

RAINBOW HOME NORTH

England & Wales · Charity number 1173782

Details

Other names RAINBOW HOME (NORTH EAST ENGLAND)

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-07-11

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROVIDE RELIEF, ASSISTANCE AND TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION TO THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM; THOSE GRANTED REFUGEE STATUS AND ANY OTHER MIGRANTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES AND DEPENDENTS, AND IN PARTICULAR SUCH OF THOSE SAID PERSONS WHO IDENTIFY AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL OR TRANSGENDER, BY PREVENTING THEM FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. FOR THIS PURPOSE "SOCIALLY EXCLUDED" REFERS TO "THOSE WHO ARE EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: ILL-HEALTH; DISABILITY; UNEMPLOYMENT; POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; RACE; NATIONALITY OR ETHNIC ORIGIN; LANGUAGE; GENDER; SEXUALITY; POOR EDUCATION OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; BEING WITHIN OR HAVING EXPERIENCE OF THE PUBLIC CARE SYSTEM, DETENTION OR PRISON).

Activities: We work with LGBTQ plus people seeking asylum and those who have been granted leave to remain but are unsettled. Based in Newcastle, we cover the North East region. We provide social opportunities where members can meet safely and enjoy each other's company. We work one-to-one with each member helping to provide detailed case information.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Durham
- Gateshead
- Hartlepool
- Middlesbrough
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- South Tyneside
- Stockton-on-tees
- Sunderland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£53,933	£50,638	-	-
2024-03-31	£45,062	£27,607	-	-
2023-03-31	£56,290	£36,972	-	-
2022-03-31	£55,311	£43,140	-	-
2021-03-31	£63,096	£32,450	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard Douglas Rhodes	Chair	2022-12-06
JACQUELINE JOBSON		2018-09-25
Jeannie Fraser		2026-03-19
Patrick Ngabonziza		2021-11-26
Shervin Khademi Nouri		2025-06-12

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Accounts

Rainbow Home (North East England)
(Registered charity, number 1173782)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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**Rainbow Home (North East England)
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Full name Rainbow Home (North East England)

Registered charity number 1173782

Principal address

c/o Northern Lights, MCC, St James Church, Northumberland Road, Newcastle Upon-Tyne, NE1 8JF

Trustees

Jacqueline Jobson, Co-chair

Andrea Cowie

Dave Smith, from 12/06/2025

Charlotte West, until 28/01/2025

Richard Rhodes, Co-chair

Patrick Ngabonziza

Shervin Nouri, from 12/06/2025

Steven Takunda, until 13/06/2024

Independent examiner

Eva Stevens, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 08/07/2016 and most recently amended 08/12/2024.

Prospective trustees complete a Fitness to Practice Form; receive a copy of the accounts and annual report plus read the Charity Commission information regarding being a trustee. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/charity-trustee-whats-involved>. Prospective trustees meet with the co-chairs to discuss the charity and their interests and are then invited to attend a board meeting to observe. As part of our governance review, we are reviewing our processes re trustee recruitment, appointment and retention, including a skills audit. We are keen to attract more trustees from the global majority, including those with lived experience of the asylum system and exploring ways in which to do so. Currently, all our trustees are from the LGBTQ+ community, and 2 have lived experience of the issues we aim to address. We also have non trustee board members, bringing further experience and expertise.

Rainbow Home (North East England)

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the charity are to provide relief, assistance and to promote social inclusion to those seeking asylum; those granted refugee status and any other migrants, and their families and dependents, and in particular such of those said persons who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender, by preventing them from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

(For this purpose "socially excluded" refers to "those who are excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: ill health; disability; unemployment; poverty or financial hardship; race; nationality or ethnic origin; language; gender; sexuality; poor education or skills attainment; being within or having experience of the public care system, detention or prison).

We provide specialist support to LGBTQ+ people navigating the asylum system across the North East in a range of ways, offering 1:1 case support to help people tell their story to the Home Office and others with as much dignity as possible, and in a trauma informed way. We provide practical and emotional support, helping people find their feet, to feel safe and welcome and live the best lives possible while they wait for a decision on their case, or become settled after a decision is made regarding their asylum status. We support people and walk their journey with them, until their case concludes, or beyond if required.

We have a proven framework for practice, which our members have shaped over time.

We also provide social opportunities for our beneficiaries to connect with others from LGBTQ+ communities. We remove barriers to access, including practical blocks such as covering all costs to meet us and meeting in locations and in ways where members are comfortable and safe. We provide interpreters and provide choice of in person/phone where possible as we have learned this helps confidence. We learn what people need to engage and aim to meet this to promote inclusivity and meet their needs. The UK in many ways has become a more hostile and challenging place for the people we support over the past year, and many report being more afraid than they previously were, likening fear and events of the summer riots, for example, to the trauma they faced in their own countries. People report experiencing racism, magnified due to their asylum status and the negative intense rhetoric, compounded by their profound fear of their sexuality and/or gender identity being discovered. The impact of intersectionality is hugely significant. Sadly, our members are often excluded from both the LGBTQ+ and asylum/refugee communities, often unintentionally.

Our members express such great relief about being able to talk openly about their sexual orientation and/or gender identity with their Rainbow Home case worker and the wider Rainbow Home team, often for the first time in their lives, certainly without fear. The majority of those accessing refugee/asylum support services locally and regionally keep their sexuality hidden and do not feel comfortable to be themselves.

Rainbow Home (North East England)

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Our activities promote community cohesion, inclusivity and integration through improving wellbeing and providing spaces for people to connect and find out about their community.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Rainbow Home have experienced many successes during this reporting period. We have worked with 68 people directly, providing a blend of emotional and practical support, 1:1 casework and detailed statements of support for member's asylum claims. As a result, 10 of our members were granted Leave to Remain. Alongside this, we have supported people to settle, build networks and community and participate in life where possible, including support to access education and voluntary work.

Sadly, during this time, many others have either been unsuccessful and therefore appealing the decision, or are waiting for an outcome.

Demand for our specialist service continues with an active waiting list for support. To meet this demand, we have increased staff hours in providing more capacity and resource due to support from funders towards both core costs and restricted grants enabling, for example, our successful member led, Members Club. We thank everyone who has supported us during this time and our funders, enabling people to receive crucial support and positive experiences.

Rainbow Home have also developed our strategic document, outlining our core objectives going forward that shape our delivery, aligning with ambitions and funding applications:

1. Contribute positively to the lives of LGBTQ+ people seeking and/or granted asylum in the NE of England.
2. To challenge and raise awareness of the unique and intersectional discrimination faced by the LGBTQ+ asylum community.
3. For Rainbow Home to be a fully member led organisation.
4. Create financial flexibility.

Rainbow Home are developing our Members Advisory Board to further influence our service offer and growth of the organisation. Supporting this aim is a funded partnership with Newcastle University further exploring members' experiences including training members to become Peer Listeners through Citizens UK and peer workshops with researchers.

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We continue to value and develop partnerships with other organisations and allies, building effective networks that support the needs of our members, including our longstanding relationship with Northern Lights and the closed support group, facilitated by Mind with Rainbow Home staff. Members have shared how important this is as if they are unable to access mental health support; they often feel unable to share their sexuality and real experiences. Peer support in this format has proven to be empowering, safe and supportive.

We would like to say a heartfelt thanks to our funders, supporters and allies. Thank you. Alongside grant funding, without which we could not operate, we receive wonderful donations from supporters. Please read testimonials from our members:

'My name is XXXXX, my pronouns are he/him and I'm a bisexual man from Sierra Leone, West Africa. I want to take a moment to share a piece of my experience with Rainbow Home with you all. Before I met Rainbow Home I was going through a difficult time, challenging moments when I felt overwhelmed, isolated, and unsure of how to move forward. But in the midst of that storm, Rainbow Home stood by me in ways I will never forget. Being in the asylum system was an overwhelming and stressful journey, a journey that I couldn't have made it this far without your support. Rainbow Home listened to my story and believed in me. They support me in every single step of my journey to freedom. Freedom to be open and free as a bisexual man.

From the kind words during appointments with me, from the safe space you created, to the encouragement that lifted my spirit, I felt loved, heard, and seen. The Mind group and trips with other members of the group have contributed immensely to my mental well-being. Each message, hug, and moment of understanding during appointments, meetings and outings reminded me that I'm not alone. You showed me what true community and chosen family look like.

Because of your support, I'm now free from that constant fear that was weakening my self-worth. Now I'm finding my strength again, I'm learning to be kinder to myself, to embrace the next chapter of my life, and to move forward with courage.

I'm deeply grateful for every one of you. Thank you for being my light in a dark time. I carry your love in my heart with me, always.

Love always, XXXXX'

'I cannot express in words just how grateful I am for everything you have done for me. From the very first moment I reached out to you, when I felt completely alone, you were there. You were the only ones who offered me a helping hand when I had no one else to turn to.

Your support throughout my asylum process has been incredible. You found me a place to stay when I had nowhere to go, connected me with a lawyer when I needed guidance, and were always there to provide whatever I needed, no matter how small.

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What touches me the most is how you continuously checked in on me, always asking if there was anything else I needed. Your kindness and generosity have made me feel like I have a family here, like I'm truly home. I've never felt so supported, and I owe that all to you.

Rainbow Home isn't just an organization to me; it's a lifeline, a community that has embraced me and given me hope when I needed it the most. I honestly don't know how I would have made it through this without you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you've done. I will forever be grateful. With all my thanks and appreciation.

I truly don't have the words to fully express what Rainbow Home has meant to me. During the darkest and most uncertain time of my life, when I was navigating the fear and loneliness of the asylum process, they were the only ones who stood by me. They found me a safe place to stay when I had nowhere to go, and made sure I never felt abandoned. They didn't just offer practical help they offered me dignity, warmth, and genuine care. They always checked in, asked how I was doing, and made sure I had what I needed, even when I didn't have the strength to ask for it. Their support was constant and unwavering, and because of them, I never had to face any of it alone. Now that I've been granted asylum, I look back with overwhelming gratitude. Rainbow Home wasn't just a helping hand they were my safe place, my anchor, and my family when I had none. I honestly don't know where or how I would be today if there was no Rainbow Home.

