



Telford African and Afro-Caribbean
Resource Centre (TAARC)

Accounts

1st May 2020 – 30th April 2021

Balance Brought Forward: 1st May 2019 - 30th April 2020 = 885.84

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
May 2020	5.00	10.75	880.09
B/F - 880.09			
Jun 2020	0.00	23.59	856.50
B/F - 856.50			
Jul 2020	0.00	9.19	847.31
B/F - 847.31			
Aug 2020	0.00	11.62	835.69
B/F - 835.69			
Sept 2020	250.00	168.49	917.20
B/F - 917.20			
Oct 2020	6,027.00	5,554.70	1,389.50
B/F - 1,389.50			
Nov 2020	1,147.00	695.01	1,841.49
B/F - 1,841.49			
Dec 2020	0.00	11.95	1,829.54
B/F - 1,829.54			
Jan 2021	100.00	197.45	1,732.09
B/F - 1,732.09			
Feb 2021	0.00	38.39	1,693.70
B/F - 1,693.70			
Mar 2021	0.00	319.94	1,373.76
B/F - 1,373.76			
Apr 2021	0.00	3.96	1,369.80
B/F - 1,369.80			

Balance: 1st May 2020 - 30th April 2021 = 1,369.80

Summary 1st May 2020 – 30th April 2021		Balance Brought Forward	885.84
Grants	7424.00	Total Income	+ 7,529.00
Fundraising	0.00		
Donation	0.00		
Miscellaneous	105.00		
			= 8,414.84
Total Expenditure			- 7,045.04
Balance			= 1,369.80

TAARC continues to be a charity for the local community of Telford and Wrekin (T&W), directly serving young people, adults and the elderly as well as delivery to the T&W social value local agenda. One of our chief aims is to raise awareness about African and Afro-Caribbean history and culture through social events and workshops in schools, thereby improving community cohesion.

TAARC has developed established relationships, working in partnership with various businesses, organisations and community providers, for example:

- Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin
- Asda Donnington
- Avara Foods
- Bayfield Vehicle Hire
- Energize Shropshire
- Mitie
- Morrisons Wellington
- NHS Community Engagement Facilitator
- Police Crime Commissioner
- Telford Elim Community Church
- T&W Council
- T&W Interfaith Council
- T&W Multicultural Development Team (MDT)
- Wellington Community Art Gallery (WelliArt)
- West Mercia Police

This has enabled TAARC to play a pivotal role in community cohesion, participation and integration, whilst building valued relationships.

TAARC is a voluntary-based organisation with no paid employees.

Activities 2020 - 2021

Despite the pandemic, TAARC was able to deliver a several of our annual events. Just before the national lockdown, we collaborated with Telford Women's Multi-Cultural Group to celebrate International Women's Day in March 2020, honouring nurses in our community, some of them already retired, including those from the Windrush generation.

Nonetheless, the pandemic has affected what we could deliver, and has affected many people's lives and to date continues to do so. Covid-19 restrictions had us making many difficult decisions in cancelling some of our activities. Unfortunately, we decided to forgo our annual Family Fun Day and paused our weekly Football in the Community sessions for several months.

We were, however, able to deliver our Black History Month workshops in schools, reaching roughly 2,000 students. We also hosted, for the first time, a Black History Month Art Competition for T&W students, in which over 550 participated. We hosted our annual Black History Month celebration online, with the support of T&W Council's Place Theatre in Oakengates, collaborating with several other organisations. It may still be viewed at <https://youtu.be/NVl107oqPok> and so far, it has attracted over 500 views, on our YouTube account as well as the T&W Council account.

Early 2021, we restarted our weekly Football in the community. On 8th March 2021, we had an online celebration of International Women's Day, which has attracted over 100 views, and may still be viewed at <https://youtu.be/8xClqHh0WBw>.

We are pleased to say that TAARC's ability to host these events successfully, despite local and global constraints, show our commitment to our vision, and our willingness to adapt our strategies, and cater for the needs of our community.

Community Groups

TAARC sits on the panel of a multi-organisation focus group which includes Telford & Wrekin Council and West Mercia, tackling current and past racial issues in the community.

We are a member AGEUK Shropshire T&W, and our Chair Natalie Headley also sits on their Board of Trustees.

We are also members of Telford & Wrekin Interfaith Council which supports the wider community.

Our Intended Annual Events/Activities:

International Women's Day – an annual celebration focussing on the critical and diverse role of women in our community, collaborating with several multicultural groups.

Black History Month – This also incorporated local Primary and Secondary schools engaging in interactive learning on the importance of Black History as well as our annual Black History Month celebration event.

Windrush Day – An annual celebration on the commemorative anniversary of the docking of the MV Empire Windrush at the port of Tilbury on the 22nd June 1948 – an impactful time in history when many from the Caribbean to work and live in the UK.

Family Fun Day – Annual summer family fun day event for the local community.

Christmas Party – This has now become an annual over 60's party for elders in the community.

Football in the community – Weekly 5aside indoor football with young men from the age 16 years to 30+. Many attends for keeping fit, losing weight, friendship and for the love of football.

Youth club – We have partnered with Telford Elim Community Church youth club, Awaken Youth, ages 11years to 16years; this has enabled us to reach a wider audience of young people. This is an ongoing well established weekly activity and continued online during Covid-19 restrictions.

Finance:

Funding, Donations and Grants

Funding for 2020 - 2021 financial year has been received from a number of sources:

- Energize Shropshire
- T&W Council
- West Mercia Police

Funding also received for bespoke workshops in schools throughout the year.

They are no financial debts associated with the charity.

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