

Hull Help for Refugees

Annual Report April 2021/2022

- This year marked our 7th anniversary as an organisation, and 4th year as a charity.
- We have continued our main focus this year on helping locally based asylum seekers and refugees. We have provided regular cash support to two projects abroad.
- We have continued to focus on fundraising and raising awareness.
- We have continued to expand and have 40 very active volunteers and are followed by 4600 people on our Facebook page.
- We raised nearly £40,000 last year.
- Donated £12,000 to other organisations.

We have focussed on fundraising as well as collecting and sorting items. This means we have been able to continue to support Anne in Athens, (Anne is one of our volunteers based in Athens) and a sewing machine project in Bangladesh, which relies on our funding to provide sewing machines to local women and provide them with training, in order for them to seek employment.

As lockdown eased we have collected clothing and household items to distribute to asylum seekers housed locally. We have worked jointly with local charities, especially Welcome House.

We have moved to new premises, and attracted new volunteers, many of whom are asylum seekers. We have utilised the skills of some recently arrived asylum seekers, some of whom have professional backgrounds.

We have started to collect and distribute bicycles, which are extremely useful to asylum seekers. We also pay bus fares, where asylum seekers are acting as volunteers.

We have enabled asylum seeking volunteers to participate in a local PATT scheme, which grows food for food banks, and plants trees. We provide transport and general support for asylum seekers. This means that they can gain valuable voluntary work experience, and references for when they are in a position to seek employment.

Additional accommodation for 200 single male asylum seekers has been recently established nearby and we are working with local church groups to provide basic essential clothing.

Re: the future, we are moving to more suitable premises soon. We have one container, which we use for storage. We intend to develop our bike distribution, and continue organising and participating in fund raising events to raise more money to help asylum seekers locally and abroad.

Main activity April 2021/April 2022.

Fundraising and donations

Our total income for 2021-2022 is £29,447, of which £8,584 was income from events.

Donations:

- Lord Mayors charity for the year.
We were lucky enough to be one of the Lord Mayor of Hull's charities for the year, this gave us a great deal of publicity and we also gained £6000 in fundraising by the Mayor.
- We attracted some large donations from local groups:
£1000 from Mother Humber
£5000 from The Church of the Latter Day Saints
£594 from ASDA
£250 from Humber Lodge
£1000 from UNISON
- Regular donations: we receive regular monthly donations of £400, and we received £6000 from individual donations

Events:

- We have been very successful in holding events to fundraise and raise awareness. These are examples of some of our major fundraisers. We also have a regular stall at a local car boot fair and a monthly stall at a local market.
We participated in a yard sale which raised £1400
A meal cooked by volunteers: £1200
Carol singing £400

Expenditure

As lock down ended we started to get more involved with Hull based asylum seeking families, and single asylum seeking men housed at the local hotel.

We were able to use a room at Welcome House,

www.welcomehousehull.org.uk

a local support charity supporting asylum seekers and refugees, to distribute clothing both new and used. We also organised a trip to the seaside for asylum seeking families.

We received a grant of £5000, from the Church of the Latter Day Saints, specifically for clothing for the men housed at the hotel. Many of whom arrived here with no possessions or clothing.

- We spent £5138 on new clothing for the young men housed at the local hotel.
- We spent £5121 on clothing and other items for the families housed locally.
- We donated £5605 to Anne in Athens. Anne uses some of this money to pay flat rental for a large asylum seeking family. She provides nappies, baby food, food and other essential items to some destitute asylum seeking families based on Athens.
- We donated £7240 to a project in Bangladesh which provides sewing machines and training for women, for them to gain an income.

Other Activity

- We salvaged over 800 sleeping bags along with numerous tents and chairs from Leeds festival, working with Jubilee Church and Raise the Roof homeless charity. We were supported by Hull College and given the use of a van and their industrial washing machines. Volunteers washed the majority of the sleeping bags. In partnership with Yorkshire Aid the majority of sleeping bags were transported to Care4Calais to be distributed to those sleeping rough while fleeing conflict. We also donated sleeping bags to local homeless charities including Emmaus and Raise the Roof.
- We were donated toys from Viking FM www.vikingfm.co.uk Cash for Kids at Christmas. We provided some of these to the Refugee Council for their Christmas party, and distributed the others to families in Hull.
- Our online quiz has continued to generate income of around £150 a month

Working with Other Organisations

We have worked very closely with other relevant organisations in the city, especially Welcome House, which provides help and support to asylum seekers and refugees. We have provided support to homeless charities and organisations providing support to deprived families. UNISON www.unison.org.uk has been a major support to use, letting us use their premises for storage and distribution.

Conclusion

All of the last year we have been subject to restrictions due to the global pandemic. We have also been aware, that this has made the situation a lot more difficult for people already in a desperate situation, both in Hull and abroad.

We have been asked to be involved in supporting a local faith based group who are aiming to provide clothing to asylum seeking men, recently housed in a village near to Hull, we anticipate that this will be an area for development.

We have found ways to be flexible and still achieve our objectives. Our income has more than doubled, and one of our future plans to continue to increase this by asking for regular donations. Our number of volunteers has also increased, which means that we can continue to provide clothing and support and develop our activities in other areas.

We have moved accommodation and anticipate that we will move to more permanent accommodation next year. Our accommodation, is provided free by Hull City Council www.hullcitycouncil and we spend very little in operating expenses.

We can only exist with the good will and energy of our many volunteers, and people who support us financially. It is clear that the situation for people seeking asylum globally is worsening, and we are keen to play a part, albeit very small in helping people in desperate circumstances both home and abroad.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Hull Help for Refugees	No (if any) 1176555
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2021	To	Period end date 3/31/2022
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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 £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	29,447	-	-	29,447
Events	8,584	-	-	8,584
Gift Aid	410	-	-	410
Other income	234	-	-	234
Release of deferred income	1,000	-	-	1,000
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	39,675	-	-	39,675
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	39,675	-	-	39,675
A3 Payments				
Donations paid out	24,462	-	-	24,462
Operating Expenses	3,605	-	-	3,605
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	28,067	-	-	28,067
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	28,067	-	-	28,067
Net of receipts/(payments)	11,608	-	-	11,608
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,950	-	-	2,950
Cash funds this year end	14,558	-	-	14,558

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	13,494	-
	Cash at PayPal	1,064	-
	Less Deferred Income	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,558	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
	Container	Unrestricted	2,392
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	
		Leonne Griggs	

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**Last year
to the nearest £**

19,222
4,714
738
13
-
-
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-
24,687

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24,687

23,032
1,254
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24,286

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24,286

401
-
2,549
2,950



**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**Current value
(optional)**

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**When due
(optional)**

**Date of
approval**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Hull Help for Refugees

On accounts for the year
ended

01-April-2022

Charity no
(if any)

1176555

Set out on pages

1,2

(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 01/04/2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: 08/08/22

Name:

Alex de Groot

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.