"Rainbow Home" is Home ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️'

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Financial review

Rainbow Home are currently waiting to hear about applications for multi-year grants, and other funding pots. We are expanding reserves over our planned amounts in case we are unsuccessful.

Risks

We are dependent on grant funding - the financial risks to the organisation are if funding ceases. Demands on funds across the sector continue to rise and the nature of the work Rainbow Home does is impacted by the political environment locally, nationally and globally. We have increased our staffing capacity, due to increased demand on services and receiving funding which has enabled us to do so.

The charity's policy on reserves

The Board will ensure that Rainbow Home has free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 8 months working expenditure. Where no designated funds are available to cover core costs such as Staff salary, Staff costs and other core costs, the reserves should rise to at least 8 months' reserves. Reserves may be allowed to rise above this level where the Board intends to authorise and undertake substantial schemes in the furtherance of Rainbow Home objectives in the future if needed.

Any designated funds must be approved by the Finance Subgroup with final approval obtained by the Board. Plans are currently in place to actively manage down the surplus to address strategic objectives.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 
Jacqueline Jobson, Trustee

Date 18/01/2026

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Rainbow Home (North East England)
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Rainbow Home (North East England) (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

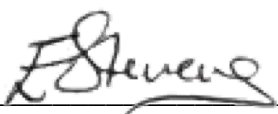
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed  Date 21/01/2026
Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

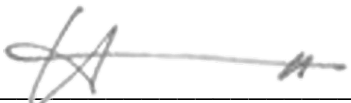
Rainbow Home (North East England)
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2024				2025
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
	Receipts			
629	Bank interest	666	-	666
41946	Grants & donations	2 30283	22485	52768
2488	Sales/Fees	499	-	499
45063	Total receipts	31448	22485	53933
	Payments			
-	Activities & trips	354	1239	1593
15538	Management	15984	1199	17183
324	Equipment, repairs & renewals	-	-	-
-	IT costs	581	-	581
-	Fundraising costs	469	-	469
263	Hospitality/Refreshments	51	-	51
242	General office expenditure	1015	1071	2086
1092	Insurance	818	-	818
33	Travel	315	2162	2477
2816	Legal & professional	300	-	300
-	Payroll service	276	-	276
-	Printing & stationery	85	-	85
933	Rent & services	48	36	84
-	Staff training	137	-	137
468	Sundry payments	211	-	211
-	Telephone & postage	425	-	425
-	Trustee expense	200	-	200
5898	Wages, NI & pension	22947	715	23662
27607	Total payments	44216	6422	50638
17456	Net receipts/(payments)	(12768)	16063	3295
71875	Cash funds at start of this period	89331	-	89331
-	Transfers between funds	(25)	25	-
89331	Cash funds at end of this period	76538	16088	92626

**Rainbow Home (North East England)
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2025**

2024		Note	2025
£			£
89271	Cash assets		
	Bank accounts		92482
60	Cash in hand		144
<u>89331</u>			<u>92626</u>
	Other monetary assets		
-	Prepayments	4	481
<u>-</u>			<u>481</u>
	Liabilities		
(505)	Creditors	5	(751)
<u>(505)</u>			<u>(751)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  _____ Date 18/01/2026
Richard Rhodes, Trustee

Rainbow Home (North East England)
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Mobile Cheque Barbour	1500	-	1500
North East Law Centre	4000	-	4000
Newcastle University	1500	3575	5075
National Lottery Community Fund	-	18910	18910
Lloyds Bank Foundation	2575	-	2575
Joicey Trust	1000	-	1000
Community Foundation	5500	-	5500
LGBT Federation	750	-	750
Garfield Weston	5000	-	5000
Newcastle Frontrunners	2500	-	2500
Northern Lights Metropolitan Church Council	1320	-	1320
Gift Aid	312	-	312
General Donations	4326	-	4326
	<u>30283</u>	<u>22485</u>	<u>52768</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
C4C	-	3575	(262)	-	3313
Monthly Members Club	-	18910	(6135)	-	12775
NBS	-	-	(25)	25	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>22485</u>	<u>(6422)</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>16088</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	<u>89331</u>	<u>31448</u>	<u>(44216)</u>	<u>(25)</u>	<u>76538</u>
	<u>89331</u>	<u>31448</u>	<u>(44216)</u>	<u>(25)</u>	<u>76538</u>

The transfer from the General fund to the NBS fund is to cover the deficit on this activity.

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Connecting 4 Change (C4C) - a funded collaboration with Newcastle University, working with members and academics.

Monthly Members Club National Lottery Awards for All - funding activities and groups for members.

Newcastle Building Society (NBS) restricted fund - to support members with housing and homelessness, education and training and food poverty.

4. Prepayment

	£
Insurance	442
Zoom Subscription	39
	<u>481</u>

5. Creditors

	£
HMRC	547
Pensions	204
	<u>751</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

8. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

RAINBOW HOME NORTH

England & Wales - Charity number 1173782

Accounts

RAINBOW HOME (NORTH EAST ENGLAND)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Charity Number 1173782

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2024, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (effective 1 January 2019).

1. Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity is to provide relief, assistance and to promote social inclusion to those seeking asylum; those granted refugee status and any other migrants, and their families and dependents, and in particular such of those said persons who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender, by preventing them from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

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2. Public Benefit Statement

To provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ people seeking asylum:

- By holding both 1 to 1 sessions and group meetings.
- To offer support as individual's progress through the UK Immigration process. This includes emotional support for individuals as well as liaison with interpreters/ home office/solicitors/barristers/health professionals/other asylum and refugee services/detention centres/housing providers etc and provision of letters and statements for court.
- To provide a social environment where group members can relax and have fun and be themselves.
- To provide financial support to enable access to the group sessions and lunch along with information about pending social events and speakers from other voluntary organisations offering accessible social outlets/ organisations who provide helpful information about life in the UK.
- To reduce isolation by helping service users make links to LGBTQ+ groups local to them. Support their access to all the main LGBTQ+ events throughout the year, promoting education to support integration.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

In particular the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that they have set and are satisfied that the teaching and outreach

activities undertaken by the beneficiaries of Rainbow Home bring considerable public benefit to the communities they serve.

3. Policy on Grant Making

As a charity we don't award grants. We do however rely on making applications for grants and achieving them.

4. Contribution by Volunteers

Rainbow Home members volunteer in various capacities across the region, participating in community focussed activities such as a community cafe. Volunteering provides a range of outcomes including development of social networks, integration and skill development. Our members also volunteer with Rainbow Home activities such as in the delivery of the Christmas Party activities.

We used more volunteers to create the food for our Christmas and to help serving it.

5. Achievements and Performance

This annual reporting period, 2023-24 has seen positive change for Rainbow Home North East England and for many people we support. Most importantly, despite a hostile environment, many of our members have continued to flourish in the face of adversity. During the past 12 months, 19 people receiving support from Rainbow Home members have been granted Leave to Remain, 7 are female, 12 male. Of this 19, 15 are core members and 4 people were on the the waiting list yet receiving some support including waiting list confirmation letters and contact.

2 males have been refused, not due to belief in their sexuality but that their countries are safe to return to. Sadly, one male has been detained.

In addition to the 19 members themselves, are 9 children and young people, and two spouses.

This has clearly been positive news for them, however alongside the positive news came further upheaval and insecurity as we worked with them and local authority housing provision to try and find suitable alternative accommodation for them so they could settle and build a home.

We still have members awaiting a decision and data for 2023 shows a significant backlog in decision making.

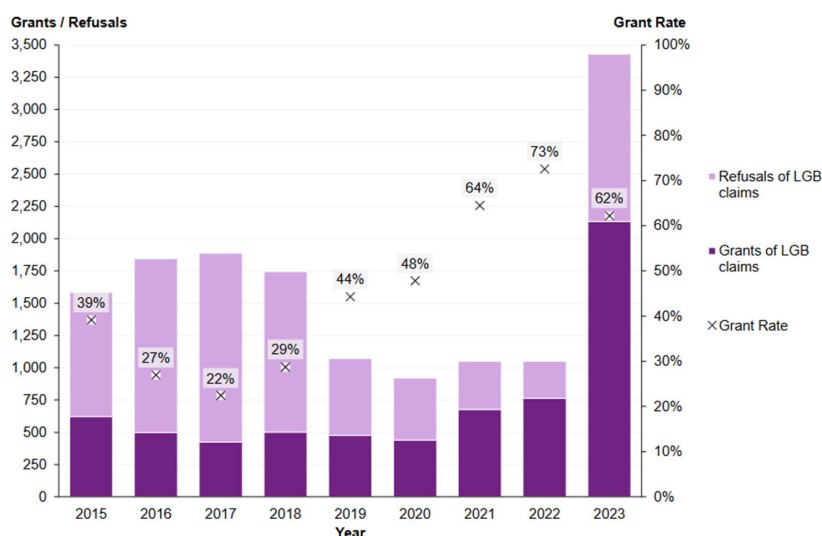
In 2023, Gov.UK published data states 2% of all asylum claims, (1,377) from 2015-2023 included sexual orientation as part of the basis for the claim. Published data also states that the number of LGB claims had a 49% decrease in 2023 from the previous year. This is not reflected in the demand for Rainbow Home service in the North East.

[Asylum claims on the basis of sexual orientation 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Some claims are refused and we support people with appeals as appropriate, currently 3 members.

Also to consider; those seeking asylum are not required to disclose their orientation when they apply for asylum. Many of our members say they do not disclose for a multitude of reasons, including fear of further persecution and harm. In other cases, sexual orientation may not be a significant factor in a person's case for protection. All members of Rainbow Home feel LGB orientation is the main factor in their reasons for seeking asylum in the UK. The published data does not reflect whether LGB orientation was the sole basis for the claim.

Figure 3: Initial decision¹ on LGB asylum applications, and the grant rates² on such applications, 2015 to 2023



In April 2023, Rainbow Home experienced staffing and capacity difficulties, the difficult decision was made to close our waiting list to new people, in order to continue offering a quality service to the individuals already members of Rainbow Home. During this time, an interim manager was recruited and 1:1 case work with existing members continued as statements were prepared and emotional and practical support provided. A key factor in this difficult decision to close the waiting list was the fact that Rainbow Home had enjoyed a longstanding relationship with Mesmac, a specialist service for gay and bisexual men. Mesmac were sadly no longer able to support the work due to changes in their structure and eventual closure.

