

Thousand 4

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Annual Report

2020-21

Many hands...

Thousand 4 £1000 is a community, made by the voluntary work of many people. Everyone's contribution, large or small, has helped towards the achievements of the past year.

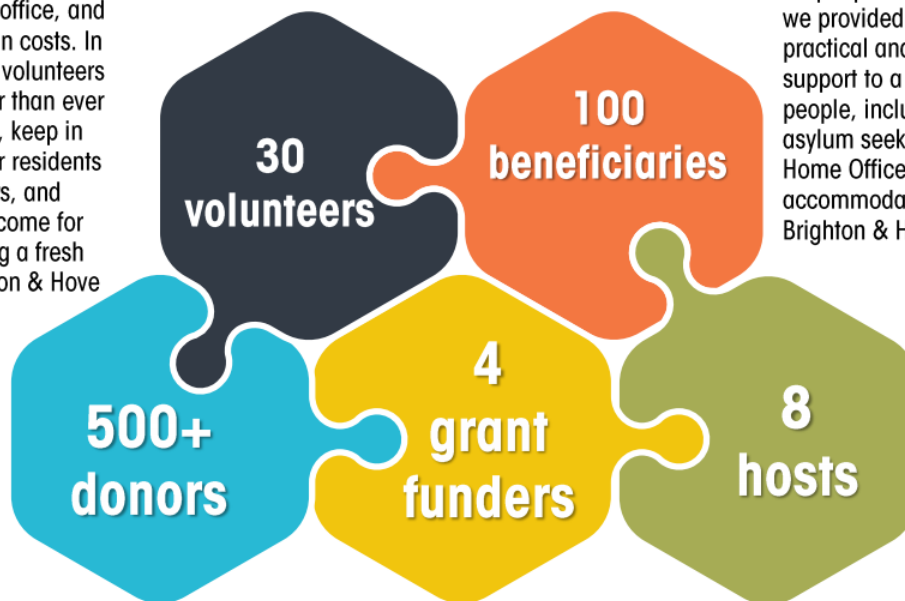
Building our community in 2020-21

Our volunteers

Everyone at T4K is a volunteer. We have no paid staff, no office, and minimal admin costs. In 2020-21, our volunteers worked harder than ever to raise funds, keep in touch with our residents and supporters, and provide a welcome for people making a fresh start in Brighton & Hove

Our beneficiaries

As well as directly housing 20 people during 2020-21, we provided financial, practical and emotional support to a further 80 people, including many asylum seekers placed in Home Office accommodation in Brighton & Hove this year.



Our donors

In 2020-21, we raised £60,945 in individual donations. £16,910 of this was from our emergency Covid appeal, which enabled us to provide support throughout the year to asylum seekers and migrants living on minimal incomes. During the year, the number of regular monthly donors increased to 516.

Our funders

We are grateful for the generous support of Sussex Community Foundation, One Family, Brighton & Hove City Council and Brighton Soup, whose grant funding boosted our emergency Covid appeal and our Wifi for asylum seekers fund.

Our hosts

During this year, we placed 8 people with local hosts, in partnership with Rooms for Refugees and Refugees at Home. We also continued our partnerships with Brighton & Hove Community Land Trust and the generous private owners of one of our flats.

In particular, we would like to thank the following people and organisations for their generous support and friendship:

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| ♦ Alex Stein | ♦ Jalal Afhim | ♦ Positive Action in Housing |
| ♦ Brighton & Hove City Council Adult Social Care | ♦ Liz Millar | ♦ Refugee Radio |
| ♦ Brighton & Hove City Council Communities Team | ♦ LOSRAS (Lewes Organisation in Support of Refugees and Asylum Seekers) | ♦ Refugees at Home |
| ♦ Brighton & Hove Community Land Trust | ♦ Mid Wales Refugee Action | ♦ Rydin Myerson |
| ♦ Brighton Soup | ♦ NACCOM | ♦ Sanctuary on Sea |
| ♦ Brighton Voices in Exile | ♦ One Family | ♦ Seabirds |
| ♦ East Sussex Credit Union | ♦ One World Nursery | ♦ Sussex Community Foundation |
| | | ♦ Sussex Refugee & Migrant Self-Support Group |

An extraordinary year

In May 2020, Jacob wrote in our newsletter that “the great Jewish philosopher Maimonides taught that if you live isolated and alone and you meet a hungry person, you need to provide her with a meal. But, if you meet her in the city, you need to provide her with an olive’s worth of food.”

This is the principle behind T4K—that a community, by pooling its spare resources, can easily make room for new arrivals who need a hand. And that in turn, everyone who joins a community strengthens it.

