

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2023
for
Islington Faiths Forum

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for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

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 2023. 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

IFF Activities:

- Leadership, joint working and delivery of community initiatives and communications to support response to local needs and priorities;
- 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 of crucial partnership working on community safety, cohesion and health; to include the collation of support needs of local migrants;
- Regular meetings with interfaith members and community partners;
- Ongoing work around community cohesion, equalities and health - contributed to events and support for Fairer Together, Challenging Inequalities, Winter Wellbeing, General Health and Mental Wellbeing;
- Ongoing delivery of the Hyperlocal Covid Vaccination Project involving 6 large faith sites - supporting spaces to allow questions from, promote information flow & communications with the local community;
- Youth Debate in person 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 (re: tensions) and emergency planning: via the Islington Hate Crime Forum, the Islington Safer Neighbourhood Board and Islington Borough Resilience Forum/LBI Emergency Planning;
- Support for Women's Safety (re: street harassment) work and delivery of safety workshops;
- Support for Remembrance Day, the Holocaust Memorial Day and other days where significant memorial events are marked (in-person and online).
- Design competition with Islington school pupils for the Interfaith Calendar and production;
- Extensive communications via different media/platforms including update of our website and presentation of the work of the IFF and Islington faith groups at local, regional and national level.
- Support for local community resilience with issues impacting on faith & wider communities, responding to the Turkey and Syria earthquakes through the organisation of a vigil.
- Ongoing interfaith dialogue around areas of commonality and difference, to include protected characteristics and intersectionality, with faith and cross-sector community partners (Cripplegate Foundation, VCFS Advisory Board, LBI Community Partnerships Board, Arsenal in the Community);

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The work of the IFF has continued to grow as we have been asked to contribute more to local needs and priorities. Further to the IFF Activities listed above, tangible outputs and outcomes this year were:

Networking Events together with cross-sector community partners on topics such as Community Safety, Welcoming Refugees, Safe Havens, Cost of Living Crisis - Warm Spaces, Food Support, Energy Efficiency, Debt and financial worries, Clothes and Computers and Vulnerable People.

400 full-colour interfaith calendars with inspired artwork (from school pupils) were produced and distributed to schools, community and children's centres, cross-sector community partners and faith groups in March 2023 with the title: "Unity in Diversity: We Are One."

Due to further pandemic concerns, the Celebrate Islington Community Festival was deferred to July 2023. The Peace Cup Football Tournament went ahead in September 2022 and engaged a lot of young people whilst they were also supported by many cross-sector community partners.

The Youth Debate was delivered in person this year and the young panellists explored the many aspects of a theme they had all chosen "What does your faith/belief have to say about cancel culture?" Our great thanks to Islington Youth Council, Copenhagen Youth Project and the many different faith sites who supported this event. All the young people were incredibly articulate and got us all thinking. The video of the 2022 Youth Debate is posted on our website: <https://www.islingtonfaithsforum.org.uk/?p=922>

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Funds were secured mainly through the Islington Council VCS Grants Programme (core funding). Then other grants were secured from LBI Community Safety, LBI Equalities and LBI Targeted Youth Support. Our great thanks to all our funders and supporters.

Financial Position: Funds carried forward at 31 March 2023 totalled £21,344 (£10,489 Restricted, £10,855 Unrestricted). 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 VCS Grants Programme).

Principal funding sources

Funds were secured mainly through the Islington Council VCS Grants Programme (core funding) and the Hyperlocal Covid Vaccination Project funding (for the IFF and 6 large faith sites) - which brought in a significant amount. Then other grants were secured from LBI Community Safety, LBI Equalities, Sport Islington and LBI Targeted Youth Support. 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 VCS Grants Programme).

FUTURE PLANS

In addition to our core activities, we have fundraised and will begin planning for another large Community Festival in the summer 2023 with our community partners. Our community safety work in the Blackstock Road/Finsbury Park area remains an essential project that includes a community, holistic response to growing local community safety concerns as well as 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.