However, in terms Rainbow Home North East England as an organisation, we are delighted to share our new staffing structure and the fact we now have three paid members of staff in post, all part time. Our new structure consists of our CEO (previous interim manager), in post since August 23, and two part time project workers from Jan

24. Together we make up just over 1 full time equivalent post. We continue to be led and supported by our experienced Board of Trustees with a wide

range of diverse skills and experiences, including members with direct lived experience of navigating the asylum system as a member of the LGBTQ+ community. Our focus has therefore been on providing a quality service and reducing the waiting list.

At the end of the reporting period, there were 26 people on the waiting list. The new worker inductions took time, due to the part time nature and from April 2024 they started working directly with people.

The number of asylum seekers contacting Rainbow Home for advice and support has increased from last year and the delays in decision making referenced above means we have a cohort of people who have been supported by us for 12 months or more. The longest we have supported someone while waiting for a decision is over 3 years and his case has now concluded. We are now supporting people who need to apply again, following their 5-year initial Leave to Remain decision.

On average 4-5 new referrals are received every month although not all are eligible for the service. We have a rigorous initial assessment period to ensure Rainbow Home are the right service and people belong to the LGBTQ+ community and can work with us. If not, we help them find the correct support. We approach this assessment period and all of our work with great sensitivity, appreciating everyone's unique history and narrative.

During 23-24

Key themes throughout the reporting period include mental health and wellbeing with 2 referrals to Crisis Team, and 4 referrals to further therapeutic support. Housing and homelessness, also a recurrent theme, heightened due to changes in people's immigration status, safeguarding concerns and hate crime. We also supported members to access specialist advice such as legal support and to support their asylum claim and reunion visas once successful.

On average 19 to 20 people per month access support from Rainbow Home, for 1 to 1 casework, group support, and initial support following leave to remain.

The Rainbow Home worker provided

- Support statements x 13
- Waiting List confirmation x 4

People who achieved refugee status: 19, plus 9 children and young people, plus 2 spouses

Further support after Leave to Remain status has included help with housing/ benefits/ bank systems/ work skills/ accessing training and emotional support.

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We signposted to multiple organisations during the year including a range of local social and support groups covering:

- Housing and homeless organisations both local and national
- Physical health and wellbeing
- Volunteer opportunities
- Mental Health support
- Legal
- Social and recreational activities

Asylum support specialists including:

- Action Foundation
- Rainbow Migration
- Migrant Help
- Justice First
- Asylum Matters
- Justice Together Initiative

Activities:

Following the successful recruitment and new staff in post from January 2024 we have been able to reestablish the popular monthly meetings. This historically was a monthly meeting where members would attend for lunch. This has evolved slightly and is now Monthly Members Club, a group led opportunity for peer sessions, activities and visits, shaped by the group and their interests.

Tyneside MIND collaborative sessions with Rainbow Home running fortnightly throughout the year. Attendances ranging to up to 12 participants per session.

Art Exhibition Refugee Week June 2023 attended by both Rainbow Home and Board members, with invited supports from North East Law Centre. Hatton Gallery generously offered us space where we had refreshments and celebrated the launch of our exhibition.

Curious Arts Vogue Ball 5 members attended (July 2023)

Fundraiser at Wellbar Buildings and Newcastle College Students Union, organised by their staff.



Northern Front Runners 5K Fun Run 21/7/23 attended by members, some who ran and others who cheered others on. Despite the terrible weather we had a such great time and really enjoy our relationship with Northern Front Runners.



Beach trip (August 23) Wonderful trip to the beach attended by 8 members, all in the sea! Some had never been to a beach before.





Trans Day of Remembrance Event (Nov 23)

Rainbow Home attend and support, participating in the name reading of those who have lost their lives across the world.

Board Meeting (November 23) attended by 2 members. This was an excellent opportunity to meet the Board and be part of our strategic planning discussions.

Winter Party Dec 2023 attended by 17 people and 5 children, supported by Board members and 4 volunteers. Thank you to Northumbria Police for your support and donated gifts.



United With Pride Supported Rainbow Home to attend NUFC women's game.

North East Solidarity Network Stall holders, raising awareness of the unique voice of the LGBTQ+ asylum community.

Group sessions were able to commence again from February 2024 with members invited to come along and meet our new team.

Pride Action North Annual Ball February 2024

We were very proud that our CEO was nominated for the Ally Award and Rainbow Home nominated for Third Sector Award.

Development work included:

- Fortnightly collaborative sessions with Tyneside Mind, providing a safe space for members to be together, offering therapeutic arts and crafts based activities.
- Rainbow Home attend Newcastle Health and Race Equality Forum (Haref) network meetings.
- Continued membership of North East Migration Partnership Forum
- Newcastle City of Sanctuary
- Northumberland County of Sanctuary
- Membership of Justice Together Initiative (JTI)

- Collaboration with other LGBTQ+ specialists to amplify the voices of our members

Members Feedback

Thank you so much Jill, you are God sent angel, sent to me at the point of my needs and deliverance, I really appreciate your good work for me. God bless you so much

Rainbow Homes as a charity organisation that supports LGBT Communities, is a great organisation that has helped me and provide support for me and every members of the group.

Rainbow Homes has helped me by funding my transportation to the group meetings every two weeks of the month.

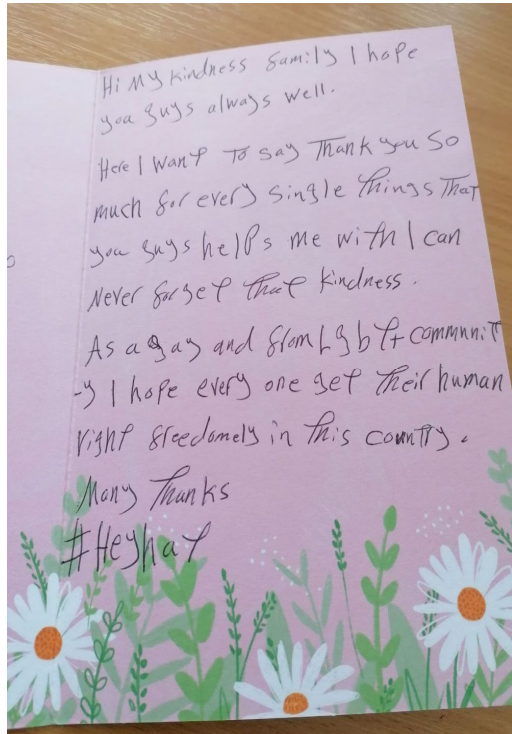
Rainbow Homes have supported me with food banks and some clothing materials.

Rainbow Homes have also provided support for me on the issues of my mental health

Rainbow Homes has also helped me to look for a solicitor when I have none.

We are really excited and happy with this group and thanks for providing us that party and I hope things like this always happen. Hope Rainbow home continues this journey together helping LGBT Vulnerable people to get their rights MANY THANKS

I am really appreciated the party was good and I enjoyed the food, game and gift as well thanks very much for your support and being there for us



6. Fundraising

We have continued to raise funds. We have completed the previous grants from Barbour; Mind; Allan Lane; Pears and Newcastle City Council. The Small amount of £7.82 left in the RAP Grant should be added to the general Fund. We received a Grant from The Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust, the grant from NorthEast Law continued with one more receipt in the year and we received a second donation from the Lloyds Foundation, to complete the full Grant.

The successful funding bid from Lloyds enables Rainbow Home to further develop our staffing structure, with plans to employ a part-time CEO at 2 days a week rather than 1 day and possibly increase the other staff hours in 2024/25. The funding received in 2023/24 means we know we have enough funds for 2024/25 and some will roll into 2025/26.

We are also extremely appreciative of members from the wider community who donate to us, monthly, as and when or one-off donations, including an incredibly generous donation following a 40th birthday party, where the host requested donations for Rainbow Home as oppose to gifts. Thank you everyone who supports us in whatever way you can.

7. Investments

We do not place any of our money in investments. Any excess money is placed in a savings account with Lloyds Bank, so that we can earn some interest but be able to use it when required.

8. Financial Review

Review of the year

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2024 shows net receipts across all funds of £17,456 (2023: £19,318).

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2024 shows total cash fund carried forward of £89,331 (2023: £71,875) of which there are £0 restricted funds (2023: £4,166)

9. Reserves policy

In line with our Finance Policy, the Trustees and Finance Subgroup has considered the level of reserves and will ensure that Rainbow Home has free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 6 months working expenditure. Where no designated funds are available to cover core costs such as Staff salary, Staff costs and other core costs, the reserves should rise to at least 8 months.

The Board has agreed a pot of designated funds of £11,000.00 for use for Fundraising. Any further designated funds must be approved by the Finance Subgroup with final approval obtained by the Board.

10. Future Plans

It is an exciting time for Rainbow Home and we are looking forward to offering a wider service to those who need it across the North East as we grow capacity.

We are excited to build our new Strategic Plan and new aims to ultimately improve outcomes for LGBTQ+ people seeking asylum in the North East of England. This includes strengthening our social activities offer; the peer opportunities are well received and members report significant benefits of connecting with peers in safety.

We will be seeking opportunities to develop and progress our strategic aims, building on both existing and new partnerships to achieve our aims.

11. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Registered charity name	Rainbow Home (North East England)	
Charity Number	1173782	
Registered office	C/o St James's URC Northumberland Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 8JF	
Trustees and Members of the Board	Jackie Jobson	Co- Chair
	Richard Rhodes	Co-Chair
	Charlotte West	Treasurer
	Rose Kelly	resigned 30.06.24
	Danielle Stone	resigned 02.07.24
	Patrick Ngabonziz	
	James Anderson from 17.08.23 to 25.05.24	
	Andrea Cowie - Treasurer	
Chief Executive Officer	Jill Hardie from July 2023	
Senior staff members	Natalie Lyon until 31.03.23 Jane Bassam-Roper from January 24 Jenna Romero from January 24	
Independent Examiner	Michelle Wright	
Bankers	Lloyds Bank	

12. Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charity first registered 11th July 2017 and the governing document has been amended 14th September 2023.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Board

New trustees are brought on board by either existing trustees or through recruitment via Vonne. We are looking to appoint new trustees with lived experience.

