

THE AFRICAN WOMEN'S FORUM, PORTSMOUTH

England & Wales · Charity number 1172646

Details

Other names	AWF
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-04-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY WORKING WITH PEOPLE IN PORTSMOUTH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF OR CREED (IN PARTICULAR, WOMEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT) TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF SUCH PEOPLE AND ASSIST THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY, IN PARTICULAR BY:A. PROVIDING A LOCAL NETWORK GROUP THAT ENCOURAGES AND ENABLES WOMEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT TO PARTICIPATE MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY;B. INCREASING, OR CO-ORDINATING, OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT TO ENGAGE WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS, TO ENABLE THOSE PROVIDERS TO ADAPT SERVICES TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THAT GROUP2. THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF ADVICE, EDUCATION AND INFORMATION OF MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT ARE COMMON IN MEN AND WOMEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DIABETES AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, BOWEL, BREAST AND TESTICULAR CANCER, SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA AND FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM),3. TO PROMOTE RACIAL HARMONY BY PROMOTING KNOWLEDGE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DIFFERENT RACIAL GROUPS WITHIN, THOUGH NOT RESTRICTED TO, PORTSMOUTH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA4. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY, CULTURE AND TRADITIONS OF AFRICAN PEOPLES5. THE RELIEF OF POVERTY IN AFRICA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE VILLAGE OF TEEKPEH IN LIBERIA BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME SEE FIT

Activities: We promote African culture within our community of Portsmouth and surrounding areas by celebrating African peoples' history and achievements. We collaborate in cultural and educational projects with Portsmouth city council and other statutory and community groups. We promote positive images of Africans and especially of African women for our young.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Liberia
- Portsmouth City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£1,208	£1,015	-	-
2023-12-31	£5,718	£6,119	-	-
2022-12-31	£1,075	£10,779	-	-
2021-12-31	£2,547	£1,731	-	-
2020-12-31	£214	£1,334	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARIE COSTA	Chair	2017-01-18
AYELECHE ARTHUR-KIFLE		2017-01-18
BAMEDELE PERPETUA EGHAREVBA		2017-01-18
HONORINE DJENABA-MACDONALD		2017-01-18
MAHBUBA ABDULLAH		2017-01-18

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ANNUAL REPORT OF AFRICAN WOMEN'S FORUM TO 31ST DECEMBER 2024

The group has not been fielded projects this year as 2024 has been challenging. As we are all aging, some of our members have had many ill health and hospitalisation therefore, it was not appropriate to get involved any projects during this year.

Liberia project

We did not field any fund-raising activity because of the above reasons.

Other activities

The group, as well as individuals, were able to join other minority groups in some of their activities as we are one of the oldest community groups in Portsmouth therefore have much knowledge to impart and help as necessary. These activities did not require support in monetary contributions from our group's account.

Finance

Our accounts are healthy with no overspend. We have been grateful to those outside of our membership who continue to support us emotionally.

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10th August 2024



African Women's Forum - AWF Summary 2024

Opening Bank Balance 01.01.24	£463.09
Closing Balance 31.12.24	£655.95
Total Outgoings	£1,015.38
Total Income	£1,208.24
Interest (Income)	£0.00
Petty Cash	£20.24
Cash In Hand	£5.00

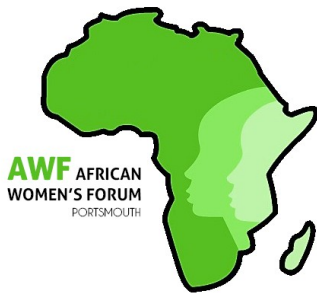
Expenditure	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Grand Total
Accounts Audited Inclusive of admin overheads					£160.00								£160.00
Bank Charges	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	£5.60	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	£5.43	£5.00	£61.03
Hostpapa										£412.36			£412.36
McAfee				£95.99									£95.99
Petty Cash				£50.00									£50.00
Refreshments											£68.00		£68.00
Stationary		£49.99								£13.60		£40.45	£104.04
Telephone	£5.00	£5.00	£5.00	£5.44	£5.44	£5.44	£5.44	£5.44	£5.44	£5.44	£5.44	£5.44	£63.96
Grand Total	£10.00	£59.99	£10.00	£156.43	£170.44	£11.04	£10.44	£10.44	£10.44	£436.40	£78.87	£50.89	£1,015.38

Income	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Grand Total
Petty Cash										£8.24			£8.24
Savings Account Transfer										£1,200.00			£1,200.00
Grand Total										£1,208.24			£1,208.24

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The group has not been fielded projects this year as 2023 has proved to be an unhappy one for us. A child of one of our members passed away tragically, two parents of our members also passed away therefore, we felt that as a mark of respect and sympathy, we could not hold any activities which usually needs all our members' total effort. As we are all aging, some of our members have had many ill health and hospitalisation therefore, it was not appropriate to get involved any projects during this year.

Liberia project

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Other activities

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General

During 2022, with some of our members retired and some suffering from 'long time Covid', we have not attempted to stage any projects. We have however, supported other groups and related cultural activities in Portsmouth such as SS Mendi commemorative morning and Portsmouth Black History group's.

Liberia project

This project is continuing in the back ground and the building of the school is continuing even though it is very slow. Small amounts of money has been donated to the project by supporters

FGM continuing project

This project has been included into Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police's domain and it has been incorporated into their Harmful Practices policy for the whole Policing area and managed by their staff.

