

CONGO FREE POVERTY (CONGO SANS PAUVRETE)

England & Wales · Charity number 1177569

Details

Other names	LES AMIS DE HYGRADE
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-03-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS IN THE UK AND DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF LANGUAGE CLASSES, THE PROVISION OF RELEVANT EDUCATIONAL GOODS, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR SCHOOLS AND FOR THE CHILDREN ATTENDING THE SCHOOLS.

Activities: The Charity is undertaking all kind of charitable activities aimed at relieving poverty, promoting and advancing education / languages among Congolese families and children in the United Kingdom and in D R Congo. The Charity provide Congolese dialects classes to those who are Congolese children born in the UK to speak Parents dialects.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Accommodation/housing, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Congo (Democratic Republic)
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£19,101	£23,990	-	-
2024-03-31	£20,800	£15,200	-	-
2023-03-31	£24,730	£16,500	-	-
2022-03-31	£3,000	£2,600	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,750	£1,702	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
WETE BIAWETE	Chair	2016-12-15
ESIA BALEZE		2016-12-15
Goncalves Jose		2024-01-25

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Accounts

**CONGO FREE POVERTY
(CONGO SANS PAUVRETÉ)**

**ANNUAL REPORT & UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING MARCH 2025**

CONGO FREE POVERTY

FLAT 44, CROSSMOUNT HOUSE, BOWYER STREET, LONDON SE5 0XB

congofreepoverty@gmail.com

Reference and administrative information

For the year ended 31 March 204

Charity number: 1177569

Registered office: Flat 44, Crossmount House, Bowyer Street,
London SE5 0XB

Trustees: Wete Biawete
Esia Baleze
Goncalves Jose

Bankers: Barclays Bank

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Trustees' annual report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and administrative information set out above forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current requirements, the governing document and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and reporting by Charities: SORP, applicable to charities preparing their accounts.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 16th March 2018 and it's governed as CIO – FOUNDATION charitable organisation. Its governing document was first adopted in 2028 and amended on 8th June 2022.

Currently the charity has a management committee of 3 people who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Trustee' recruitment, induction, and training

The trustees of the charity are elected at the charity Annual General Meeting. Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity having been encouraged to take up volunteering hours at our operational centre. Additionally, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

Training covers:

- The obligations of management committee members.
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity including the constitution.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Future plans and objectives of the charity.

Risk management

The board of trustees has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate systems or procedures have been developed to mitigate the risks, the charity faces.

Financial review

Against the limited resources and insecurities over funding, it has again been a difficult year to plan or develop new services and activities.

Principal funding sources

The principals' sources of funding for the charity include members' monthly donations, Trusts and charitable foundations.

Investment policy

No material investments are held at this time. The trustees will consider an appropriate investment policy in the future as unrestricted funds are raised.

Reserves policy

The management committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established policy whereby unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. But as its stand the charity has no or very limited free reserves.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees of the Congo Free Poverty are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice). The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SIOP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005. Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each reporting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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Objectives and activities

Purposes and aims

The trustees regularly review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report on the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to the groups of people it set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remain focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the set aims and objectives.

The organisation's objects are:

- To relieve poverty among refugees, asylum seekers, migrant workers and their dependants living in England and Wales by providing interpreting/translating/advocacy/health/housing advice and educational projects.
- To provide Congolese young people, born in the United Kingdom, with free Congolese dialects classes including Lingala, Kikongo, Swahili and Tshiluba in the interest of maintaining Congolese languages and cultural heritage.
- To relieve poverty among children and young people living in D R Congo, by providing them with basic education, social and health support.
- The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of those persons who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances.
- To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially exclude and assisting them to integrate into society.

Vision

The vision of Congo Free Poverty is “That every individual is heard, valued and supported”.

Mission

Congo Free Poverty commits to:

- Being a user-led organisation & putting individuals first.
- Delivering high quality & innovative services.
- Improving users’ well-being.
- Amplifying the voice of socially excluded & marginalised individuals to influence change.

Strategic Aims

We have now in place a 5-year (2024-2029) strategic plan, which involves putting people at the centre of everything we do. The strategy has identified 3 key strategic objectives. These are:

- To build long-term financial stability.
- To give targeted support using a whole family approach.
- To building capacity.

Achievements and performances, and beneficiaries of our services

The charity’s main activities and those whom it aims to help are described below.

Children and young people

We provided a number of services for children and young people including supplementary classes, homework club, and Congolese languages tuition. We also worked and supported young people with mental health issues.

