

Charity Number 1172757

Wanstead and Woodford Migrant Support

Registered Charitable Incorporated Charity (CIO)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Charity Information

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Structure, governance, and management

Wanstead and Woodford Migrant Support is an incorporated charity constituted by a constitution executed on 9th December 2016. Charity Commission number is 1172757. The Charity is run by the trustees who all act in an honorary capacity. A new trustee would receive copies of the previous years' Annual Report and Accounts and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What you need to know'.

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Report of the Trustees

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 3 to the accounts.

Status and Administration

The Charity is governed by its constitution dated 15th May 2017, which has not been amended and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Charitable Objects

The objects of the charity are:

- a. To relieve poverty among refugees, asylum seekers, migrant workers and their dependents living in the London borough of Redbridge and neighbouring boroughs.
- b. Offer interpreting/translating/advocacy/health and housing advice for refugees and asylum seekers.
- c. Provide general information and signpost services to those in need.
- d. Any other purposes as are charitable according to English law.

The trustees are pleased that the charity has performed in accordance with its objects during the year. It is envisaged that similar progress will ensue in the following year.

Trustees

The Trustees in office throughout the year were as in the Charity information page. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee nor any person connected with them received any remuneration during the year.

Reserves Policy

The trustees retain reserves as necessary and where appropriate, consolidate funds to render more services to the targeted group of the Charity.

The Charity is currently holding a designated reserve of £1,100 (2024 - £1,100) towards future staff costs.

Investment policy and returns.

Under its constitution, the charity has the power to make any investment which the Trustees see fit.

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Risk Management

The trustees have identified and reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Both manual and automated checks are regularly invoked, particularly those relating to the operations and finance of the charity. The trustees are satisfied that these systems and procedures mitigate any perceived risks.

Public Benefit Policy

We have referred to the guidance in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities.

Achievements and performance

The Charity works with asylum seekers, refugees and other vulnerable migrants. During the financial year we provided 55 service users with immigration advice. We took on 14 new immigration cases and provided initial advice to another 16.

We are registered with the Immigration Advice Authority at Level 3 and specialise in complex immigration casework. We are constantly improving the depth and range of the support that we give to our service users. This includes helping those on Section 3C leave assert their rights when the Home Office system wrongly says they have none; responding to threats that an application will be rejected as invalid due to insufficient evidence of identity, even though the identity of the applicant is not in doubt; and assisting with visas and concerns relating to the phasing out of all biometrics residence permits on 31 December. We adopt a hybrid approach to our casework services, providing both remote and in-person appointments to suit the circumstances.

We have achieved the following immigration outcomes:

- 5 grants of fee waivers
- 4 grants of further leave to remain
- 3 children registered as British
- 3 grants of continuing access to public funds
- 2 grants of initial access to public funds
- 2 Certificates of Application issued
- 16 were given initial advice only
- 1 refusal (which is being appealed)
- 2 withdrew instructions
- 1 ceased to give instructions
- 3 cases were closed due to insufficient merit
- 9 were signposted elsewhere

We do not have comprehensive records of all our referrals and signposting. However, we can confirm that 1 referral was made for money advice, and 16 signpostings were made for nine clients.

We gave housing advice to six clients. One client secured permanent council accommodation. One was referred to a legal aid solicitor. The remainder were given one-off advice and support. There were six signposting.

We held regular coffee mornings where drop-in advice was offered. Our Christmas coffee morning was a great success and was attended by 18 service users.

We are very grateful for the continuing funding that we received throughout the year from Trust for London, which has been crucial in keeping us afloat. During the reporting period we also received funding from the Postcode Society Trust and the National Lottery. We were successful in our application to the Lloyds Bank Foundation's Organisational Development Support Programme and began receiving expert support to assist us with a new 3-year Strategic Plan, fundraising strategy and safeguarding policy.

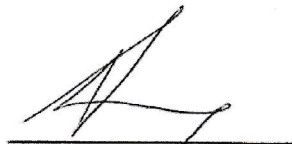
Financial review

The Charity expresses its gratitude to all its donors and supporters over the past year.

The Charity received total grants, donations, and other income of £42,407 (2024 -£49,246) and spent £37,619 (2024 - £42,388) leaving a surplus/(deficit) of £4,788 (2024 – £6,858) for the year.

The total reserves for the Charity stood at £21,319 (2024 - £16,531) at the end of the year.