Finance

Our accounts are healthy and we are careful not to overspend. Our accounts are scrutinised by a book-keeper and an overseer not connected with our organisation to make sure that these are correctly managed.

Yours truly

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12th September 2022

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30th August 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE AFRICAN WOMEN'S FORUM

Dear sir / Madam,

I was invited to scrutinise the accounts of the AWF for the year ending December 2021. I have examined the summary account provided by the AWF in detail and found the numbers and statistics in all the columns to be accurate and correct.

I also checked the entries in the summary account against the accounting records in the ledger from the AWF. These records are also accurately transferred, both individually and collectively against the summary account.

To summarise, I am happy and confident that the accounts are in order from the perspective of an examination (not an official audit) of the data and hence may be judged to be in compliance with the requirements of the Charities Act 1993.

Yours sincerely,

Mathew Court

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Due to the Corona virus, we have been unable to conduct activities as usual as they involve contact with members of our community. We were all also on the vulnerable list.

Liberia project

We did not field any fund raising activity because of Covid but some supporters have sent us small amounts of money towards the project.

FGM continuing project

We were able to hold the an online day of information on FGM for the public via a communal public screening at the Guildhall Square in February 2021. This involved some recorded messages by members for everyone about FGM. It also contained where further information could be accessed from.

Finance

Our accounts are healthy with due diligence to make sure that we do not overspend. We have been grateful to those outside of our membership who continue to support our causes as well as scrutinise our accounts annually.

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African Women's Forum - Income and Expenditure 2021

	AWF Interest 550	AWF	AWF Liberia
Opening Bank Balance 01.01.21	£4,739.37	£130.31	£16,967.55
Closing Balance	£3,889.76	£569.12	£17,344.41
Total Outgoings	£1,900.00	£1,631.19	£100.85
Total Income	£1,050.00	£2,070.00	£477.71
Interest (Income)	£0.39		
Petty Cash		£187.06	£58.78
Cash In Hand			£31.26

SAVINGS - Income	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Grand Total
Cheque in at 403715			£50.00										£50.00
PCC Grant PBH							£1,000.00						£1,000.00
Grand Total	£0.00	£0.00	£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,050.00

LIBERIA - Income	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Grand Total
Donations		£8.79		£8.98		£21.67			£269.62		£40.17	£8.48	£357.71
Mrs Winifred	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£120.00
Grand Total	£18.79	£10.00	£10.00	£18.98	£10.00	£31.67	£10.00	£10.00	£279.62	£10.00	£50.17	£18.48	£477.71

AWF - Income	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Grand Total
Chichester Festival										£100.00			£100.00
Grant (Transfer from Savings)									£900.00				£900.00
Sale of Cheffing Panel												£70.00	£70.00
Transfer from Savings	£1,000.00												£1,000.00
Grand Total	£1,000.00								£900.00	£100.00		£70.00	£2,070.00

SAVINGS - Expenditure	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Grand Total
Transfer to AWF General Account	£1,000.00								£900.00				£1,900.00
Grand Total	£1,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£900.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,900.00

LIBERIA - Expenditure	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Grand Total
Petty Cash											£90.00		£90.00
Safestore											£1.95		£1.95
Travel											£8.90		£8.90
Grand Total											£100.85		£100.85

LIBERIA - Petty Cash - Expenditure	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Grand Total
Consumables											£20.00		£20.00
Misc											£28.48		£28.48
Telephone											£4.80		£4.80
Travel											£5.50		£5.50
Grand Total											£58.78		£58.78

AWF - Expenditure	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Grand Total
Accounts Audited Inclusive of admin overheads		£152.39											£152.39
Excellence Workshop									£600.00		£100.00		£700.00
Hostpapa										£325.96			£325.96
Internet Security					£39.99								£39.99
Petty Cash	£80.00												£80.00
Stationary			£92.65						£27.99		£23.76		£144.40
Telephone	£16.50	£16.50	£16.50	£16.50	£16.50	£21.00	£16.59	£16.59	£16.59	£16.59	£6.09	£7.00	£182.95
Travel											£5.50		£5.50
Grand Total	£96.50	£168.89	£109.15	£16.50	£56.49	£21.00	£16.59	£16.59	£644.58	£342.55	£135.35	£7.00	£1,631.19

AWF - Petty Cash - Expenditure	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Grand Total
Postage		£2.39											£2.39
Refreshments									£14.55				£14.55
Stationary	£1.53						£6.98				£0.69		£9.20
Telephone											£5.42		£5.42
Travel											£5.50		£5.50
Video Editing	£150.00												£150.00
Grand Total	£151.53	£2.39					£6.98		£14.55		£11.61		£187.06

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Due to the Corona virus, we have been unable to conduct activities as usual as they involve contact with members of our community. We were all also on the vulnerable list.

Liberia project

Again, we could not have our annual fund raising activity however, some supporters have sent us small amounts of money towards the project.

FGM continuing project

We were able to hold the annual day of information on FGM for statutory bodies' employees in February 2020. This was to help to address women/girls they may come across who may have had FGM performed as these ladies need compassion and how to offer them different kinds of assistance should they consent to these.

Finance

Our accounts are healthy and we keep a careful eye on these to make sure that we do not overspend. We have been grateful to those outside of our membership who continue to support our causes as well as scrutinise our accounts annually.

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27th October 2021