Board Induction and Training

New Board Members are introduced to the work of the organisation through discussion with a trustee and then attendance at a Board meeting and informed of their legal roles and responsibilities at an induction meeting. The induction and training programme for new Board Members includes:

- A briefing by the Chair or Chief Executive Officer
- An explanation of roles and responsibilities as a Board Member
- Copies of the main charity documents including the Constitution and the latest Financial Statements
- Copy of the business plan and most recent evaluation report
- Copies of recent board papers including budgets and management accounts
- A copy of the Charity Commission publication "How to be an Effective Trustee"
- A copy of the governance structure.

13. Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statement

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 08/12/2024 and signed on their behalf by:

C West Charlotte West
Trustee Charlotte West (Dec 12, 2024 18:38 GMT)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2024

I report on the financial statements of Rainbow Home (North East England) for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 14 to 20.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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 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.

Michelle Wright
MW Accounting, Bookkeeping & Training
Woodgate House
5c Wood Street
Gateshead
NE11 9NP
Date: 08/12/2024

Michelle Wright

RAINBOW HOME (NORTH EAST ENGLAND)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	2	41,946	-	41,946	55,013
Other trading activities	3	2,488	-	2,488	1,199
Investments	4	629	-	629	78
Total income		45,062	-	45,062	56,290
Payments					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	5	23,449	4,158	27,607	36,972
Total expenditure		23,449	4,158	27,607	36,972
Net income/(expenditure)		21,614	(4,158)	17,456	19,318
Transfers between funds		8	(8)	-	-
Net movement of funds		21,622	(4,166)	17,456	19,318
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		67,709	4,166	71,875	52,557
Total funds carried forward		89,331	-	89,331	71,875

The Receipts and Payments Statement includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All receipts and payments derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 16 to 20 form an integral part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<u>Cash funds</u>					
Current account		89,331	-	89,331	71,875
Total cash funds		89,331	-	89,331	71,875
<u>Liabilities</u>					
	12			505	952

The notes on pages 16 to 20 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

08/12/2024

and are signed on its behalf by:

C West
Trustee

Charlotte West

Charlotte West (Dec 12, 2024 18:38 GMT)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the charity's constitution and has not been requested by the trustees.

Analysis of receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2 Donations and grants				
Donations	5,823	-	5,823	4,020
Gift aid	311	-	311	273
Northern Lights MCC	1,320	-	1,320	1,320
Lloyds Bank	25,000	-	25,000	27,250
Pears Foundation	-	-	-	3,000
CVS Mental Health Concern	-	-	-	150
Amazon	-	-	-	1,000
NE Law	8,992	-	8,992	8,000
Newcastle City Council	-	-	-	10,000
Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust	500	-	500	-
	<u>41,946</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,946</u>	<u>55,013</u>
3 Other trading activities				
Other income	2,488	-	2,488	1,199
	<u>2,488</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,488</u>	<u>1,199</u>
4 Income from investments				
Deposit account interest	629	-	629	78
	<u>629</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>629</u>	<u>78</u>

Receipts were £45,062 (2023: £56,290) of which £45,062 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £45,234) and £0 was restricted (2023: £11,056)

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Analysis of payments on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
5 Charitable payments				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Staff salary	2,586	2,905	5,491	16,488
Pension	407	-	407	1,093
Staff training	-	-	-	900
Staff other costs	15,538	-	15,538	9,195
Project travel	33	-	33	192
Project food & vouchers	164	99	263	51
Interpreters	454	-	454	900
Other costs	457	-	457	840
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent	21	912	933	-
Insurance	1,092	-	1,092	823
Office equipment	82	242	324	258
Telephone	242	-	242	135
Grant returned	-	-	-	4,306
Sundry	12	-	12	567
Professional fees	1,672	-	1,672	476
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	690	-	690	748
	<u>23,449</u>	<u>4,158</u>	<u>27,607</u>	<u>36,972</u>

Payments on charitable activities were £27,607 (2023: £36,972) of which £23,449 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £4,223) and £4,158 was restricted (2023: £32,749)

6 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	300	748
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	114	476
	<u>414</u>	<u>1,224</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2023: £nil)

7 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries and wages	4,435	16,033
Social security costs	189	1,056
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	109	492
	<u>4,732</u>	<u>17,581</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2023: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £nil (2023: £nil).

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8 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 1 staff (2023: 1 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	1.0	1.0
	1.0	1.0

9 Transactions with trustees

A trustee, C West, was a member of Northern Lights Metropolitan Community Church which has donated an unrestricted amount of £1,320 (2023: £1,320). The donations were issued under normal market conditions and do not form a significant portion of the recipients income. Also one (2023: one) trustee donated for the purpose of unrestricted use, a total of £300 to the charity in the year (2023: £190).

During the year C West (trustee) incurred mobile phone charges of £150 (2023: £144), the phone contract is in C West's name but relates to staff usage and is charged back to C West incurring monthly charge. These costs are under normal market conditions and no outstanding balance is due at the year end.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

10 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

11 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	29,561	-	29,561	71,763
Deposit account	59,709	-	59,709	-
Cash in hand	60	-	60	112
	89,331	-	89,331	71,875

12 Liabilities at the period end

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination of accounts	300	690
Pension	91	146
Payroll charges	114	116
	505	952

The above liability transactions are not included in the receipts and payments figures but are due to be paid for work done relating to the financial year.

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13 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events requiring adjustment to the accounts have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

14 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	67,709	45,062	(23,449)	(10,992)	78,331
Designated funds					
Fundraising	-	-	-	11,000	11,000
Totals	67,709	45,062	(23,449)	8	89,331

For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	26,698	45,234	(4,223)	-	67,709
Totals	26,698	45,234	(4,223)	-	67,709

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Barbour Foundation	99	-	(99)	-	-
Hadrian Trust	242	-	(242)	-	-
Allen Lane	2,864	-	(2,864)	-	-
Newcastle City Council	912	-	(912)	-	-
RaP NACCOM	49	-	(41)	(8)	-
Totals	4,166	-	(4,158)	(8)	-

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**14 Analysis of charitable funds continued
Analysis of movement in restricted funds**

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Barbour Foundation	139	-	(40)	-	99
Sir James Knott	12	-	(12)	-	-
Hadrian Trust	500	-	(258)	-	242
Allen Lane	6,500	222	(3,858)	-	2,864
Newcastle City Council	-	10,053	(9,141)	-	912
RaP NACCOM	53	-	(4)	-	49
Hilden	4,989	243	(5,232)	-	-
Community Foundation	1,036	53	(1,089)	-	-
National Lottery	8,323	485	(8,808)	-	-
ESC Lottery Fund	4,307	-	(4,307)	-	-
Totals	25,859	11,056	(32,749)	-	4,166

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Barbour Foundation	Travel and food costs
Hadrian Trust	IT costs
Allen Lane	Staff salaries
Newcastle City Council	Winter wellbeing sessions
RaP NACCOM	Salary and project costs

15 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2024, the charity had no capital commitments (2023: £nil)

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	
Cash at bank and in hand	89,331	89,331	
	89,331	89,331	
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	67,709	4,166	71,875
	67,709	4,166	71,875

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **For the year ended 31 March 2023**

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The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2023, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (effective 1 January 2019).

1. Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are to provide relief, assistance and to promote social inclusion to those seeking asylum; those granted refugee status and any other migrants, and their families and dependents, and in particular such of those said persons who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender, by preventing them from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

(For this purpose "socially excluded" refers to "those who are excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: ill health; disability; unemployment; poverty or financial hardship; race; nationality or ethnic origin; language; gender; sexuality; poor education or skills attainment; being within or having experience of the public care system, detention or prison).

2. Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charities objectives and planning it's future activities. The trustees have also reviewed the charitable purposes of Rainbow Home (North East England), and the external environment, to make sure the Charity is still relevant and needed. This annual report will aim to demonstrate the link between our charitable activity and how this benefits our service users.

3. Contribution by Volunteers

Rainbow Home members volunteer in various capacities across the region, participating in community focussed activities such as a community cafe. Volunteering provides a range of outcomes including development of social networks, integration and skill development. Our members also volunteer with Rainbow Home activities such as in the delivery of the Winter Well-being Hub.

We are seeking to develop our volunteer offer during 23-24, including further development of volunteer opportunities internally and pathways for members into other opportunities.

4. Achievements and Performance

UNHCR data for the year ending September 2022 shows a total of 72,027 asylum applications in the UK. This is double the number received in 2019. Information from the Refugee Council for 2022 shows that the majority of applications are made "in country" rather than at port of entry. At the end of March 2022 UK Government data showed that 2/3rds of those who applied were still awaiting a decision after 6 months and that had increased to 3/4 of all applicants by the end of March 2023. Information from asylum support organisations in Newcastle show that many people are waiting considerably longer than 6 months for decisions. Both Government and Refugee Council data show that although a high number of initial applications are unsuccessful, refusal rates overall in 2022 were falling, and 76% of cases referred to the Immigration Court were granted.

In addition to the number of asylum seekers in dispersed accommodation in the UK there are a further 51,000 people in hotel accommodation, not included in the figures provided for dispersed accommodation.

Although the Northeast accommodates less people than the larger urban areas in the UK it houses a larger proportion of people fleeing persecution than any other UK region, where the UK average is 8 per 10,000, the NE rate is 20 per 10,000.

The NE region accommodates approximately 2,000 asylum seekers with an additional 1,500 in Newcastle. There are also approximately 600 people in hotel accommodation, the majority of whom are in Newcastle. According to government calculations about 5% of asylum seekers are claiming asylum because they identify as LGBTQ.

The number of asylum seekers contacting Rainbow Home for advice and support has increased from last year and the delays in decision making referenced above means we have a larger cohort of people who have been supported by us for 12 months or more. We are currently working with up to 60 people. A small proportion are those with Leave to Remain who have chosen to remain in the North East who we provide some ongoing support to until they have both income and accommodation.

Added pressures in the immediate future relate to:

- An increasing number of people are being given LTR for short periods only, from 2.5 to 5 years in a number of cases. For those who are given time limited LTR they are severely restricted about work they can apply for (frequently limited to care work only). This has ongoing repercussions for mental health and prevents people from finally being able to get on with their lives.
- The lack of accommodation for those who achieve refugee status.

Performance during 2022 - 23

On average 19 to 20 people per month access support from Rainbow Home, for 1 to 1 casework, group support, and initial support following leave to remain.

