

IGA – LEARNING CIO
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
Year Ending 31st March 2023

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MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

Registered Charity Name	IGA – Learning CIO
Charity Number	1170877
Registered Office	18 Parkside Gardens Royton Oldham OL2 6GA
Trustees	Jean-Claude Niyongira Adrian Alexander Lurdes Raw Stephen Gordon Hewitt
Bankers	Co –Operative Bank 12 Market Place Spindles Town Centre Shopping Centre Oldham OL1 1HE



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1st	April	2022		31st	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	IGA-Learning CIO
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1170877
Charity's principal address	18 Parkside Gardens Royton Oldham Postcode OL2 6GA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jean-Claude Niyongira	Chair		
2	Lurdes Raw	Treasurer		
3	Peggy Simanga	Secretary		
4	Stephen Hewitt	Trustee		
5	Adrian Alexander	Trustee		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution (review date July 2023)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected from Membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Policies and procedures:

Risk management
Safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries
Conflicts of interest
Volunteer management
Complaints handling
Paying staff

Relationship with:
Northern Roots project
Community Spaces

Consideration of risks and plans to manage them:

Break down of the Minibus, No funding, create new source of funding
lending out the bus for donation, Funds from IGA Community Shop.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

We deliver free English and computer classes to people who cannot access statutory education. We support people to be part of their community, reduce isolation, increase participation through various enjoyable activities and encourage socializing. We support people with form filling, life skills, housing issues, interpretation services and advocacy as well as signposting them to the right services.

To ensure our local community has access to education in literacy, numeracy, technology and to promote social inclusion, health and well-being for people in the local area so that they are better equipped to take employment or to progress in their learning to higher education.

To provide high quality literacy, numeracy and technology education, we also promote social inclusion and wellbeing. We aim to sign post our learners' abilities work with the public and private organisations in order to meet the education, training and work experience needs of the learners.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Our beneficiaries are currently involved in a variety of activities, mainly in English language and food sessions. Our learners now have much more developed linguistic skills and are more confident to communicate with those around them and have well integrated in the community as a result. Among those who have left to do other things, a number of them have taken on employment thus being more able to provide for themselves and less likely to rely upon state benefits.

Our food growing project at our allotment has massively improved,

growing a variety of foods including African maize, potatoes, tomatoes, cabbages etc. Some of our produce have been given to the general public, helping to build new relationships between our beneficiaries and more established communities.

A new adventure: we now host regular 'Exotic Food Events' (free to attend). During the events dishes are prepared by volunteers and showcase cuisines from around the world (African/Pakistani/Asian; etc) - representative of the multicultural Oldham community. The purpose is to encourage community cohesion; socializing; and particularly mixing between cultures. Food acts as a wonderful ice breaker and opens up lines of conversation. During the events; when people are in a relaxed setting; we also signpost the free support our charity offers. Additionally; we offer support during the cost - of - living crisis; offering a warm space and hot meal.

We rent out our minibus for a small donation to other not for profit organisations enabling them to facilitate their community activities. With the minibus, we have also been taking beneficiaries for days out and expanded our working in partnership with other voluntary organisations including SOWN (Support and Action for Women's Network), Lazarus Ministries, and Get Oldham Working.

The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and discuss this at our trustees meetings where we plan and make decisions for the carrying out of our activities to which the guidance is relevant. Our volunteers also give a massive contribution to the everyday running and delivery of our objectives.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;

IGA Advocacy: We have expanded our territory to advocate for our beneficiaries in areas including: applying for travel documents, opening bank accounts, applying for council houses, applying or driving licences, and support with health related issues.

Testimonials:

- contribution made by volunteers.

Beneficiary 1 stated: Thank you so much for the support you've offered me. Coming to Exotic Food Events has helped to get out of my house and meet people from different background and cultures while enjoying different types of foods. I have also made new friends.

Beneficiary 2 stated: By attending English classes at IGA, I've been able to improve my speaking and writing and a result which largely helped me to get a job. I'm so grateful for all your support.

Beneficiary 3 stated: Via these community sessions, I have been helped to apply for an accommodation and benefits. It is a wonderful service and I'm sure many people benefit from it.

