

Citizen Outreach Coalition (COC)

Annual accounts for year ending 30/04/2023

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Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name.	Citizen Outreach Coalition
Charity Registration number	1175281
Registered Office Address	140 Gloucester Road North. Liverpool. L6 4DT

Management Committee Members

Vitalis Tante
Emmanuel Kiven
Mrs Clarah Mengot
Mrs Yvonne Ebu

Project Manager

Francis Niba

Bankers. Lloyds Bank

Citizen Outreach Coalition (COC) is a Liverpool based charity registered with the charity commission. It was created to promote social inclusion for the public benefit, by working with in particular but not exclusively people of African/Caribbean descent resident in Merseyside who are socially excluded or at risk of social exclusion on the grounds of their ethnic origin and their social and economic position, to relieve the needs of such people and integrate them into society, in particular but not exclusively

Aims and Objectives.

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's memorandum of association are to;

- Providing social and recreational activities involving the local community;
- Providing job search skills workshops, life skills training and vocational training in photography skills;
- Providing activities that promote the history, culture and conditions of people of African descent living in the Merseyside area.
- Providing support to improve physical and mental health of residents

Delivering our Aims and objectives

We review our aims and objectives each year to make sure we are delivering them as stated. Our review looks at what we have done in the last financial year and how far we succeeded in delivering some of all of our objectives. Evidently, we deliver them on a year to year basis. We follow all Charity commission guidelines in ensuring our aims and objectives are delivering a public benefit.

During the year under review, we received funding from three sources, The John Moores Foundation, The National Lottery Community Fund and from the Energy Industrial Voluntary Redress Scheme. Our Sierra Leone operations also received a grant from the Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust

We have already received £33,556.99 as part of a two year funded project from the Energy Industrial Voluntary Redress Scheme that is administered by the Energy Saving Trust. The project involves advising vulnerable people across Merseyside on how to reduce their energy use and offering support to those facing self-disconnection. The support include home visits, telephone advice and holding or participating in community events

We received £9800 from The National Lottery Community fund for a "Learn to cook on a Budget Project for young people. We hired two chefs who delivered workshops that reached 70 young people who taught about basic cooking skills, team working and while they need to cook their own meals to avoid fast food and the health complications it usually causes.

We received £2000 from the Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust for a one year homeless project in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone.

The John Moores Foundation gave us a £5000 grant for the part time salary of our Project Manager.

We received small donations totaling £2500.

Who used our Services

We have reached 250 people in our energy savings advice sessions during community which we either organized or attended. We have offered 53 people face to face energy advice while we visited 61 people at home to offer free energy savings advice and tips. 37 people received energy savings advice over the phone. A total of 134 households have received energy savings advice through our energy savings project. We produced three energy savings videos as part of the project which we uploaded to youtube and can be easily shared to people

35 young people have already attended the seven healthy cooking sessions we have organized where they learn how to cook healthy nutritious food on a budget. Feedback from some of the young people showed some had never cooked a complete meal before the classes and following the lessons, promised to avoid fast food in favour of healthy alternatives they will cook themselves. The cooking sessions gave them a chance to work as a team, create new friendships but above all, learn a vital life skill.

How our Activities Deliver Public Benefit

All our charitable activities continue to aim to help improve support people in vulnerable situations to reduce the effects of the cost of living crisis in their lives. Our energy

savings advice campaign is supporting beneficiaries to learn tips to reduce their energy consumption smartly and so reducing their energy bills. Our cooking lessons support young people to learn a new life skill, buy and food on a budget so they can manage the cost of living crisis.

Report of Management Committee

Governing Document

Citizen Outreach Coalition is a Charitable Incorporated Organization registered with charity commission with charity registration no 1175281. The organization has internal rules and regulations but its governing document is the model articles of association provided by charity commission which we adopted and tailored to our specific needs. On April 8 2020, Citizen Outreach Coalition company was converted from a company limited by guarantee into a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO)

Management Committee.

COC has a management committee of six members who meet to review the functioning of the organization. The management committee determines the strategic direction of the charity, prepares financial statements, maintains proper accounting records, selects suitable financial accounting policies and apply them. They make sure the financial policies comply with charity commission rules.

The Management committee is headed by Yvonne Ebu and Emmanuel Kiven is her Secretary General.

Members of the Management committee provide their services free of charge. Their reasonable expenses are reimbursed.

Members of the management committee who are trustees for the purpose of charity law and served during the ~~present~~ financial year. (See list of management committee members above)

Volunteers

We want to thank the team of volunteers that helped us during the whole year because without them, we would have done very little work. Special thanks to all the volunteers who are still offering their services to support the delivery of our different projects and who are always available at short notice.

We will forever be grateful to you and hope we continue working with you long into the future.

Overseas outreach

We have registered Citizen Outreach in Kenya, Sierra Leone and Cameroon. We received a grant from The Eleanor Rathbone charitable Trust for a small pilot homeless project in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. (see grant details above)

Statement of Financial

Activities Financial

Review

Like all small charities, getting funding for projects in the present financial climate remains the biggest challenge we face.

However, we recognize the present cost of living still affects the most vulnerable people in society and we work round the clock to provide the services and support we get to reduce the daily challenges they face.

That is why the two projects we are presently delivering (energy savings advice and cooking on a budget) are directly relevant to the cost of living crisis. We will continue applying for relevant grants to support our customers with other cost of living issues they face.

Reserve Policy

We have a fit for purpose reserve policy that has set aside at least £5000 to protect our charity from sudden drops in income and also help us take advantage of any new opportunities that may arise. Our present unrestricted funding is £7000. Our trustees decided our reserves can be spent on any of our aims. Our reserve policy will be reviewed annually. Our reserves can cover continuity, restructuring fund, and dissolution

Principal Funding Sources

The National Lottery Community Fund, The John Moore's Foundation, The Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust and the Energy Industrial Voluntary Redress Scheme were our principal sources of funding during the present financial year.

2022/2023 Income & Expenditure

Total Income. £52.857

Expenditure £42.878

Unrestricted Funds. £7000

Restricted Funds. £2500

Notes. Full breakdown of income and expenditure in the receipts and payments excel form.

Statutory information

Citizen Outreach Coalition is a registered charity with charity registration no 1175281

1 Compliance with accounting standards

This accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

2 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the accounts are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Presentation Currency

The accounts are presented in pound sterling



Yvonne Ebu. Board Chair



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Citizen Outreach Coalition

No 1175281

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/03/2022

To

30/04/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
The Energy Redress Voluntary Scheme	-	33,557	-	33,557	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	9,800	-	9,800	-
John Moores Foundation	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Donations	2,500	-	-	2,500	-
The Eleanor Rathbone Chritable Trust	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,500	45,357	-	52,857	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,500	45,357	-	52,857	-
A3 Payments					
Staff Cost	27,678	-	-	27,678	-
Social contributions	3,600	-	-	3,600	-
Partner fees	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
Organisational running cost	3,500	-	-	3,500	-
Office Admin	2,300	-	-	2,300	-
Advertisement/Promotion	2,800	-	-	2,800	-
General Project Cost	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	42,878	-	-	42,878	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	42,878	-	-	42,878	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 35,378	45,357	-	9,979	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 35,378	45,357	-	9,979	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		7,000	2,500	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,000	2,500	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Three laptops	Projects	-	-
	2 Canon cameras	Projects	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Yvonne Ebu	25/06/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Citizen Outreach Coalition

On accounts for the year
ended

30/04/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1175281

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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 no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date: 12.07.2023

Name:

Joseph Mukong

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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