On average 2 to 3 new referrals are received every month although not all are eligible for the service. Sadly, there are a constant number of asylum seekers awaiting allocation to our worker, with numbers varying from 13 up to 17 people. The number of women accessing the service increased to 5 with a further 3 awaiting services.

At the end of the reporting period, there were 13 people on the waiting list.

During the pandemic, Rainbow Home inevitably lost touch with a small number of previous members, there are multiple possible explanations for this; including moving on, changes in their status, moving area, change of contact details and a withdrawal from service. During 22-23 efforts were made to re-establish contact.

New methods of communications have also been trialled such as Mail Chimp, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and What's App groups. Rainbow Home have been working towards identification of cohesive methods of communication with a diverse group of people where access to resources can be a challenge and a barrier to participation.

The Rainbow Home worker provided

- Support statements x 6
- Addendum letters/additional documents x 2
- Letters re contact x 18
- Letters re client issues x 3
- Inductions for new clients x 16 (combination of face to face and online)

Clients who achieved refugee status: 6

Worker attended court (full day) for 2 of these cases.

Follow up work was undertaken with 16 clients who had received refugee status but were not yet settled.

This included help with housing/ benefits/ bank systems/ work skills/ accessing training and emotional support.

The Rainbow Home Project Worker was provided with bimonthly line management/ workload supervision and additional monthly independent clinical supervision due to the challenging circumstances and support needs of many of the members.

We signposted to multiple organisations during the year including a range of local social and support groups covering:

- Housing and homeless organisations both local and national
- Physical health and wellbeing
- Mental health support
- Volunteer opportunities
- Social and recreational activities
- Legal services

Asylum support specialists including:

- Action Foundation
- Rainbow Migration
- Migrant Help
- North East Refugee Service

Activities:

YMCA Numeracy Group Sessions

8 face to face group sessions

Northern Front Runners 5K Fun Run 19/7/22 attended by 5 of the members some of whom participated.

Newcastle Pride weekend Members joined the Pride March to carry the Rainbow Home banner through central Newcastle and participate in the events on 20/7/22.

Leazes Park Picnic August 2022 attended by 10 people and 2 children.

Northern Stage theatre event attended by 2 people.

Winter Party Dec 2022 attended by 17 people.

Music Group June 2022 attended by 8 people.

Tyneside MIND collaborative sessions with Rainbow Home running fortnightly throughout the year. Attendances ranging to up to 12 participants per session.

Group sessions were delivered both in person and online to maximise opportunities for participation throughout the year.

Winter Wellbeing Hub 4 session during Feb-March 2023 attended by 20 people.

Staff training attended:

- Loan Shark Awareness
- Domestic Abuse
- Safeguarding

Development work included:

- Fortnightly collaborative sessions with Tyneside Mind, providing a safe space for members to be together and create arts and crafts.
- Rainbow Home attended Newcastle Health and Race Equality Forum (Haref) network meetings.
- Continued membership of North East Migration Partnership Forum
- Membership of Justice Together Initiative (JTI)
- YMCA Numeracy group for members

Partnership working with MESMAC Newcastle 2022/23

Due to the demand for Rainbow Home services steadily increasing, Rainbow Home continued working with a Community Worker from MESMAC Newcastle, a health promotion service for gay and bisexual men and men who have sex with men delivered by Newcastle City Council.

The worker provided co work support with sessions. Due to planned changes in service commissioning, this additional support is not secure.

Research Opportunities

Members participated in the following research:

- 'An Examination into the Relationship Between UK Counterterrorism Policy and Community Resilience to Right-Wing Extremism in Newcastle Upon-Tyne' (PhD research, Royal Holloway, University of London, UK.
- 'Sexualities and Asylum in the United Kingdom and France'

5. Fundraising

We have continued to raise funds. 3 successful funding bids were achieved and the grant from North East Law continued with two more receipts in the year. The grant received included Lloyds Foundation and Newcastle City Council. We have spent most of the Winter Wellbeing fund from Newcastle City Council by the year end, which was the date it needed to be spent by. We have also continued to spend money received in grants during 2021. We completed James Knott, Community Foundation Giving Nets, National Lottery, Allen Lane and Hilden grants from previous years. In June 2022 we returned the balance of funds to "This Girl Can" as we had not used all of it by the deadline.

The successful funding bid from Lloyds enables Rainbow Home to stabilise and develop our staffing structure, with plans to employ a part-time CEO and increase. The funding due in 2023/24 means we know we have enough funds for that year.

6. Investments

We do not hold any listed investments. Any excess money is placed in a savings account with Lloyds Bank, so that we can earn some interest but be able to use it when required.

7. Financial Review

Review of the year

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

The Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2023 shows net receipts across all funds of £19,318 (2022: £12,171).

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2023 shows total cash fund carried forward of £71,875 (2022: 52,557) of which there are £4,166 restricted funds (2022: £25,859).

8. Reserves policy

The Trustees consider the level of reserves currently £71,875 and look to hold between 3 and 6 months' worth of annual expenditure to ensure if there are any running problems and the Charity needs to wind up that there are enough funds to do this. This presently equates to £9,243 to £18,486. Our Reserves Policy is reviewed annually.

9. Future Plans

It is an exciting time for Rainbow Home; plans for 23-24 include strengthening our charity through expanding our work force and recruiting a part-time Chief Executive Officer to work with the Board. Policies and will be reviewed alongside our service offer, now we have secure funding in place.

Development work includes revisiting previous partnership links such as Justice Together Initiative and strengthening our presence and voice across the region as the specialist in supporting SOGI claims.

We aim to develop our volunteer opportunities and to set up an Advisory Board or similar to provide opportunities for our members to have more say in how we deliver services, and provide support to become Trustees. We also hope to develop explore a Peer Support offer collaboratively with our expert by experience members.

Support for people receiving Leave to Remain is also an key area for development, particularly due to policy changes and short turn around for people to find new accommodation and navigate the systems.

10. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Registered charity name	Rainbow Home (North East England)
Charity Number	1173782
Registered office	C/o St James's URC Northumberland Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 8JF
Trustees and Members of the Board	Jackie Jobson Co-Chair Richard Rhodes Co-Chair Charlotte West Treasurer Rose Kelly Danielle Stone Jeannette Fraser resigned 31.12.22 Patrick Ngabonziz James Anderson from 17.08.23 Andrea Cowie from 02.11.23
Chief Executive Officer	Jill Hardie from July 2023
Senior staff members	Natalie Lyon until 31.03.23
Independent Examiner	Lilian Hetherington FCA Connected Voice Business Services Ltd One Strawberry Lane Newcastle upon Tyne. NE1 4BX.
Bankers	Lloyds Bank

11. Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

The organisation is a charity first registered 11th July 2017 and the governing document has been amended 14th September 2023.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Board

New trustees are brought on board by either existing trustees or through recruitment via Vonne.

Board Induction and Training

New Board Members are introduced to the work of the organisation through discussion with a trustee and then attendance at a Board meeting and informed of their legal roles and responsibilities at an induction meeting. The induction and training programme for new Board Members includes:

- A briefing by the Chair or Chief Executive
- An explanation of roles and responsibilities as a Board Member
- Copies of the main charity documents including the Constitution and the latest Financial Statements
- Copy of the business plan and most recent evaluation report
- Copies of recent board papers including budgets and management accounts
- A copy of the Charity Commission publication "How to be an Effective Trustee"
- A copy of the governance structure.

12 Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The charity trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of incoming resources and application of resources. In preparing financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 14 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

C West
Trustee

Charlotte West
[Charlotte West \(Dec 20, 2023 22:12 GMT\)](#)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2023

I report on the financial statements of Rainbow Home (North East England) for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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 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.



[Lilian Hetherington \(Dec 21, 2023 12:12 GMT\)](#)

Lilian Hetherington FCA

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants
Connected Voice Business Services Ltd
One Strawberry Lane
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 4BX

Date: 21/12/2023

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Donations and grants	3	45,013	10,000	55,013	53,980
Investment income	4	78	-	78	-
Other trading activities	5	143	1,056	1,199	1,331
Total Receipts		45,234	11,056	56,290	55,311
Payments					
Charitable expenditure	6	3,475	32,749	36,224	42,480
Governance costs	7	748	-	748	660
Total Payments		4,223	32,749	36,972	43,140
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		41,011	(21,693)	19,318	12,171
Opening cash at bank and in hand		26,698	25,859	52,557	40,386
Closing cash at bank and in hand		67,709	4,166	71,875	52,557

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cash funds					
Cash at bank and in hand	13	67,709	4,166	71,875	52,557
Liabilities					
	14			952	5,173

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts. These

financial statements were approved by the Board on:

14/12/2023

and are signed on its behalf by:

C West
Trustee

Charlotte West
Charlotte West (Dec 20, 2023 22:12 GMT)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the Charity's constitution and has not been requested by the Trustees.

Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
3 Donations and grants				
Donations	4,020	-	4,020	7,639
Gift aid	273	-	273	283
Northern Lights MCC	1,320	-	1,320	1,320
Lloyds Bank	27,250	-	27,250	-
Pears Foundation	3,000	-	3,000	-
CVS Mental Health Concern	150	-	150	-
Community Foundation	-	-	-	11,679
The Barrow Cadbury	-	-	-	100
Amazon	1,000	-	1,000	-
Allen Lane	-	-	-	6,500
Fat Beehive	-	-	-	2,500
National Lottery	-	-	-	8,959
NE Law	8,000	-	8,000	4,000
Newcastle City Council	-	10,000	10,000	1,000
Barbour Foundation	-	-	-	2,000
Mind	-	-	-	3,000
Hilden Charitable Trust	-	-	-	5,000
	<u>45,013</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>55,013</u>	<u>53,980</u>
4 Investment on deposit account				
Deposit account interest	78	-	78	-
	<u>78</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>-</u>
5 Other trading activities				
Other income	143	-	143	19
Employee allowance	-	1,056	1,056	1,312
	<u>143</u>	<u>1,056</u>	<u>1,199</u>	<u>1,331</u>

Income was £56,290 (2022: £55,311) of which 45,234 was unrestricted (2022: £20,673) and £11,056 was restricted (2022: £34,638).