During 2020-21, we witnessed an extraordinary growth of mutual support and kindness all over the UK, in response to a virus which reminded us—in the most terrible way—of our shared vulnerability.

T4K responded swiftly to the pandemic, with an expansion and intensification of our work.

During 2020-21 we:

- ◆ Raised £23,698 through our emergency Covid appeal, which enabled us to provide regular financial and practical support to 100 individuals in the city, who would otherwise have been destitute
- ◆ Supplied 3,461 masks to help people protect each other from infection and raise additional funds for our work. The masks were made by one of our residents, who was paid for her time and has now launched her own sewing and alterations business (see page 4).
- ◆ Provided reliable broadband internet for 5 shared houses where asylum seekers had been placed by the Home Office. See page 6 for a report by one of our volunteers on what this means for the people living in the accommodation.
- ◆ Organised the first three online events in our Citizens of the World in conversation series, which brought together artists, writers and activists from many different

countries to share their experiences and discuss the meaning of migration for their lives and work.

- ◆ Continued to raise funds from hundreds of monthly donations, in order to provide secure housing for migrants and refugees whose ability to rent a home is limited by the British government’s ‘hostile environment’ policy. Our income from monthly donations stood at £2,500 per month by the end of the year.

During the year, we celebrated with several of our residents who won their leave to remain or were able to move on from our accommodation. You can read some of their stories on pages 4 and 5 of this report.



Movement is life

Amidst the turmoil and uncertainty of the pandemic, there were some joyful moments for our residents and friends this year. Two people we had supported (and who had supported us) for many years received leave to remain decisions, one family moved on from our accommodation to a new place of their own, and one of our residents was chosen from among thousands of applicants to attend the Youth G7. Our community was not only a safe port in the storm, but a stable base from which people could begin to build a new life.



A Family Success Story - during a difficult year

Our mask initiative was launched in April 2020 as it became apparent that face masks were going to become an important means of infection-control during the pandemic.

We were very lucky to be able to call upon the skills of Nasrin, a recently arrived Kurdish refugee and a T4k resident. Nasrin is an incredibly talented and fast seamstress. On a domestic sewing machine, Nasrin became a one-woman production line (with a little assistance from the rest of the family). She has made thousands of face masks over the last 18 months which, through our website, we sold all over the country and even overseas!

We finally raised over £10,000 for the charity. A significant chunk of that money went into our specially set-up Covid fund, providing a small weekly amount of cash to folk particularly hard hit by the lockdowns.

We are incredibly grateful to Nasrin, and the least we could do by way of thanks was to help get her embryonic dressmaking and alterations business off the ground. One of our volunteers has amazing IT skills, so she designed Nasrin a website to advertise her services online. The new business is called Nasrin's Sewing Room (nasrinssewingroom.wordpress.com). Do contact her!

As a result of her work, Nasrin and the family were able to move to much-needed larger accommodation in March 2021. T4k volunteers were able to help the family with all the paperwork, and on moving day. In their privately rented flat, the children now each have their own bedroom – a significant improvement in their teenage lives!

Following the family's move, the small flat which they had vacated is now housing two residents who are still awaiting a positive response to their asylum claims. A good outcome all round!

A safe port in a storm

In March we became aware of a pregnant Ivorian woman who had been "abandoned", had no means of supporting herself and a landlord demanding rent. We were able to offer her free accommodation and a very small income for essentials. A beautiful baby boy arrived....but that's for next year's report!

We were also able to help a young mum, with three small children, who desperately needed to escape a very controlling and abusive partner. We found her a hotel for a few nights and then, with incredible generosity on the part of a supporter, a beautiful flat in Brighton free of charge for several weeks until the Local Authority accepted her as their responsibility.

Somewhere steady to stand

E is a Libyan national, who has lived in Brighton for over 20 years. Like many from his home country he has suffered huge trauma in his life, compounded by his volunteer work clearing landmines. He has struggled to find employment and therefore a decent home and we were very pleased to be able to find him a studio flat which we rent and sub-let to him. He has been a valuable T4K volunteer helping out on a number of practical tasks.

Life in limbo

A Sudanese family seeking asylum have waited patiently for another year for their Leave to Remain. Thanks to Brighton & Hove Community Land Trust, we were able to help them to move from a cramped flat to a four-bedroom house during this year.

M, the mother, has offered her maths teaching skills to several young people on a voluntary basis, the baby (now a toddler) has settled happily into a local nursery, where he is quickly picking up essential English phrases such as “no way!” One of the daughters, a qualified doctor, has passed her medical exams and was chosen out of tens of thousands of applicants, to represent the UK at the Youth G7 in Cornwall.

