

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**  
**for**  
**Islington Faiths Forum**

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for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

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**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

IFF Charitable Objects:

"The promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public in Islington and the wider community by:

- (a) educating the public in different religious beliefs including an awareness of their distinctive features and their common ground to promote good relations between persons of different faiths;
- (b) promoting knowledge and mutual understanding and respect of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths."

Values: Respect; Peace and Courage.

IFF Objectives:

- To develop an extensive and inclusive network of faith groups in the Borough.
- To support community development, cohesion and safety.
- To provide representation and knowledge of faith communities to statutory and other agencies and to campaign and develop work on issues of importance for those communities.
- Empower and support individual faith groups and smaller networks of faith groups to work together and have a voice.

**Significant activities**

(mostly via online platforms to show good governance during Covid-19 pandemic)

- Leadership, joint working and delivery of community initiatives and communications to support emergency responses to the pandemic including latest guidance;
- Wide ranging support to faith based organisations in Islington including representation of concerns and challenges to cross-sector local, regional and national bodies;
- Leadership on a community safety project with cross-sector partners for the Finsbury Park area incl. Blackstock Road - delivery crucial partnership working on safety, cohesion and health;
- Regular online meetings (due to pandemic) with inter faith members and community partners;
- Ongoing work around community cohesion and equalities - contributed to papers on Equalities Challenges with Covid-19 and Impact; and support for the Challenging Inequalities Coalition;
- A Community Conversation on Recovery (from pandemic) online - faith and community partners;
- Support for the formation of the Black Leaders Alliance in Islington;
- Youth Debate via YouTube and Zoom in partnership with Youth Organisations, youth-led to include all ages (from 16 years+) from faith and secular backgrounds;
- Support for initiatives around hate crime, community safety and emergency planning (re: the Islington Hate Crime Forum, the Islington Safer Neighbourhood Board, Islington Council Outbreak Control Board and Islington Borough Resilience Forum);
- Support for Women's Safety (street harassment) work and International Women's Day event;
- Support for Remembrance Day, the Holocaust Memorial Day and other days where significant historical events are marked (online).
- Design competition with Islington school pupils for the Inter Faith Calendar + production;
- Extensive communications via different media/platforms including overhaul of website.

**Public benefit**

The Trustees confirm that due regard has been given to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular confirm that the IFF provides public benefit for the advancement of education and the promotion of harmony, knowledge, mutual understanding and respect.



## **Islington Faiths Forum**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

IFF was presented with the London Faith & Belief Community Award during this period for their support work on the pandemic, which was a real honour to receive. Further to the IFF Activities listed above, tangible outputs and outcomes this year were: 400 full-colour inter faith calendars with inspired artwork (from school pupils) were produced in March 2021 with the title: "One Planet, Many Faiths."

A multitude of online meetings were delivered and supported with inter faith members and our community partners.

The online Youth Debate was lively and hosted by Young Creatives at Copenhagen Youth Project via YouTube and Zoom. The theme was: "Keeping the faith in a pandemic" We had good attendance, 123 views online, with most young people wanting to talk about mental health. The film is posted on our website: [www.islingtonfaithsforum.org.uk](http://www.islingtonfaithsforum.org.uk)

Alas, due to the pandemic, the Celebrate Islington Community Festival in July 2020 was deferred as was the Peace Cup Football Tournament in September 2020. Instead of the Peace Assemblies being delivered in September 2020, we fundraised successfully to produce a film - this will be released in December 2021.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

Funds carried forward at 31 March 2021 totalled £9,785 (£8,865 Restricted, £920 Unrestricted).

##### **Principal funding sources**

Funds were secured mainly through the Islington Council VCS Grants Programme (core funding) and smaller pots were secured from LBI Community Safety, LBI Coronavirus Response Fund, Greater London Authority, LBI Equalities, London Community Response Fund Wave 4, Local Initiatives Fund, London Faith & Belief Community Award. Our great thanks to all our funders and supporters.

##### **Reserves policy**

It is the charity's policy to maintain sufficient funds to cover operating expenses for a period of at least 6 months (minimum commitment of the LBI VCS Core Grants Programme is until end March 2024).