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Analysis of resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
6 Charitable expenditure				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Staff salary	-	15,432	15,432	16,872
Pension	-	1,093	1,093	557
National insurance	-	1,056	1,056	1,293
Sessional staff	-	-	-	856
Staff training	-	900	900	51
Staff other costs	1,021	8,174	9,195	434
Project travel	43	149	192	1,121
Project food and vouchers	-	51	51	6,048
Clothes	-	-	-	773
Interpreters	166	734	900	1,392
LGBT Consortium	-	-	-	4,109
Instructor	-	-	-	840
Yoga	-	-	-	343
Other costs	840	-	840	300
				-
<u>Support costs</u>				-
Rent	-	-	-	555
Insurance	823	-	823	622
Office equipment	-	258	258	3,602
Printing postage and stationary	-	-	-	37
PPE	-	-	-	538
Telephone	-	135	135	1,203
Grant returned	-	4,306	4,306	-
IT Costs	-	-	-	110
Sundry	567	-	567	292
Professional fees	15	461	476	532
	<u>3,475</u>	<u>32,749</u>	<u>36,224</u>	<u>42,480</u>
7 Governance costs				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	748	-	748	660
	<u>748</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>748</u>	<u>660</u>

Expenditure was £36,972 (2022: £43,140) of which £4,223 was unrestricted (2022: £11,551) and £32,749 was restricted (2022: £31,589).

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8 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	748	660
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	476	532
	<u>1,224</u>	<u>1,192</u>

9 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2023 £	2022 £
Salary	16,033	16,873
National insurance	1,056	1,312
Pension	492	506
	<u>17,581</u>	<u>18,691</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2022: £nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £nil.

10 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 1 staff (2022: 1 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
The part of the charity in which the employee works		
Charitable activities	1.0	1.0
	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>

11 Transactions with trustees

A trustee, C West, was a member of Northern Lights Metropolitan Community Church which has donated an unrestricted amount of £1,320 (2022: £1,320). The donations were issued under normal market conditions and do not form a significant portion of the recipients income. Also one (2022: two) trustee donated for the purpose of unrestricted use, a total of £190 to the charity in the year (2022: £680).

During the year C West (trustee) incurred mobile phone charges of £144 (2022: £190), the phone contract is in C West's name but relates to staff usage and is charged back to C West incurring the monthly charge. These costs are under normal market conditions and no outstanding balance is due at the year end.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There has been no related parties transactions in the year.

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12 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

13 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank	67,597	4,166	71,763	52,410
Deposit account	-	-	-	16
Cash in hand	112	-	112	131
	<u>67,709</u>	<u>4,166</u>	<u>71,875</u>	<u>52,557</u>

14 Liabilities at the period end

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examination of accounts	690	660
Pension	146	91
Payroll charges	116	116
This Girl Can Grant Refund	-	4,306
	<u>952</u>	<u>5,173</u>

The above liability transactions are not included in the receipts and payments figures but are due to be paid for work done relating to the financial year.

15 Events after the end of the reporting period

No significant events affecting the Charity have occurred since the year end requiring an adjustment to these financial statements.

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16 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	26,698	45,234	(4,223)		67,709
Totals	26,698	45,234	(4,223)	-	67,709

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	17,587	20,673	(11,562)	-	26,698
Totals	17,587	20,673	(11,562)	-	26,698

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

16 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ended 31 March 2023

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Barbour Foundation	139	-	(40)	-	99
Sir James Knott	12	-	(12)	-	-
Hadrian Trust	500	-	(258)	-	242
Allen Lane	6,500	222	(3,858)	-	2,864
Newcastle City Council	-	10,053	(9,141)	-	912
RaP NACCOM	53	-	(4)	-	49
Hilden	4,989	243	(5,232)	-	-
Community Foundation	1,036	53	(1,089)	-	-
National Lottery	8,323	485	(8,808)	-	-
ESC Lottery Fund	4,307	-	(4,307)	-	-
Totals	25,859	11,056	(32,749)	-	4,166

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	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Barbour Foundation	790	-	(651)	-	139
Sir James Knott	388	-	(376)	-	12
Hadrian Trust	500	-	-	-	500
Allen Lane	-	6,500	-	-	6,500
Fat Beehive	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
RaP NACCOM	4,488	-	(4,435)	-	53
LGBT+ Consortium	4,566	-	(4,566)	-	-
Community Foundation	-	11,679	(10,643)	-	1,036
National Lottery	-	8,959	(636)	-	8,323
The Barrow Cadbury	4,812	-	(4,812)	-	-
Local Connect Fund	23	-	(23)	-	-
ESC Lottery Fund	7,243	-	(2,936)	-	4,307
Hilden	-	5,000	(11)	-	4,989
Totals	22,810	34,638	(31,589)	-	25,859

16 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

Purpose of major restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Barbour Foundation	Travel and food costs
Sir James Knott	Travel costs
Hadrian Trust	IT costs
Allen Lane	Staff salary
Newcastle City Council	Winter wellbeing sessions
RaP NACCOM	Salary and project costs
Community Foundation	Travel costs and Christmas gifts
National Lottery	Staff salary
ESC Lottery Fund	Yoga Project costs

Transfers between funds

	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between unrestricted and restricted funds	Moved to restricted funds for general purposes	-

17 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2023, the charity had no capital commitments (2022 -£nil)

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2022, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (effective 1 January 2019).

1. Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity is to provide relief, assistance and to promote social inclusion to those seeking asylum; those granted refugee status and any other migrants, and their families and dependents, and in particular such of those said persons who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender, by preventing them from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

(For this purpose "socially excluded" refers to "those who are excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: ill health; disability; unemployment; poverty or financial hardship; race; nationality or ethnic origin; language; gender; sexuality; poor education or skills attainment; being within or having experience of the public care system, detention or prison).

2. Achievements and Performance

Following on from our last report the Covid pandemic continued in this year, however the role out of the vaccinations was passed on to both our members, our worker, the MESMAC worker who also helps us, as well as most of our trustees so finally we began to feel that things might be getting easier later in the financial year. We stopped working with our members in a face to face manor in March 2020 and continued in this way during this financial year although we did hold a number of outside activities, such as a walk in June as part of Refugee Week and a run in July as part of Newcastle Pride organised by Newcastle Front runners.

As we cancelled our main group work we replaced this with zoom sessions using grant money to fund the Zoom and to help top up Rainbow Home member's telephone data and calls so they had extra data to join the meetings. We started to meet members on a one to one basis where they needed reports completing for their asylum claim. This was completed under a Risk Assessment to ensure there was no risk of either the staff member or the asylum seeker catching Covid.

We continued to use grant money to ensure we had face masks, alcohol gel, bottled water, tissues and wipes to ensure we kept the area clean. Grant money also helped with Interpreter fees and additional rental of the Church Hall at our normal address.

We met within the rules of both St James's URC and Northern Lights MCC and our own Risk Assessment all of which meant greater cleaning than before the Pandemic. We also raised funds to help our members with gifts for Christmas as we couldn't have a lunch event.

At the beginning of the year we spent the grant funds from Barrow Cadbury and LGBT + Consortium as these funds were used for purchasing items for the members and we needed to spend the money before we had to return it. We spent £9,479 by the end of June 21.

In March 2021 we received £7,373 from Sports England. During the year this enabled us to run Yoga and Meditation classes for our female members.

In May 2021 we received £2,500 towards setting up a new web site. Our web site was designed by Sail Creative Ltd based in Gateshead. The project was managed by one of our trustee's who had knowledge from

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their work to enable this to happen and along with the gift of £2,500 we added another £1,100 from our funds to complete the job. With input from our worker and some aid from a previous member this was completed in January 2022. The donation button on the website has already raised at least £900 in this financial year and continue to provide another easier way for individuals to give to Rainbow Home.

At the end of December 2021 our LGBT Asylum Community Worker left their post and moved to a new role outside the organisation. We recruited a new worker and have changed the post slightly and renamed it as LGBT+ Asylum Project worker. They started in post at the beginning of March 2022 and have been training in the post to start with.

From April 2021 to the year end March 2022, 12 of our members achieved Leave to Remain in the UK. During the year we changed the manner in which we welcomed in new members and removed the previous "waiting list". We had around 50 to 55 on our list at most times and continued to have new members referred to us. As at the end of March 2022 we had 50 members.

Overall we had a very successful year for raising appropriate Grant money and we ensured we always had at least a 3 months reserve and we were able to offer a 12 month contract to our new worker, which is already funded.

3. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name	Rainbow Home (North East England)	
Registered Charity Number	1173782	
Operational address	C/o St James's URC Northumberland Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 8JF	
Trustees	Jackie Jobson Charlotte West Rose Kelly Danielle Stone Jeannette Fraser Patrick Ngabonziza	Chair Treasurer Appointed 26/11/21
Independent Examiner	Philippa Gardiner Connected Voice Business Services Ltd Higham House Higham Place Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AF	
Bankers	Lloyds	

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4. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing documents

The organisation is a charity, registered on the 11 July 2017.

Method of Recruitment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by existing trustees.

AGM

At least once a year, no specific date depends when accounts ready – should ideally be in about September or October. No specific date is set, but it is held no later than January as have to be with the Charity Commission by the end of January, 10 months after year end.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate any risk.

5. Financial Review

Rainbow Home (North East England) is primarily funded by grants and donations. The total income for the year was £55,311 (2021: £63,097). This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Receipts and Payments in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2022, shows a net receipts across all funds of £12,171 (2021: £30,647).

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2022 shows total cash fund carried forward of £52,557 (2021: £40,386) of which there are £24,758 restricted funds (2021: £22,810).

Reserves policy

Rainbow Home (North East England) has maintained a level of free reserves over the years currently £27,799 to meet the working capital requirements of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding (including activity costs). These costs are for example, Gross salary including pension payments, accounts payments, CVS fee's, mobile phone fees and any travel fees, food fees, any money that we would have to repay in that period if the charity was to wind up. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted cash funds held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of annual expenditure, this presently equates to £10,785 to £21,570. All Restricted funds are spent in accordance with grant terms and conditions.

6. Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and planning its future activities. The trustees have also reviewed the charitable purposes of Rainbow Homes (North East England), and the external environment, to make sure the Charity is still relevant and needed. This annual report will aim to demonstrate the link between our charitable activity and how this benefits our service users.