Women sewing group

The weekly sewing group is a chance for migrant women including refugees and asylum seekers to come together and learn some basic sewing skills and make their own clothes and of others in a fun, friendly and supportive environment.

Core support

The core support includes helping people with welfare benefits checks and advice, Blue Badge applications, council tax discount applications, referrals and signposting to other community resources.

CONGO FREE POVERTY / CONGO SANS PAUVRETE

Statement of Financial Activities (Income and Expenditure)

For the year ended 31 March 2025

<u>Income</u>	£
Members' donations	2,700.00
PayPal	1.00
London Community Foundation	14,500.00
Souter Charitable Trust	1,900.00
<u>Total income</u>	<u>19,101.00</u>

<u>Expenditure</u>	
Rent / room hire	1,500.00
Travel / volunteers' expenses	2,300.00
Children classes activities	1,700.00
Sewing group	1,900.00
Sundries / refreshments	870.00
Professional fees / Salaries	15,720.00
<u>Total expenditure</u>	<u>23,990.00</u>
<u>Net/deficit income</u>	<u>-4,889.00</u>

Reconciliation of funds

Total funds brought forward	13,830.00
Total funds carried forward	8,941.00

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

Balance sheet

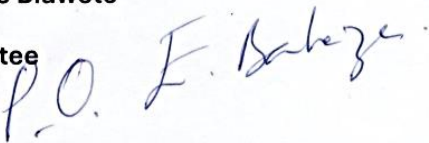
As at 31 March 2025

	2025
	£
Fixed assets	
Tangible assets	6,200.00
Current assets	
Debtors	
Cash at bank and in hand	8,941.00
Liabilities	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	0.00
Net current assets	
Total net assets	8,941.00

Approved by the trustees on 19th December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Wete Biawete

Trustee



Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Accounting policies

a) Statutory information

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them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Wete Biawete

Trustee

P.O. E. Babaye

Date: 16/01/2026

b) Basic of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis with all incoming resources and outgoing resources shown on a cash basis.

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This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Esia Baleze

Trustee



Date: 30th November 2024

CONGO FREE POVERTY / CONGO SANS PAUVRETE
Statement of financial activities (income and expenditure)
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	Total	
			£	£
Income				
Membership	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	3,450.00
Peoples' Health Trust	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Pay Pal's donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00
Awards For All	0.00	16,600.00	16,600.00	0.00
London Community Foundation	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,200.00
Christ Winner Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Souter Charitable Trust	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
Donnations (other)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total income	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>19,000.00</u>	<u>20,800.00</u>	<u>24,730.00</u>
Expenditure				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional fees	0.00	550.00	550.00	0.00
Rent / room hire	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Travel / volunteers expenses	0.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	1,400.00
Sewing group activities	0.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	8,300.00
capital equipment/sewing	0.00	6,800.00	6,800.00	0.00
Children classes activities	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,200.00
Sundries/refreshments	0.00	750.00	750.00	500.00
African festival	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,200.00
Computers	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Total expenditure	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>13,700.00</u>	<u>15,200.00</u>	<u>16,500.00</u>
Net income / expenditure	<u>300.00</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>5,600.00</u>	<u>8,230.00</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	<u>300.00</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>8,230.00</u>	<u>8,230.00</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>300.00</u>	<u>5,300.00</u>	<u>13,830.00</u>	<u>8,230.00</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

Balance sheet**As at 31 March 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fixed assets:		
Tangible assets	6,800.00	<u>0.00</u>
Current assets		
Debtors		
Cash at bank and in hand	13,830.00	<u>8,230.00</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net current assets		
Total net assets	13,830.00	<u>8,230.00</u>

Approved by the trustees on 20 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

**Esia Baleze**

Trustee

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

a) Statutory information

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b) Basis of accounting

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**CONGO FREE POVERTY
(CONGO SANS PAUVRETÉ)**

ANNUAL REPORT & UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Charity registration Number: 1177569

CONGO FREE POVERTY

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Registered charity name: Congo Free Poverty / Congo Sans Pauvreté

Charity registration number: 1177569

Registered office: Flat 44
Crossmount House
Bowyer Street
LONDON
SE5 0XB

The trustees:

Currently the Charity has 5 trustees, and they are as follows:

Mr Santana Pedro Makuntima

Ms Julia Lestine Diambu

Mr Wete Biawete (Chair)

Mr Esia Baleze

Ms Gisele Kiamuangana

Accountants: GM ACCOUNTANCY
Chartered Certified Accountants
Unit 15, Ansty Court
46 Kenyon Street, Jewellery Quarter
Birmingham B18 6AR

Bankers: Barclays Bank
Octagon House
Gadbrook Park, Northwich
CW9 7RB

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document & governance

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 16th March 2018 and it's governed as CIO - FOUNDATION charitable organisation. Its governing document was first adopted in 2018 and amended on 8th June 2019. Its governing document was adopted and amended on the 1st of January 2022 for the second time.