**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Charity constitution

The IFF was led by a board of 10 Trustees (in total) during 2022/23, with 1 trustee joining in November 2022. 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 2022 to end March 2023.

The CIO registration number is - 1176299

The charity Trustees were:

- Elizabeth Chappell - Chair
- Merium Bhuiyan - Vice Chair
- Mohamad Kozbar
- Toufik Kacimi
- Rev. Tamsin Merchant
- Pastor Temi Odejide
- Revd. Jennifer Potter
- Mrs Thaya Rajan
- Revd. Steven Cooper
- Rabbi Roni Tabick (appointed 28 October 2022)

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CEO12680 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1176299

Registered office

49 City Road
London
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Trustees

M Bhuiyan - Vice Chair
E Chappell - Chair
T Kacimi
Kozbar
Revd. J Potter
Mrs T Rajan
Revd. S Cooper
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Company Secretary

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11/12/2023 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 2023.

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').

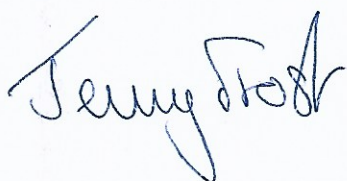
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). 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: 13 December 2023

Islington Faiths Forum

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		-	1	1	-
Charitable activities					
LBI VCS		-	30,000	30,000	30,000
Peace		-	3,568	3,568	3,200
Interfaith Youth Debate		-	-	-	500
Blackstock Rd Community Safety		-	9,378	9,378	19,800
Women's Safety Workshops		-	-	-	2,835
Hyperlocal Covid Project		-	-	-	30,000
Total		-	42,947	42,947	86,335
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
LBI VCS		-	23,928	23,928	26,827
Peace		-	3,465	3,465	5,699
Interfaith Youth Debate		-	1,187	1,187	990
General	35	-	-	35	35
Blackstock Rd Community Safety		-	9,798	9,798	9,113
COVID Response		-	-	-	4,067
Women's Safety Workshops		-	2,149	2,149	430
Hyperlocal Covid Project		-	12,000	12,000	18,000
Total		35	52,527	52,562	65,161
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	8	(35) 10,005	(9,580) (10,005)	(9,615) -	21,174 -
Net movement in funds		9,970	(19,585)	(9,615)	21,174
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		885	30,074	30,959	9,785
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		10,855	10,489	21,344	30,959

Balance Sheet
31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		10,855	18,250	29,105	36,263
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	-	(7,761)	(7,761)	(5,304)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>10,855</u>	<u>10,489</u>	<u>21,344</u>	<u>30,959</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>10,855</u>	<u>10,489</u>	<u>21,344</u>	<u>30,959</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>10,855</u>	<u>10,489</u>	<u>21,344</u>	<u>30,959</u>
FUNDS	8				
Unrestricted funds				10,855	885
Restricted funds				10,489	30,074
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>21,344</u>	<u>30,959</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 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 11/12/2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



E Chappell - Chair - Trustee

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

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.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

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 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

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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 £36,084 (2022:£39,487).

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	-	-	-
Charitable activities			
LBI VCS	-	30,000	30,000
Peace	-	3,200	3,200
Interfaith Youth Debate	-	500	500
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	-	19,800	19,800
Women's Safety Workshops	-	2,835	2,835
Hyperlocal Covid Project	-	30,000	30,000
Total	-	86,335	86,335
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
LBI VCS	-	26,827	26,827
Peace	-	5,699	5,699
Interfaith Youth Debate	-	990	990
General	35	-	35
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	-	9,113	9,113
COVID Response	-	4,067	4,067
Women's Safety Workshops	-	430	430
Hyperlocal Covid Project	-	18,000	18,000
Total	35	65,126	65,161
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(35)	21,209	21,174
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	920	8,865	9,785
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	885	30,074	30,959

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

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.

