

Charity Number: 1171108

IT'S ALL ABOUT CULTURE

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Trustees' Annual Report & Accounts

For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023



It's All About Culture

It's All About Culture (IAAC) is a Boscombe-based local voluntary organisation. dedicated to improving community cohesion, wellbeing, and social inclusion. through multicultural arts, food, and music

IAAC became a registered charity in 2017 and promotes. equality and diversity by planning, organising, and delivering. grassroots, sociable, awareness-raising public events, and activities

These bring diverse cultures, nationalities, races and backgrounds together, to help promote and foster harmony, cohesion, cross-cultural celebration, community volunteering, wellbeing, and mutual respect

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It's All About Culture (IAAC),
Unit 20a Sovereign Centre, 600 Christchurch Rd
Boscombe, Bournemouth, BH14fX

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Introduction

A registered charity since 13 January 2017, It's All About Culture (IAAC) aims to improve and promote community social cohesion, help raise awareness in equality and diversity, encourage wellbeing, cultivate and foster better relationships and engagement between different ethnic and cultural groups.

IAAC is a small, local, grassroots, non-profit organisation, led, organised, and delivered by volunteers from the multicultural community, bringing varied knowledge, skills, and experience, while reflecting our diverse cultures.

IAAC has strong community awareness, has built up goodwill and credibility, and is valued by other cultural community groups, as well as public and statutory bodies, local universities, neighbourhood small businesses, charities, and other organisations. From early on, a wide diversity of volunteers and trustees from varied cultural backgrounds have strongly reflected this:

Originally set up in 2013, as a constituted community group, IAAC grew and developed to engage with the varied BAME communities in Boscombe and surrounding areas, including Caribbean, Latin American, African, East African, Continental European, Nepali, South Asian, Chinese, and British.

Structure, Governance, and Management

IAAC's structure is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), under the terms of the Charities Act 2006, and is controlled by its governing document, IAAC's new Constitution of 13 January 2017.

The trustees check planning and operational matters, community engagement activity, and outcome impacts. They carefully look over aspects of business, risk, finance, and follow public benefit guidance, plus community charitable requirements when making decisions and running our activities.

Most of IAAC's trustees whilst in a voluntary capacity, also fulfil important organising, managerial, and operational roles. with the team. The team also conducts the routine day-to-day administrative tasks, which helps with practical aspects of events and activities.

In recruiting new trustees, the charity endeavours to fill vacancies through our network of community partners and the BAME community's cultural groups.

Registered charity number: 1171108

Registered address: C/O CAN 4th Floor. Beech House.

28/30 Wimborne Road, Poole BH15 2BU

Trustees: Mr Lincoln Mundle

Mrs Charmaine Beckles

Ms Florbela Ribeiro

Ms Coletta Druce

Mr Ernesto Javier Cabrera Cespedes

Charitable Objects

IAAC's charitable aim is to promote equality, diversity, and cohesion within the community by (1) raising awareness and educating the local community about social inclusion. (2) promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.

During this difficult period recovering from COVID restrictions, IAAC has met its objectives and achieved outcomes by helping to promote equality and diversity.

It has helped to promote good health by raising awareness, sharing information, whilst also working with local communities and reaching out to new cultural groups in the Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole area.

IAAC continues to hold a group for Isolated Men with and with Mental Health issues and this group has been successful within the community.

IAAC also hold a weekly Pepper pot Social, which is a Caribbean lunch which brings people together to partake in various activities. It continues to be a multicultural centre which serves the BAME and greater community.

IAAC have been collaborating with Dorset Police, D.R.E.C, CAN, and Towns engagement fund and numerous agencies.

IAAC trustees have followed their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Achievements and Performance

In IAAC's seventh year as a CIO, the organisation has continued to establish a strong community presence, and all-round good reputation. It also continues to build on the unique relationships it has formed locally.

This October we celebrated Black History Month with Dorset Positive Action, which involved Poetry, music and food. We also had speeches from prominent members of the police and local community. This event was a success and well received.

We also have a Spanish speaking group that meet every Sunday.

Collaboration with Dorset /Devon and Cornwall Police, and their positive action team to encourage more Black and ethnic minority communities to enter the Police force and help combat inequality in the forces and institutional Racism.

We are a referrer for the local Foodbank.

We continue our weekly Caribbean **Art Classes**

Women's chat group, which meet weekly on a Tuesday afternoon.

Spoken word and poetry lessons classes.

Knitting/Crochet and crafts lessons to meet new people. All are given a warm welcome.

IAAC continues to be a presence in the local community and has partaken in numerous events outdoors, such as the World of Love Festival and Increase the Peace.

IAAC trustees and volunteers managed to keep the hub open, despite the rising cost of living and bouncing back from covid, as many people were still unsure about the previous restrictions.

We endeavour to keep our activities going in the 23-24 year.

We also keep an emergency food cupboard for the families of those suffering with mental health issues or who are urgently in need of food

The organisation has expanded its social media presence, to become an active, popular multicultural forum and hub for online communities.

IAAC has built on existing relationships within the community and will continue to develop strong and lasting partnerships within the local area.

IAAC continues to work hand in hand with our trustees and volunteers, as together we strive to become a real asset and staple in the local community.

IAAC has achieved its funding and financial. Support from various organisations. We have researched, prepared, and submitted a reasonable number of grant applications, with both existing and new funders. Many have not been successful, but we continue to apply and have made some positive allies.

Future

Looking forward to later years IAAC aims to:

Continue to support the community, through our workshops, classes, and daily events.

We aim to continue the growth of our Tuesday Social as it is benefitting so many in the locality.

Grow our volunteer base and ensure that everyone receives sufficient training.

Continue to research and apply for grants, project funding, and other support, for regular community events.

We also are aiming to become a WARM space this winter, providing a warm, safe, and friendly space for those who are suffering with the current energy crisis.

Financial Review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves, IAAC has received grants totalling over £11,000 in the year 22-23. which has allowed us to do minor refurbishments, maintain the general running of building, the food bank, and our other activities.

These funds also give us the freedom to engage and sponsor community events over the coming year, especially while we are awaiting any future grants or other financial support for projects.

Details of any funds materially in deficit:	n/a
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Details of any funds held as a custodian trustee:	n/a
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Approved by the Trustees

Mrs C. Beckles – Chair of Trustees

Date: 26/01/2024

Profit and Loss

It`s All About Culture

For the year ended 31 March 2023

2023

Turnover

Income - Non Restricted Funds Grants	1,133.00
Interest Income	11.33
Other Revenue From Events - No Restriction Income	8,043.05
Total Turnover	9,187.38

Cost of Sales

Cost of Goods Sold - Non Restricted Grant Expenditure	8,443.56
Total Cost of Sales	8,443.56

Gross Profit	743.82
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Administrative Costs

General Expenses	1,041.76
Insurance	689.59
Light, Power, Heating	2,897.97
Motor Vehicle Expenses	40.00
Postage, Freight & Courier	7.65
Telephone & Internet	269.51
Total Administrative Costs	4,946.48

Operating Profit	(4,202.66)
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Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(4,202.66)
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Profit after Taxation	(4,202.66)
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