End of a long road

A resident in one of our houses—also a volunteer and a good friend—Luqman Onikosi won his right to remain in the UK, in fact his right to life, on 28 September 2020. He had been fighting the Home Office for nine years. His case is important in opening the way for others with serious health problems to win the right to remain because of their right to life. Luqman is about to embark on a PhD thinking through what development would like if it managed to recognise the irreducible self-society-obligation nexus of Yoruba philosophy. He continues to organise the Jollof Café and the Sussex Refugee and Migrant Self Support Group. He remains an inspiration to us all. Well done and good luck Luqman!

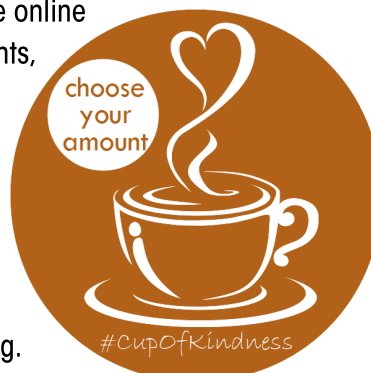
A positive lady

Anyone who has been to the Jollof Café will have met Norma and will love her. Despite mobility problems normally associated with ageing, Norma insists that she is 21½. She bakes cakes, biscuits and pastries every week for the café and often steps in to supervise the kitchen. She also uses her wisdom and her compassion to support other members of the Self-Support Group through the asylum process. Disgracefully, her first asylum claim was refused about three years ago. She submitted a fresh claim for asylum and waited for the Home Office to make their decision. During that time, she had no right to work, no right to mainstream welfare benefits and no access to Asylum Support. She lived with somebody in our host network and managed to remain, as she would say “a positive lady”. The Home Office in their infinite wisdom refused her asylum claim but awarded her Discretionary Leave to remain in March 2021. This has been greatly to the benefit of all of Norma’s friends as she now has a small income which seems to be spent exclusively on providing wonderful snacks and delicious meals to anyone she knows. We hope that as a community we have been able to provide Norma with a modicum of the support that she provides to others.



Spreading the word

During this year we relaunched our website, produced a short video explaining what we do, organised three online discussion events, started an Instagram channel and continued to grow our Facebook and Twitter following.



An inhospitable welcome

The Home Office provides basic accommodation in shared houses for people who are waiting for a decision on their asylum claim. By the end of the year, there were five of these “NASS” houses in Brighton & Hove. They are managed by two private outsourced agencies (Migrant Help and Clearspring Ready Homes).

There is no internet connection included under the contract with the Home Office. As we feel that access to the internet is absolutely essential for any kind of “inclusion”, we raised funds to pay for this for each house. The residents are extremely grateful for this (see page 6).

We also bought each house extra blankets and portable heaters during a very cold snap in January (thanks to a grant from Brighton & Hove City Council) and supplied tablets for residents who needed them to access the internet.

Several of us have also taken responsibility for being a contact person for each house, as it appeared that, particularly during lockdown, they were having great difficulty contacting the managing agents if any domestic problems occurred. It turned out that quite a number were experiencing difficulties in attending doctor’s and lawyer’s appointments where transport was necessary, due to their very small weekly allowance of £49, and we were pleased to be able to help out financially.

At Christmas, as a nod to the festive season, we decided to take each household a “hamper” of goodies: dates, chocolates, olive oil, toiletries, candles and a Brighton calendar and, with Covid restrictions in mind, a small group delivered them with a burst of Yuletide singing! The hamper was appreciated even if the singing wasn’t!



An absolute lifeline

AS is an asylum seeker awaiting his interview for Leave to Remain. He has been moved a couple of times from other cities in the UK, so when he came to Brighton on New Year’s Eve, he was very unsettled as he had lost many of the friendships and support networks he’d made along the way.

The NASS house where he is housed has no WiFi – it’s not part of the housing provider’s remit to provide this – so with AS’s limited access to funds, he was unable to keep in touch with his community or make new connections in the city.

T4K were able to provide WiFi for all of the residents in his house, which has been an absolute lifeline. AS can access online English classes, keep in touch with his legal team, watch TV – a vital means to relax and occupy his time – along with all the other necessities that come from living in a virtual world.

In May, there was a problem with the WiFi for a couple of weeks when it was accidentally disconnected, and during this time our volunteer noticed AS’s mental health deteriorate. Without being able to make those essential connections or have the ability to switch off and relax, he became very upset. The problems he’d encountered in his country of origin, as well as his journey to the UK, loomed large; he felt even less in control of his welfare, and it was an extremely distressing time for him.