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7. Related Party

The chair, C West, was a trustee of Northern Lights Metropolitan Community Church who has donated an unrestricted amount of £1,320 (2021: £1,320). The donations were issued under normal market conditions and do not form a significant portion of the recipients income. Also two trustees donated for the purpose of unrestricted used, a total of £680 to the charity in the year (2021: £180).

During the year C West (trustee) incurred mobile phone charges of £290 (2021: £547), the phone contract is in C West's name but relates to staff usage and is charged back to C West incurring the monthly charge. These costs are under normal market conditions and no outstanding balance is due at the year end.

8. Insurance

The charity's insurance policy covers and provides trustee indemnity cover.

9. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The charity trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of incoming resources and application of resources. In preparing financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 18 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

C West
Trustee

Charlotte L West

Charlotte L West (Jan 18, 2023 21:28 GMT)

RAINBOW HOME (NORTH EAST ENGLAND)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2022

I report on the financial statements of Rainbow Home (North East England) for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.


Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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 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.

Philippa Gardiner
Connected Voice Business Services Ltd
Higham House
Higham Place
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 8AF
Date: 19 January 2023


Philippa Gardiner
Philippa Gardiner (Jan 19, 2023 10:54 GMT)

RAINBOW HOME (NORTH EAST ENGLAND)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts					
Donations and grants	3	24,342	29,638	53,980	61,539
Bank interest	4	-	-	-	1
Other trading activities	5	1,331	-	1,331	1,557
Total Receipts		25,673	29,638	55,311	63,097
Payments					
Charitable expenditure	5	10,790	31,690	42,480	32,450
Governance costs	6	660	-	660	-
Total Payments		11,450	31,690	43,140	32,450
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		14,223	(2,052)	12,171	30,647
Opening cash at bank and in hand		17,576	22,810	40,386	9,739
Closing cash at bank and in hand		31,799	20,758	52,557	40,386

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cash funds					
Cash at bank and in hand	11	32,187	20,370	52,557	40,386
Liabilities	12			5,173	993

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

18 January 2023

and are signed on its behalf by:

C West
Trustee

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Charlotte L West (Jan 18, 2023 21:28 GMT)

RAINBOW HOME (NORTH EAST ENGLAND)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the Charity's constitution and has not been requested by the Trustees.

Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
3 Donations and grants				
Donations	7,639	-	7,639	6,152
Gift aid	283	-	283	377
Northern Lights MCC	1,320	-	1,320	1,320
Newcastle Front Runners	-	-	-	4,941
Esme Fairbairn	-	-	-	4,000
Karbon Homes	-	-	-	450
Community Foundation	-	11,679	11,679	9,706
RaP NACCOM	-	-	-	10,000
Community Trust	-	-	-	1,000
LGBT+ Consortium	-	-	-	5,000
Connected Voice Spirit of Xmas	-	-	-	2,000
Connected Voice HARAF	-	-	-	1,000
The Barrow Cadbury	100	-	100	4,900
Local Connect Fund	-	-	-	1,370
ESC Lottery Fund	-	-	-	7,373
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	1,950
Allen Lane	-	6,500	6,500	-
Fat Beehive	-	2,500	2,500	-
National Lottery	-	8,959	8,959	-
NE Law	4,000	-	4,000	-
Newcastle City Council	1,000	-	1,000	-
Barbour Foundation	2,000	-	2,000	-
Mind	3,000	-	3,000	-
Hilden Charitable Trust	5,000	-	5,000	-
	<u>24,342</u>	<u>29,638</u>	<u>53,980</u>	<u>61,539</u>
4 Investment on deposit account				
Deposit account interest	-	-	-	1
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
5 Other trading activities				
Other income	19	-	19	16
Employee allowance	1,312	-	1,312	1,541
	<u>1,331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,331</u>	<u>1,557</u>

Income was £55,311 (2021: £63,096) of which £21,673 was unrestricted (2021: £20,297) and £33,638 was restricted (2021: £42,799).

Analysis of resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
5 Charitable expenditure				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Staff salary	4,553	12,320	16,873	20,557
Pension	150	407	557	475
National insurance	349	944	1,293	1,561
Sessional staff	856	-	856	-
Staff training	51	-	51	20
Staff other costs	50	384	434	192
Project travel	159	962	1,121	332
Project food and vouchers	72	5,976	6,048	1,838
Clothes	-	773	773	241
Interpreters	756	636	1,392	1,165
LGBT Consortium	-	4,109	4,109	429
Instructor	120	720	840	-
Yoga	-	343	343	-
Other costs	300	-	300	138
				-
<u>Support costs</u>				-
Rent	555	-	555	300
Insurance	622	-	622	536
Office equipment	1,052	2,550	3,602	1,347
Printing postage and stationary	37	-	37	47
PPE	-	538	538	851
Telephone	174	1,028	1,202	1,594
IT Costs	110	-	110	144
Sundry	292	-	292	127
Professional fees	532	-	532	556
	<u>10,790</u>	<u>31,690</u>	<u>42,480</u>	<u>32,450</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
6 Governance costs				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	660	-	660	-
	<u>660</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>660</u>	<u>-</u>

Expenditure was £43,140 (2021: £32,450) of which £11,450 was unrestricted (2021: £10,685) and £31,690 was restricted (2021: £21,764).

7 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	660	660
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	532	556
	<u>1,192</u>	<u>1,216</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2021: £nil)

8 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2022 £	2021 £
Salary	16,873	20,557
National insurance	1,312	617
Pension	506	1,625
	<u>18,691</u>	<u>22,799</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2021: £nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £nil.

9 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 1 staff (2021: 1 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	1.0	1.0
	<u>1.0</u>	<u>1.0</u>

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9 Transactions with trustees

The chair, C West, was a trustee of Northern Lights Metropolitan Community Church who has donated an unrestricted amount of £1,320 (2021: £1,320). The donations were issued under normal market conditions and do not form a significant portion of the recipients income. Also two trustees donated for the purpose of unrestricted used, a total of £680 to the charity in the year (2021: £180).

The trustees have been paid remunerations and received other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

During the year C West (trustee) incurred mobile phone charges of £290 (2021: £547), the phone contract is in C West's name but relates to staff usage and is charged back to C West incurring the monthly charge. These costs are under normal market conditions and no outstanding balance is due at the year end.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There has been no related parties transactions in the year.

10 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

11 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank	32,040	20,370	52,410	40,352
Deposit account	16	-	16	34
Cash in hand	131	-	131	-
	<u>32,187</u>	<u>20,370</u>	<u>52,557</u>	<u>40,386</u>

12 Liabilities at the period end

	2022 £	2021 £
Independent examination of accounts	660	660
Pension	91	142
Payroll charges	116	191
Thi Girl Grant Refund	4,306	-
	<u>5,173</u>	<u>993</u>

The above liability transactions are not included in the receipts and payments figures but are due to be paid for work done relating to the financial year.

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13 Events after the end of the reporting period

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has put pressure on all charities in 2021. It should be noted that the creditors are being paid when the payments are falling due and are still operating on a going concern basis.

No other significant events affecting the Company since the year end.

14 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	17,576	25,673	(11,450)	-	31,799
Totals	17,576	25,673	(11,450)	-	31,799

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	7,964	20,298	(10,686)	-	17,576
Totals	7,964	20,298	(10,686)	-	17,576

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

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14 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Barbour Foundation	790	-	(651)	-	139
Sir James Knott	388	-	(376)	-	12
Hadrian Trust	500	-	-	(500)	-
Allen Lane	-	6,500	-	-	6,500
Fat Beehive	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
RaP NACCOM	4,488	-	(4,435)	-	53
LGBT+ Consortium	4,566	-	(4,566)	-	-
Community Foundation	-	11,679	(10,643)	-	1,036
National Lottery	-	8,959	(636)	-	8,323
The Barrow Cadbury	4,812	-	(4,812)	-	-
Local Connect Fund	23	-	(23)	-	-
ESC Lottery Fund	7,243	-	(2,936)	-	4,307
Totals	22,810	29,638	(31,578)	(500)	20,370

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Barbour Foundation	838	-	(48)	-	790
Sir James Knott	437	-	(49)	-	388
Hadrian Trust	500	-	-	-	500
Karbon Homes	-	450	(450)	-	-
Community Foundation LGBT	-	9,706	(9,706)	-	-
RaP NACCOM	-	10,000	(5,512)	-	4,488
Community Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
LGBT+ Consortium	-	5,000	(434)	-	4,566
Connected Voice Spirit of Xmas	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Connected Voice HARAF	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
The Barrow Cadbury	-	4,900	(88)	-	4,812
Local Connect Fund	-	1,370	(1,347)	-	23
ESC Lottery Fund	-	7,373	(130)	-	7,243
Totals	1,775	42,799	(21,764)	-	22,810

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14 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

Purpose of major restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Barbour Foundation	Travel and food costs
Sir James Knott	Travel costs
Hadrian Trust	IT costs
Allen Lane	Staff salary
Fat Beehive	Website costs
RaP NACCOM	Salary and project costs
LGBT+ Consortium	Cover 48 peoples costs
Community Foundation	Travel costs and Christmas gifts
National Lottery	Staff salary
The Barrow Cadbury	Coats, hats and scarfs
Local Connect Fund	IT costs
ESC Lottery Fund	Yoga Project costs

Transfers between funds

	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between unrestricted and restricted funds	Moved to unrestricted for general purposes	<u>500</u>

15 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2022, the charity had no capital commitments (2021 -£nil)

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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RAINBOW HOME (NORTH EAST ENGLAND)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2021

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2021, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

1. Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity is to provide relief, assistance and to promote social inclusion to those seeking asylum; those granted refugee status and any other migrants, and their families and dependents, and in particular such of those said persons who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender, by preventing them from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

(For this purpose "socially excluded" refers to "those who are excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: ill health; disability; unemployment; poverty or financial hardship; race; nationality or ethnic origin; language; gender; sexuality; poor education or skills attainment; being within or having experience of the public care system, detention or prison).

2. Achievements and Performance

Our total income increased dramatically during this year from Covid Grants, which were to enable charitable organisations to ensure they could keep running during this period. We were able to use the funds for increased Staff hours later in the year, after July 2020. We also raised grant funds from LGBT+ and other organisations for further gifts to the members such as Mobile Phone Top – ups and for purchasing Shoes, Coats and hats etc. for the winter period although this had not been spent by the end of the Financial year due to the further lockdown from December 2020 onwards.