Approved by the Trustees on 16th December 2025



Angela Chinoso
Chair



Kevin Rennie
Treasurer

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Woodford and Wanstead Migrant Support on Financial statements for the year to 31 March 2025 set out on pages 7 to 14

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

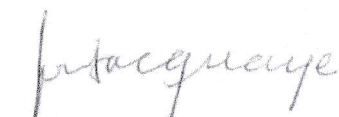
As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination,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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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



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16 December 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Incoming Resources:					
Income and endowments:	5				
Donations Received		42,407	-	42,407	49,246
Fundraising & other		-	-	-	-
Total Income		<u>42,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,246</u>	<u>49,246</u>
Resources expended					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	(373)
Charitable activities	6.2	(16,150)	(20,719)	(36,869)	(41,315)
Governance costs	6.3	(750)	-	(750)	(700)
Investments costs		-	-	-	-
		<u>(16,900)</u>	<u>(20,719)</u>	<u>(37,619)</u>	<u>(42,388)</u>
Accumulated Funds					
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		25,507	(20,719)	4,788	6,858
Balance b/fwd.		1,561	14,970	16,531	9,673
Balance c/fwd.		<u>27,068</u>	<u>(5,749)</u>	<u>21,319</u>	<u>16,531</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets	7	1,460	1,948
Current Assets			
Cash		20,424	15,351
Prepayment		651	651
		<u>21,075</u>	<u>16,002</u>
Current Liabilities	8		
Amounts falling due within 1 year			
Creditors		<u>(1,216)</u>	<u>(1,419)</u>
Net Current Assets		19,859	14,583
Total assets		<u>21,319</u>	<u>16,531</u>
Funds of the Charity	9		
Unrestricted funds		21,319	1,561
Restricted funds		-	14,970
		<u>21,319</u>	<u>16,531</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16th December 2025 and signed on behalf of the board by:



Kevin Rennie
Treasurer

The Notes on page 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements**General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is a Charitable incorporated Organisation (CIO). The address of the principal office is 357 Chigwell Road, Woodford Green, IG8 8PE.

2.0 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in British pound sterling (£), which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue operating.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There are no material uncertainties about the assets and liabilities in the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the Charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

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Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3.2 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- Income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable, and its amount can be measured reliably.
- Legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable, and entitlement is established.
- Income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- Income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

3.3 Resources expended.

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- Expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- Other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity.

Shared

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costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

3.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Equipment and furniture - 25% Reducing balance method.

		2025	2024
Employee:	Average number of employees	1	1

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

4. Taxation

The Charity is exempt from taxation on its Charitable activities.

The Charity is not registered for VAT with HM Revenue and Customs.

5. Analysis of income

	£	£	2025 £	2024 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Donations and legacies:				
Grants receivable	-	-	-	42,738
Fundraising	-	-	-	-
Donations	38,932	-	38,932	2,474
Other income	3,475	-	3,475	4,034
	<u>42,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>42,407</u>	<u>49,246</u>

6. Analysis of expenditure**6.1 Expenditure on raising funds:**

Advertising & marketing	-	-	-	(373)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

6.2 Expenditure on charitable activities:

Staff cost & pension	(8,845)	(16,840)	(25,685)	(28,317)
Office admin & training	(1,377)	(778)	(2,155)	(2,711)
Rent	(875)	(625)	(1,500)	(1,500)
Clerical costs	(120)	(40)	(160)	(23)
Insurance	(853)	-	(853)	(604)
Subscription & Member	(858)	(380)	(1,238)	(2,681)
Legal & professional	(2,734)	(2,056)	(4,790)	(4,828)
Depreciation -equipt.	(488)	-	(488)	(650)
	<u>(16,150)</u>	<u>(20,719)</u>	<u>(36,869)</u>	<u>(41,315)</u>

6.3 Governance costs

Independent examiner	(750)	-	(750)	(700)
Other costs	-	-	-	-
	<u>(750)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(750)</u>	<u>(700)</u>

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7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Equipment
Cost	£
At 1 April 2024	5,097
Additions	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>5,097</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 April 2024	3,149
Charge for the year	488
At 31 March 2025	<u>3,637</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,460</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,948</u>

8. Creditors

	2025	2024
	£	£
PAYE & pension	(466)	(719)
Accruals	(750)	(700)
Other creditors & advances	-	-
	<u>(1,216)</u>	<u>(1,419)</u>

9. Accumulated Funds

	£	£	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	£ Total	£ Total
Balance brought forward	1,561	14,970	16,531	9,673
Net income/(exp) for the year	(25,507)	(20,719)	4,788	6,858
Transfer of funds	(5,749)	5,749	-	-
Bal carried c/fwd.	<u>21,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,319</u>	<u>16,531</u>

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10. Analysis of Charitable funds

	As at 1/04/2024			As at 31/03/2025
Unrestricted funds	Balance	Income	Expenditure	Balance
	£	£	£	£
General funds	460	42,407	(16,900)	25,967
Designated funds	1,100	-	-	1,100
Restricted funds	14,970	-	(20,719)	(5,749)
	<u>16,530</u>	<u>42,407</u>	<u>(37,619)</u>	<u>21,319</u>

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
Total fixed assets	1,460	-	1,460
Current assets	21,074	-	21,074
Current liabilities	(1,215)	-	(1,215)
	<u>21,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,319</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Total fixed assets	1,948	-	1,948
Current assets	2,150	13,852	16,002
Current liabilities	(700)	(719)	(1,419)
	<u>2,999</u>	<u>13,133</u>	<u>16,531</u>

12. Related party.

There were no related party transactions in the year.