When the WiFi was fixed, he quickly became less cut off and unhappy. Of course, having WiFi doesn’t make his problems disappear, but it is so necessary to feeling connected as well as helping him access the basics such as healthcare, which most of us take for granted.

Accounts

Income

Donations	60,945
Fundraising activities.....	24,056
Grants	7,963
Gift Aid	1,182
Payments from residents	24,165
Refunds	248
Total.....	118,559

Funds at end of year

Current account	13,482
Reserves	2,934
Loan fund at end of year	5,002
Total.....	21,419

Loans

Loans made this year	3,273
Loan repayments this year.....	4,013
Loans to be repaid	16,020

Expenditure

Rent	57,385
Subsistence	29,525
Utilities.....	14,681
Travel	346
Education and training	2,692
Clothing.....	2,290
Household goods.....	2,026
Fundraising.....	10,784
Publicity	507
Moving expenses	678
Cleaning.....	658
Translation.....	175
Computer and comms equipment.....	4,053
Admin.....	566
Total.....	126,366

Financial Management

We reaffirmed our reserves policy, which is to maintain a balance of £2,500 in an account at the East Sussex Credit Union.

Our fundraising and administration costs remained very low, at less than 9% of our overall spending. Almost all of this was the cost of materials and labour for our masks project (see page 4).

We act as a financial agent for Sussex Refugees and Migrants Self Support group, with whom we work closely to run the weekly Jollof Café. During the year, the SRMSSG fund received £6,074 income. £5,947 was spent and the fund stood at £1,474 at the end of the year.

Our loan fund is beginning to be replenished by repayments of the nine loans we made last year to help people pay visa renewal fees. There were

no new loans from this fund in 2021-22, but we did lend money to two residents to help them move on from our accommodation.

Trustees

Two trustees were re-elected at our Annual General Meeting in September 2020, and the other five trustees remained in post. All of our trustees are active volunteers in the charity:

- ♦ Jacob Berkson
- ♦ Anne Feltham
- ♦ Sally Griffin
- ♦ Paul Humpoletz
- ♦ Jenny Priestman
- ♦ Peter Samuels
- ♦ Sue Williams



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

6.4.20

To

4.4.21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	47,940	13,005	-	60,945	39,383
Fundraisers	21,403	2,653	-	24,056	4,888
Grants	-	7,963	-	7,963	2,141
Gift Aid	1,182	-	-	1,182	2,743
Payments from residents	-	24,165	-	24,165	19,030
Refunds	248	-	-	248	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	70,773	47,786	-	118,559	68,184
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loan repayments	-	4,013	-	4,013	4,141
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	4,013	-	4,013	4,141
Total receipts	70,773	51,799	-	122,571	72,325
A3 Payments					
Rent	29,045	28,340	-	57,385	31,972
Subsistence	12,304	17,220	-	29,525	3,048
Utilities	9,710	4,971	-	14,681	9,991
Travel	346	-	-	346	1,380
Legal and other fees	-	-	-	-	500
Education & Training	53	2,639	-	2,692	458
Clothing	2,290	-	-	2,290	313
Household Goods	1,986	40	-	2,026	1,019
Fundraising	10,739	45	-	10,784	657
Publicity	507	-	-	507	202
Moving expenses	678	-	-	678	535
Holidays	-	-	-	-	1,084
Cleaning	658	-	-	658	-
Loan fee	-	-	-	-	2,000
Translation	175	-	-	175	-
Computer & comms equipment	3,765	288	-	4,053	-
Admin	526	40	-	566	338
Sub total	72,783	53,583	-	126,366	53,496
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loans made	3,273	-	-	3,273	15,201
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,273	-	-	3,273	-
Total payments	76,056	53,583	-	129,639	53,496
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,284	- 1,784	-	- 7,068	18,829
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,212	12,275	-	28,487	-
Cash funds this year end	10,928	10,491	-	21,419	18,829

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-Operative Bank 089299 65835171	9,573	3,910	-
	E Sussex Credit Union 8737 Share 1	2,934	-	-
	E Sussex Credit Union Loans	-	5,002	-
	Total cash funds	12,507	8,912	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report
on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Thousand41000		
On accounts for the year ended	4 April 2021	Charity no (if any)	1171590
Set out on pages	1 and 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 04/04/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:		Date:	14/12/2021
Name:	Brenda M Gourley		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	CTA (WITS), MBA (UNISA),FCGI		

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.