Things changed in major ways due to the Covid pandemic. We stopped working with our members face to face March 2020. In April 2020 our paid worker was placed on furlough until 30th June 2020. We paid her at 100% during this time making up the difference between 80% and 100%. The 80% was claimed back as per the furlough scheme rules. She returned from 1st July at 2 days a week and then from 1st August to the end of March she was increased to 4 days a week, this increase in hours was covered by grants received from The National Lottery, LGBT+, RaP and the Community Fund. These two grants covered not just the increased hours but also the existing 2 days a week.

We cancelled our main group work and replaced this with zoom sessions using grant money to fund Zoom and to help top up Rainbow Home member's telephone usage so they had extra data to join the meetings. We started to meet members on a one to one basis, but only where they needed reports completing for their asylum claim. This was completed under a Risk Assessment to ensure there was no risk of either the staff member or the asylum seeker catching Covid. We used grant money to ensure we had face masks, alcohol gel, bottled water, tissues and wipes to ensure we kept the area clean. Grant money also helped with Interpreter fees and additional rental of the Church Hall at our normal address. We met within the rules of both St James's URC and Northern Lights MCC and our own Risk Assessment all of which meant greater cleaning than before the Pandemic. We also raised funds to help our members with gifts for Christmas as we couldn't have a lunch event.

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As our worker was now based from her home, rather than the Newcastle Council Offices, she needed further IT equipment and we raised grant money to purchase a new laptop with the required software and printer and other hardware to make it easier to work with.

Overall we had a very successful year for raising appropriate Grant money and we ensured we always had at least a 3 months reserve.

3. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name	Rainbow Home (North East England)	
Registered Charity Number	1173782	
Operational address	C/o St James's URC Northumberland Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 8JF	
Trustees	Jackie Jobson Charlotte West Rose Kelly Danielle Stone Jeannette Fraser Patrick Ngabonziza Claire Hurst Margaret Bird	Chair Appointed 13/10/20 Appointed 13/10/20 Appointed 16/02/21 Appointed 26/11/21 Resigned 10/10/20 Resigned 10/10/20
Independent Examiner	Jim Dodds Connected Voice Business Services Ltd Higham House Higham Place Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AF	
Bankers	Santander	

4. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing documents

The organisation is a charity, registered on the 11 July 2017.

Method of Recruitment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by existing trustees.

AGM

At least once a year, in September or October. No later than January.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate any risk.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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5. Financial Review

Rainbow Home (North East England) is primarily funded by grants and donations. The total income for the year was £63,096 (2020: £17,972). This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Receipts and Payments in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31 March 2021, shows a net receipts across all funds of £30,647 (2020: deficit £2,747).

The Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 March 2021 shows total cash fund carried forward of £40,660 (2020: £10,013) of which there are £22,810 restricted funds (2020: £1,775).

Reserves policy

Rainbow Home (North East England) has maintained a level of free reserves over the years currently £17,850 to meet the working capital requirements of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding (including activity costs). These costs are for example, Gross salary including pension payments, accounts payments, CVS fee's, mobile phone fees and any travel fees, food fees, any money that we would have to repay in that period if the charity was to wind up. It has established a policy whereby the unrestricted cash funds held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of annual expenditure, this presently equates to £16,225. All Restricted funds are spent in accordance with grant terms and conditions.

6. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

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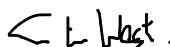
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Approved by the Trustees on21-Jan-2022..... and signed on their behalf by:

C West
Trustee



RAINBOW HOME (NORTH EAST ENGLAND)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2021

I report on the financial statements of Rainbow Home (North East England) for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
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Basis of independent examiner's statement

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I 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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Date: 21-Jan-2022



RAINBOW HOME (NORTH EAST ENGLAND)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts					
Donations and grants	3	18,740	42,799	61,539	17,796
Bank interest	4	1	-	1	-
Other trading activities	5	1,556	-	1,556	176
Total Receipts		20,297	42,799	63,096	17,972
Payments					
Charitable expenditure	5	10,686	21,764	32,450	20,719
Governance costs	6	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		10,686	21,764	32,450	20,719
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		9,612	21,035	30,647	(2,747)
Opening cash at bank and in hand		7,964	1,775	9,739	12,486
Closing cash at bank and in hand		17,576	22,810	40,386	9,739

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of these accounts.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Cash funds					
Cash at bank and in hand	11	17,576	22,810	40,386	9,739
Liabilities	12			993	-

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 21-Jan-2022

and are signed on its behalf by:

C West
Trustee

C West.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared using the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the Charity's constitution and has not been requested by the Trustees.

Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
3 Donations and grants				
Donations	6,152	-	6,152	3,764
Gift aid	377	-	377	-
Northern Lights MCC	1,320	-	1,320	1,320
Newcastle Front Runners	4,941	-	4,941	900
Esme Fairbairn	4,000	-	4,000	-
Karbon Homes	-	450	450	-
Community Foundation LGBT	-	9,706	9,706	-
RaP NACCOM	-	10,000	10,000	-
Community Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
LGBT+ Consortium	-	5,000	5,000	4,812
Connected Voice Spirit of Xmas	-	2,000	2,000	-
Connected Voice HARAF	-	1,000	1,000	-
The Barrow Cadbury	-	4,900	4,900	-
Local Connect Fund	-	1,370	1,370	-
ESC Lottery Fund	-	7,373	7,373	-
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	1,950	-	1,950	-
Canonbury & Bruisyard Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Barbour Foundation	-	-	-	1,000
Sir James Knott	-	-	-	500
Hadrian Trust	-	-	-	500
	<u>18,740</u>	<u>42,799</u>	<u>61,539</u>	<u>17,796</u>
4 Investment on deposit account				
Deposit account interest	1	-	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
5 Other trading activities				
Other income	15	-	15	176
Employee allowance	1,541	-	1,541	-
	<u>1,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,556</u>	<u>176</u>

Income was £63,096 (2020: £17,972) of which £20,297 was unrestricted (2020: £11,160) and £42,799 was restricted (2020: £6,812).

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Analysis of resources expended

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
5 Charitable expenditure				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Staff salary	7,389	13,168	20,557	14,906
Pension	171	304	475	457
National insurance	561	1,000	1,561	1,013
Staff training	20	-	20	640
Staff other costs	-	192	192	105
Project travel	-	332	332	1,474
Project food and vouchers	182	1,656	1,838	528
Clothes	23	219	241	-
Interpreters	678	487	1,165	834
LGBT Consortium	-	429	429	-
Other costs	139	-	139	-
<u>Support costs</u>				
Rent	300	-	300	-
Insurance	536	-	536	496
Office equipment	-	1,347	1,347	-
Printing postage and stationary	47	-	47	42
PPE	-	851	851	-
Telephone	184	1,409	1,594	-
IT Costs	-	144	144	-
Sundry	127	-	127	224
Professional fees	329	227	556	-
	<u>10,686</u>	<u>21,764</u>	<u>32,450</u>	<u>20,719</u>

Expenditure was £32,450 (2020: £20,719) of which £10,685.56 was unrestricted (2020: £15,682) and £21,764 was restricted (2020: £5,037).

7 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	660	-
Other accountancy services paid to the examiner	556	-
	<u>1,216</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2020: £nil)

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8 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2021 £	2020 £
Salary	20,557	15,233
National insurance	617	457
Pension	1,625	1,204
	<u>22,798</u>	<u>16,894</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2020: £nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £nil.

9 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 1 staff (2020: 1 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	0.5	0.5
	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>

9 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There has been no related party transactions in the year.

10 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

11 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank	17,542	22,810	40,352	9,695
Deposit account	34	-	34	44
	<u>17,576</u>	<u>22,810</u>	<u>40,386</u>	<u>9,739</u>

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12 Liabilities at the period end

	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examination of accounts	660	-
Pension	142	-
Payroll charges	191	-
	<u>993</u>	<u>-</u>

13 Events after the end of the reporting period

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has put pressure on all charities in 2021. It should be noted that the creditors are being paid when the payments are falling due and are still operating on a going concern basis.

No other significant events affecting the Company since the year end.

14 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	7,964	20,297	(10,686)	-	17,576
Totals	<u>7,964</u>	<u>20,297</u>	<u>(10,686)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,576</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	12,486	11,160	(15,682)	-	7,964
Totals	<u>12,486</u>	<u>11,160</u>	<u>(15,682)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,964</u>

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

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14 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Barbour Foundation	838	-	(47)	-	791
Sir James Knott	437	-	(49)	-	388
Hadrian Trust	500	-	-	-	500
Karbon Homes	-	450	(450)	-	-
Community Foundation LGBT	-	9,706	(9,706)	-	-
RaP NACCOM	-	10,000	(5,512)	-	4,488
Community Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
LGBT+ Consortium	-	5,000	(434)	-	4,566
Connected Voice Spirit of Xmas	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Connected Voice HARAF	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
The Barrow Cadbury	-	4,900	(88)	-	4,812
Local Connect Fund	-	1,370	(1,347)	-	23
ESC Lottery Fund	-	7,373	(130)	-	7,243
Totals	1,775	42,799	(21,764)	-	22,810

For the year ended 31 March 2020

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Barbour Foundation	-	1,000	(162)	-	838
Sir James Knott	-	500	(63)	-	437
Hadrian Trust	-	500	-	-	500
LGBT+ Consortium	-	4,812	(4,812)	-	-
Totals	-	6,812	(5,037)	-	1,775

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14 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

Purpose of major restricted funds

income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity

Barbour Foundation	Travel and food costs
Sir James Knott	Travel costs
Hadrian Trust	IT costs
Karbon Homes	Project costs
Community Foundation LGBT	Staff salary
RaP NACCOM	Salary and project costs
Community Trust	Interpreter costs, IT and General project
LGBT+ Consortium	Cover 48 peoples costs
Connected Voice Spirit of Xmas	Travel costs and Christmas gifts
Connected Voice HARAF	Staff salary
The Barrow Cadbury	Coats, hats and scarfs
Local Connect Fund	IT costs
ESC Lottery Fund	Yoga Project costs

15 Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2021, the charity had no capital commitments (2020 -£nil)