

**IGA – LEARNING CIO**  
**(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**  
**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

## IGA – LEARNING CIO

### CONTENTS

---

	<b>Page</b>
Members of the Board and Professional Advisers	3
Trustees Annual Report	4
Receipts ad Payments Accounts	9
Statement of Assets and Liabilities	10
Notes to the Financial Statements	11

**IGA – LEARNING CIO**  
**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS**

---

<b>Registered Charity Name</b>	IGA – Learning CIO
<b>Charity Number</b>	1170877
<b>Registered Office</b>	18 Parkside Gardens Royton Oldham OL2 6GA
<b>Trustees</b>	Jean-Claude Niyongira Stephen Gordon Hewitt Lurdes Raw
<b>Bankers</b>	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 1st	Month April	Year 2024		Day 31st	Month March	Year 2025

### 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	Stephen Hewitt	Trustee		
	Lurdes Raw	Treasurer		

#### 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)

--

### Section B Structure, governance and management

#### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution (review date September 2024)
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

First Choice Homes

Consideration of risks and plans to manage them:

Break down of the Minibus, No funding, create new source of funding, and lending out the bus for donation.

## 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 participating in a range of activities, with a particular focus on English language learning and food-related sessions. These opportunities have enabled learners to strengthen their language abilities, build confidence in communicating with others, and integrate more effectively into the local community. Among those who have progressed on to other pathways, several have successfully secured employment, allowing them to support themselves more independently and reducing their reliance on state benefits.

At our allotment, we offer regular volunteer workdays that provide participants with access to eco-therapy and hands-on experience in growing a variety of fruits and vegetables, including spinach, tomatoes, courgettes, onions, and beans. Volunteers gain practical knowledge about food cultivation and healthy eating, while the physical work involved supports increased activity levels. Time spent on the allotment also enables members to meet others, build social connections, and reduce feelings of isolation, helping to strengthen community cohesion.

We host regular exotic food events, which are free for all participants to attend. These gatherings provide valuable opportunities for social interaction and, in particular, for fostering intercultural exchange. They enable individuals to meet and engage with people they may not ordinarily encounter, while also encouraging them to try new foods they might otherwise overlook. This shared experience of food serves as an effective icebreaker, opening up conversations and helping to build connections.

We make our minibus available to other not-for-profit organizations for a small donation, enabling them to deliver, expand, and strengthen their own community activities. This resource has supported a wide range of initiatives, including group outings, educational visits, and practical support services that would otherwise be difficult for smaller organizations to facilitate.

In addition to supporting external partners, the minibus has allowed us to organize regular day trips for our beneficiaries, providing opportunities for social engagement, cultural enrichment, and improved wellbeing. These outings help reduce isolation, build confidence, and encourage participation in wider community life. The increased use of the minibus has also contributed to the development of stronger partnerships across the voluntary sector, fostering greater collaboration and shared impact.

The trustees have due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and routinely consider this guidance during trustee meetings. These discussions inform our planning, decision-making, and oversight of all activities to ensure that our work continues to deliver clear and measurable benefit to the public.

In addition to the strategic role of the trustees, our volunteers make an essential contribution to the organisation's day-to-day operations. They support the delivery of our services, assist with administrative tasks, and help maintain a welcoming and inclusive environment for beneficiaries. Their commitment significantly enhances our capacity, enabling us to reach more people and achieve our charitable objectives more effectively. The organisation's impact is strengthened considerably by the dedication, skills, and time generously offered by our volunteer team.

## 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;
- contribution made by volunteers.

### IGA Advocacy:

We have continued to provide comprehensive advocacy support for our beneficiaries across a wide range of needs. This includes guidance and practical assistance with applications for council housing, ensuring individuals understand the process, meet the necessary requirements, and are supported in securing safe and appropriate accommodation. We also offer help with health-related matters, such as navigating healthcare services, attending appointments, and understanding medical information, enabling beneficiaries to access the support they require to maintain their wellbeing.

Through this advocacy work, we aim to reduce barriers, empower individuals to make informed decisions, and ensure that those who may struggle to engage with statutory services receive the assistance they need. This personalised support plays a vital role in improving stability, promoting independence, and enhancing overall quality of life for our beneficiaries

### Testimonials

#### Beneficiary 1:

“Attending the Exotic Food Events has encouraged me to leave the house, meet people from different backgrounds and cultures, and enjoy a variety of foods. I have also made new friends. I’m definitely grateful for this service”

#### Beneficiary 2:

“By attending English classes at IGA, I have been able to improve both my spoken and written English, which has played a major role in helping me secure employment. I am so thankful for all your support.”

