifts and donations	24,425	0	24,425	25,545
Interest received	6	0	6	9
Total receipts	24,431	0	24,431	25,554
Payments				
Room hire	300	0	300	0
Travel	5,689	0	5,689	839
Donations	1,662	0	1,662	2,235
Fellowship costs	1,328	0	1,328	1,163
Administration	293	0	293	106
Equipment	0	0	0	65
Total payments	9,272	0	9,272	4,408
Net receipts / (payments)	15,159	0	15,159	21,146
Reconciliation of funds				
Transfer between funds	0	0	0	0
Total Funds brought forward	55,938	0	55,938	34,792
Total Funds carried forward	71,097	0	71,097	55,938

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
At 1st April 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
	0	0	0	0
Current Assets				
Debtors	0	0	0	0
Cash at bank	71,097	0	71,097	55,938
Current Liabilities				
Creditors	(150)	0	(150)	0
Total Assets less Liabilities	70,947	0	70,947	55,938

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 1st July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

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 Jessy Simutenda, Trustee

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements and assessment of going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis as permitted by law for smaller charities.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. Trustee remuneration and benefits

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.