Beneficiary 4 said: I started to do voluntary work at IGA-learning as an admin. After a short while I was offered a paid job as an admin worker which I gladly took on. Sometimes I would go to the classes to help out as an assistant tutor which I very much enjoyed as well. I have found that working with IGA Learning has opened many other opportunities in different ways.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have been providing free English and IT training, life skills, housing issues support, interpretation services, advocacy, and well-being activities for the residents of Oldham. We predominantly work with individuals new to England who are struggling to establish themselves due to a language barriers, a lack of employment skills, and social exclusion. Most of our beneficiaries are recent migrants living in Oldham (mainly in highly deprived areas, including St Mary's, Clarksfield, Coldhurst, Glodwick, and Greenacres).

There is high demand for and large uptake of our services, with needs ranging from basic language skills to individuals facing serious social, economic, and employment hardship, thus requiring intensive support. We have established strong relationships with partner organisations in Oldham including First Choice Homes, Voluntary Action Oldham, Get Oldham Working, Food Banks, and Oldham Council. Via these relationships we are able to signpost residents to support and help suited to their individual needs.

During Exotic Food Events, our community is invited to sample a selection of cuisines that represent the abundance of cultures that exist within Oldham (including African food, Pakistani food, Asian food, and much more). IGA-Learning has access to three community centers offered by First Choice Homes (free of charge) and provides the ingredients which are prepared by volunteers. Attendance is completely free, as is all the food and refreshments on offer. This is a key element, as the highly deprived individuals we work with, as well as the widespread deprivation in our area, means cost would be a significant barrier. The events are a wonderful opportunity for socialising, and particularly mixing between cultures. They give people the chance to talk to people they might not ordinarily come across and try foods they might assume they won't like. This opens up lines of conversation, and food acts as a great ice breaker, with enjoyment of food being a universal language.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Last but not least, we have successfully been able to apply small grants and to raise donations through our minibus/charity shop.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our reserves policy is to hold 3 months costs (expenditure) in free reserves (unrestricted funds) to ensure all costs are covered and the charity is sustainable as a going concern.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

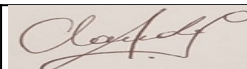
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Stephen Hewitt



Full name(s) Stephen Gordon Hewitt

Jean –Claude Niyongira

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Chair
Date	24/01/2024	

**IGA – LEARNING CIO
RECEITS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds 2023	Restricted Funds 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2023	TOTAL FUNDS 2022
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants		9997	9997	9977
Donations	5702		5702	2456
TOTAL Receipts	5702	9997	15,699	12,433
EXPENDITURE				
Volunteers	0	840.00	840.00	0
Tutors	00.00	4875.00	4875.00	3250.00
Sessional Workers	00.00	7125.00	7125.00	2550.00
Allotment	812.50	00.00	812.50	850.00
Venue Hire	0	0	0	0
Minibus Expenses	1670.00	00.00	1670.00	1365.00
Fuel	1043.00	1137.00	2180.00	200.00
Equipment	2151.18	1408.82	3560.00	1290.00
Building Maintenance	00.00	533.10	533.10	2700.00
Broadband	760	00.00	760.00	770.00
Stationery	199.50	270.50	470.00	533.00
Training & Courses	0	0	0	0
Public Liability Insurance	135.00	0	135.00	135
Professional & Legal Fees	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
House Keeping	670.00	0	670.00	300.00
Accounts Costs				
Bank Charges	0	0	0	0
Sundries	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	7,441.18	16,189.42	23630.60	13,943
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	2490.83	6659.32	9,150.15	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	751.18	466.90	1218.08	

**IGA – LEARNING CIO
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023**

	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
ASSETS		
Cash Fund	1218.08	9,150.15
LIABILITIES		
Account costs:	£	£
Support Work	0	0
Fee for Independent Examination	0	0
Total	0	0

Financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 24/01/2024 and signed on their behalf:

Signed Stephen Hewitt

Name Stephen Gordon Hewitt

Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023

1. Receipts and payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the organisation during the financial year. In this context “cash” includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2. Grants

	Total Fund 2023	Total Fund 2022
Awards For All	£9,997	£9,977

3. Donations

	Total Fund 2023 £	Total Fund 2022 £
IGA Community Shop	3102	0
Minibus Donation	2600	2456
Total	5702	2456

4. Fund Analysis

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
TOTAL INCOME	5702	9997	15,699
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	7,441.18	16,189.42	23630.60
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	2490.83	6659.32	9150.15
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	751.18	466.90	1218.08
CASH FUNDS			
BANK			1218.08

0 difference