#### Beneficiary 3:

“Working on the allotment has really helped me become more active, get hands-on experience in growing a variety of fruits and vegetables, and also allowed me to meet new people, build friendships, and feel far less isolated than before”.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have continued to provide a comprehensive range of free services for residents of Oldham, including English, life-skills development, support with housing issues, interpretation services, advocacy, and a variety of wellbeing activities. Our work predominantly supports individuals who face significant challenges in establishing themselves due to language barriers, limited employment skills, and experiences of social exclusion.

Demand for our services remains high, with beneficiaries presenting a wide spectrum of needs—from basic language support to complex social, economic, and employment-related difficulties requiring sustained and intensive assistance. To ensure that individuals receive the most appropriate help, we have developed strong partnerships with key organisations across Oldham, including First Choice Homes, Voluntary Action Oldham, and the Oldham Group of Churches. These relationships enable us to signpost residents to specialist services tailored to their specific circumstances.

As part of our community-building work, we host Exotic Food Events that invite residents to sample a diverse range of cuisines reflecting the rich cultural landscape of Oldham, including African, Pakistani, Asian, and other international foods. Attendance, food, and refreshments are offered entirely free of charge. These events provide valuable opportunities for social interaction, promote intercultural understanding, and help strengthen community cohesion.

IGA-Learning benefits from access to three community centres provided free of charge by First Choice Homes.

The growing use of our minibus has played a significant role in strengthening our partnerships across the voluntary sector. By sharing this resource, we have been able to work more closely with a range of community organisations, creating new opportunities for joint activities and coordinated support. This increased collaboration has not only improved the efficiency of service delivery but has also enhanced our collective ability to reach vulnerable residents, respond to emerging needs, and maximise the impact of our combined efforts.

## 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:

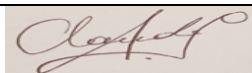
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## 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)	<i>Stephen Hewitt</i>	
Full name(s)	Stephen Gordon Hewitt	Jean -Claude Niyongira
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Chair
Date	21/01/2026	

**IGA – LEARNING CIO  
RECEITS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2023 £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants	444.49	19980.00	19980.00	2681.16
Donations			444.49	9974
<b>TOTAL Receipts</b>	<b>444.49</b>	<b>19980.00</b>	<b>20,424.49</b>	<b>12655.16</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Volunteers	0.00	1134.77	1134.77	870.00
Tutors		0.00	0.00	00
Sessional Workers	00.00	2795.00	2795.00	6510.00
Allotment	00.00	1271.02	1275.00	1690.00
Venue Hire	0.00	00.00	0.00	0.00
Minibus Expenses	880.00	0.00	00	1265.00
Fuel	360.00	0.00	00	320.00
Equipment	00.00	424.21	420.00	810.40
Building Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Internet	00.00	00.00	00	315.72
Stationery	145.88	000.00	00	747.72
Training & Courses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Public Liability Insurance	135.00	0.00	.00	135.00
Professional & Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food events	0.00	1542.55	1545.55	2750.00
Accounts Costs	00.00	00.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>1520.88</b>	<b>7167.55</b>	<b>8688.43</b>	<b>15398.44</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>1389.27</b>	<b>5017.60</b>	<b>6,406.87</b>	
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>312.88</b>	<b>17830.05</b>	<b>18,142.93</b>	
<u>Cash Funds</u>				
Bank 31/03/2025			<u>18,142.93</u>	

**IGA – LEARNING CIO  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

	<b>Total Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023 £</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash Fund	18,142.93	6,406.87
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Account costs:	£	£
Support Work	0	0
Fee for Independent Examination	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 21/01/2026 and signed on their behalf:

Signed *Stephen Hewitt* .....

Name Stephen Gordon Hewitt .....

Trustee

**IGA – LEARNING CIO**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**

## 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 2024	Total Fund 2023
Awards For All	£19980.00	£9,974

## 3. Donations

	Total Fund 2024 £	Total Fund 2023 £
General Donations	0	0
Minibus Donation	444.49	710.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>444.49</b>	<b>710.00</b>

## 4. Fund Analysis

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	TOTAL FUNDS 2024 £
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>444.49</b>	<b>19980.00</b>	<b>20424.49</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1520.88</b>	<b>7167.55</b>	<b>8688.43</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>1389.27</b>	<b>5017.60</b>	<b>6,406.87</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>312.88</b>	<b>17830.05</b>	<b>18,142.93</b>
CASH FUNDS			
BANK			

0 difference