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The cost of the Independent Examination this year was £900 (2022: £900).

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued expenses	7,761	5,304

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	885	(35)	10,005	10,855
Restricted funds				
LBI VCS	4,122	6,072	(10,194)	-
Peace Month	-	103	(103)	-
Interfaith Youth Debate	11	(559)	548	-
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	11,536	(1,047)	-	10,489
Women's Safety Workshops	2,405	(2,149)	(256)	-
Hyperlocal Covid Project	12,000	(12,000)	-	-
	30,074	(9,580)	(10,005)	10,489
TOTAL FUNDS	30,959	(9,615)	-	21,344

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(35)	(35)
Restricted funds			
LBI VCS	30,000	(23,928)	6,072
Peace Month	3,568	(3,465)	103
Interfaith Youth Debate	628	(1,187)	(559)
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	8,751	(9,798)	(1,047)
Women's Safety Workshops	-	(2,149)	(2,149)
Hyperlocal Covid Project	-	(12,000)	(12,000)
	42,947	(52,527)	(9,580)
TOTAL FUNDS	42,947	(52,562)	(9,615)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	920	(35)	885
Restricted funds			
LBI VCS	949	3,173	4,122
Peace Month	2,499	(2,499)	-
Interfaith Youth Debate	500	(489)	11
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	850	10,686	11,536
COVID Response	4,067	(4,067)	-
Women's Safety Workshops	-	2,405	2,405
Hyperlocal Covid Project	-	12,000	12,000
	<u>8,865</u>	<u>21,209</u>	<u>30,074</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,785</u>	<u>21,174</u>	<u>30,959</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(35)	(35)
Restricted funds			
LBI VCS	30,000	(26,827)	3,173
Peace Month	3,200	(5,699)	(2,499)
Interfaith Youth Debate	501	(990)	(489)
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	19,799	(9,113)	10,686
COVID Response	-	(4,067)	(4,067)
Women's Safety Workshops	2,835	(430)	2,405
Hyperlocal Covid Project	30,000	(18,000)	12,000
	<u>86,335</u>	<u>(65,126)</u>	<u>21,209</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>86,335</u>	<u>(65,161)</u>	<u>21,174</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	920	(70)	10,005	10,855
Restricted funds				
LBI VCS	949	9,245	(10,194)	-
Peace Month	2,499	(2,396)	(103)	-
Interfaith Youth Debate	500	(1,048)	548	-
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	850	9,639	-	10,489
COVID Response	4,067	(4,067)	-	-
Women's Safety Workshops	-	256	(256)	-
	<u>8,865</u>	<u>11,629</u>	<u>(10,005)</u>	<u>10,489</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>9,785</u>	<u>11,559</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,344</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 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	(70)	(70)
Restricted funds			
LBI VCS	60,000	(50,755)	9,245
Peace Month	6,768	(9,164)	(2,396)
Interfaith Youth Debate	1,129	(2,177)	(1,048)
Blackstock Rd Community Safety	28,550	(18,911)	9,639
COVID Response	-	(4,067)	(4,067)
Women's Safety Workshops	2,835	(2,579)	256
Hyperlocal Covid Project	30,000	(30,000)	-
	<u>129,282</u>	<u>(117,653)</u>	<u>11,629</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>129,282</u>	<u>(117,723)</u>	<u>11,559</u>

9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Islington Faiths Forum**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Grants	1	-
Charitable activities		
Grants	42,946	86,335
Total incoming resources	42,947	86,335
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Insurance	321	324
Postage and stationery	22	22
Publicity	300	784
Sundries	35	35
Project management	32,359	35,896
Office costs	3,502	3,590
IFF calender	1,590	1,440
Refreshments	50	-
IFF website	161	337
Travel	340	423
Event costs	4,982	5,410
Grants to institutions	8,000	16,000
	51,662	64,261
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	900	900
Total resources expended	52,562	65,161
Net (expenditure)/income	(9,615)	21,174