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

In addition to our core activities, we will begin planning in January 2022 for another large Community Festival in the summer with our community partners, however, this will be subject to any pandemic considerations. Our community safety work in the Blackstock Road/Finsbury Park area is proving to be a really interesting piece of work that includes a community, holistic response to growing refugee and migrant needs and challenges.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

## **Islington Faiths Forum**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Charity constitution**

The IFF was led by a board of 10 Trustees during 2020/21, with 1 trustee joining in June 2020 and 1 trustee retiring in December 2020. IFF follows the Foundation model constitution for Charitable Incorporated Organisations set out by the Charity Commission. CIO status was confirmed on 15th December 2017. Our reporting period starts on 1st April 2020 to end March 2021.

The CIO registration number is - 1176299

The charity Trustees were:

- Elizabeth Chappell - Chair
- Merium Bhuiyan - Vice Chair
- Mohammed Kozbar
- Malika Bediako (retired December 2020)
- Toufik Kacimi
- Elizabeth O'Donohoe
- Revd. Jennifer Potter
- Mrs Thaya Rajan
- Revd. Steven Cooper

Then 1 further Trustee was added in 2020:

- Revd. Paul Zaphiriou (registered in June 2020)

Management duties were carried out by the IFF Director, Rosalind Miller, who reports into the trustees.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Company number**

CEO12680 (England and Wales)

##### **Registered Charity number**

1176299

##### **Registered office**

49 City Road  
London  
EC1Y 1AU

##### **Trustees**

M Bediako (resigned 31/12/2020)  
M Bhuiyan - Vice Chair  
E Chappell - Chair  
T Kacimi  
Kozbar  
Sr E O'Donohoe  
Revd. J Potter  
Mrs T Rajan  
Revd. S Cooper  
Revd P Zaphiriou (appointed 10/6/2020)

##### **Company Secretary**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....2.12.21..... and signed on its behalf by:

*E Chappell*

.....  
E Chappell - Chair - Trustee



**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Islington Faiths Forum**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Islington Faiths Forum ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

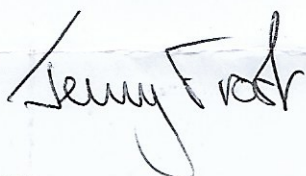
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 15 December 2021

# Islington Faiths Forum

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		-	2	2	200
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
LBI VCS		-	26,250	26,250	25,000
Peace		-	2,719	2,719	7,629
Interfaith Youth Debate		-	836	836	1,167
Community Festival		-	-	-	6,755
We are Islington		-	-	-	3,000
Blackstock Rd Community Safety		-	4,950	4,950	-
COVID Response		-	10,300	10,300	-
Other income		-	500	500	-
<b>Total</b>		-	45,557	45,557	43,751
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
LBI VCS		-	25,306	25,306	26,208
Peace		-	220	220	7,630
Interfaith Youth Debate		-	836	836	1,443
General	35	-	-	35	726
Community Festival		-	-	-	7,208
We are Islington		-	-	-	2,999
Blackstock Rd Community Safety		-	4,101	4,101	-
COVID Response		-	6,234	6,234	-
<b>Total</b>		35	36,697	36,732	46,214
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		(35)	8,860	8,825	(2,463)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		955	5	960	3,423
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>920</u>	<u>8,865</u>	<u>9,785</u>	<u>960</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements



**Balance Sheet**  
**31st March 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	37
Cash at bank		920	17,875	18,795	6,979
		<u>920</u>	<u>17,875</u>	<u>18,795</u>	<u>7,016</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	-	(9,010)	(9,010)	(6,056)
		<u>920</u>	<u>8,865</u>	<u>9,785</u>	<u>960</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>920</u>	<u>8,865</u>	<u>9,785</u>	<u>960</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>920</u>	<u>8,865</u>	<u>9,785</u>	<u>960</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>920</u>	<u>8,865</u>	<u>9,785</u>	<u>960</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	9				
Unrestricted funds				920	955
Restricted funds				8,865	5
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>9,785</u>	<u>960</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 2.12.21 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
E Chappell - Chair - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Donated goods**

The value of services provided by different volunteers is hard to quantify accurately so has not been included in these accounts.

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2021 nor for the year ended 31st March 2020.

**3. STAFF COSTS**

There were no employees during this accounting period, however, the Director, as a key management personnel works on a flexible contract basis to reflect the varying needs of the IFF. The total amount paid during the period was £33,444 (2020:£28,856).



Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	200	-	200
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
LBI VCS	-	25,000	25,000
Peace	-	7,629	7,629
Interfaith Youth Debate	-	1,167	1,167
Community Festival	-	6,755	6,755
We are Islington	-	3,000	3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>43,551</b>	<b>43,751</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
LBI VCS	-	26,208	26,208
Peace	-	7,630	7,630
Interfaith Youth Debate	-	1,443	1,443
General	726	-	726
Community Festival	-	7,208	7,208
We are Islington	-	2,999	2,999
<b>Total</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>45,488</b>	<b>46,214</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>(526)</b>	<b>(1,937)</b>	<b>(2,463)</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	<b>(69)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(595)</b>	<b>(1,868)</b>	<b>(2,463)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>3,423</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>960</b>

5. VOLUNTEERS

All IFF Trustees and Board members are volunteers and play an active role in supporting all IFF Activities (listed in Trustees Report). Further volunteers from different faith and community sites in Islington along with some members from Islington Council also support IFF Activities. The IFF is most grateful for all this voluntary support and inspired input which truly enhances our ability to reach diverse sections of the community in the Borough.



Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The cost of the Independent Examination this year was £900 (2020: £900).

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	-	37

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Accrued expenses	9,010	6,056

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	955	(35)	920
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
LBI VCS	5	944	949
Peace Month	-	2,499	2,499
Interfaith Youth Debate	-	500	500
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	-	850	850
COVID Response	-	4,067	4,067
	5	8,860	8,865
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	960	8,825	9,785

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	-	(35)	(35)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
LBI VCS	26,250	(25,306)	944
Peace Month	2,719	(220)	2,499
Interfaith Youth Debate	1,336	(836)	500
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	4,951	(4,101)	850
COVID Response	10,301	(6,234)	4,067
	45,557	(36,697)	8,860
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	45,557	(36,732)	8,825

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,550	(526)	(69)	955
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
LBI VCS	1,873	(1,208)	(660)	5
Interfaith Youth Debate	-	(276)	276	-
Community Festival	-	(453)	453	-
	<u>1,873</u>	<u>(1,937)</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,423</u>	<u>(2,463)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>960</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	200	(726)	(526)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
LBI VCS	25,000	(26,208)	(1,208)
Peace Month	7,630	(7,630)	-
Interfaith Youth Debate	1,167	(1,443)	(276)
Community Festival	6,755	(7,208)	(453)
We are Islington	2,999	(2,999)	-
	<u>43,551</u>	<u>(45,488)</u>	<u>(1,937)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>43,751</u>	<u>(46,214)</u>	<u>(2,463)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,550	(561)	(69)	920
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
LBI VCS	1,873	(264)	(660)	949
Peace Month	-	2,499	-	2,499
Interfaith Youth Debate	-	224	276	500
Community Festival	-	(453)	453	-
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	-	850	-	850
COVID Response	-	4,067	-	4,067
	<u>1,873</u>	<u>6,923</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>8,865</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,423</u>	<u>6,362</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,785</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	200	(761)	(561)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
LBI VCS	51,250	(51,514)	(264)
Peace Month	10,349	(7,850)	2,499
Interfaith Youth Debate	2,503	(2,279)	224
Community Festival	6,755	(7,208)	(453)
We are Islington	2,999	(2,999)	-
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	4,951	(4,101)	850
COVID Response	10,301	(6,234)	4,067
	<u>89,108</u>	<u>(82,185)</u>	<u>6,923</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>89,308</u>	<u>(82,946)</u>	<u>6,362</u>



**10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2021.

# Islington Faiths Forum

## Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Grants	2	-
Donated services and facilities	-	200
	<u>2</u>	<u>200</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	45,055	39,905
Donated services	-	3,646
	<u>45,055</u>	<u>43,551</u>
<b>Other income</b>		
Other income	500	-
	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>45,557</u>	<u>43,751</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Insurance	308	285
Postage and stationery	10	137
Sundries	179	71
Project management	30,403	24,783
Office costs	3,041	2,477
IFF calender	1,380	1,330
Post for calender	(325)	325
IFF Away Day	-	900
Refreshments	-	364
IFF database	-	612
IFF website	385	733
Travel	-	340
Event costs	451	12,837
	<u>35,832</u>	<u>45,194</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy and legal fees	900	1,020
	<u>900</u>	<u>1,020</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>36,732</u>	<u>46,214</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>8,825</u>	<u>(2,463)</u>