The charity has a management committee of 5 people who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Trustees' recruitment, induction, and training

The trustees of the charity also known as management committee are elected at the charity Annual General Meeting.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity undertake all kind of charitable activities aimed at relieving poverty, promoting, and advancing education / languages among Congolese children in the United Kingdom and among orphans & rejected poorest / needy people in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Charity promote, protect, teach Congolese dialects, history, and Congolese culture to those who are Congolese children born in the UK to speak Parents dialects.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Advice, information, and guidance

The advice, information, and guidance (AIG) project is based at our operational centre in Woolwich, the Clockhouse Community Centre, Woolwich Dockyard, London SE18 5QL and provide help and support to members of the Congolese

community and other members of the public. The charity held events during the Christmas and Easter period to promote culture and to celebrate in Congolese way with songs in the Congolese dialects and storytelling sessions. The charity wishes to create a better understanding of culture and tradition.

After two successful years 2019 and 2020, where around 198 people were seen face-to-face to celebrate, all the events went cancelled since March 2020 and then our Saturday classes went on-line via ClassDojo and via telephone because of the pandemic. We are fully back to our activities, and we are going to celebrate with songs in the Congolese dialects and storytelling sessions in this Easter period 2023. There is no funding for this project and is run on goodwill of volunteers.

Children homework club and Congolese dialects classes.

The aim of this project is to support and assist children and their families by providing help on how to do homework, provide extra support to children who struggle and lag behind their peers in classes in core subjects including Maths, Science, and English. Also, help children to know where they or their parents come from by learning a Congolese dialect.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Against the limited resources and insecurities over funding, it has been a difficult year to plan or develop services and activities.

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This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:
Signature:

~~Wete Biawete~~ *ESIA BALEZE*
Member of the board of trustees and ~~Chairperson~~

E. Balze

Date: 28 December 2023

CONGO FREE POVERTY / CONGO SANS PAUVRETÉ

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	RESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED
<u>INCOME RESOURCE</u>	£	£
Members' donations	3,450	-
People' Health Trust	12,000	-
Pay Pal' donations	80,00	-
London Community Foundation	7,200	-
Christ Winner Church donations	2,000	-
Total Receipts:	<u>24,730,00</u>	
<u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u>		
Children classes activities	1,200	-
Volunteers ' expenses	1,400	-
Refreshments	500	-
African Festival	4,200	-
Sewing group activities	8,300	-
Purchase of Laptops	900	-
Total funds brought forward	0	-
Incoming resources from generated funds	0	-
TOTAL	<u>16,500</u>	-
<u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</u>		
(Total funds brought forward)	<u>400</u>	

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD **8,630**

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2023

	RESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED
FIXED ASSETS	0	0
Tangible assets		
CURRENTS ASSETS		
Debtors	0	0
Cash Bank	8,630	
CREDITORS		
Amounts failing due within one year	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS	8,630	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT		
LIABILITIES	0	
NET ASSETS	8,630	
TOTAL FUNDS	8,630	

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 28/12/2023 and were signed-on its behalf by:

Wete Biawete
Member of the board of trustees

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH
2023**

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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CONGO FREE POVERTY (CONGO SANS PAUVRETE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1177569

Accounts

CONGO FREE POVERTY
(CONGO SANS PAUVRETÉ)

ANNUAL REPORT & UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Charity registration Number: 1177569

CONGO FREE POVERTY

(CONGO SANS PAUVRETÉ)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their report and the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year of the charity for the year ended 31March 2022.

Registered charity name: Congo Free Poverty (Congo Sans Pauvreté)

Charity registration number: 1177569

Registered office: Flat 44
Crossmount House
Bowyer Street
LONDON
SE5 0XB

The trustees:

Currently the Charity has 5 trustees and they are as follows:

Mr Wete Biawete (Chairperson)
Ms Julia Lestine Diambu
Miss Gisele Kiamuangana
Mr Santana Pedro Makuntima
Mr Esia Baleze

Accountants:

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Unit 15, Ansty Court
46 Kenyon Street, Jewellery Quarter
Birmingham B18 6AR

Bankers:

Barclays Bank
Octagon House
Gadbrook Park, Northwich
CW9 7RB

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**Governing document & governance**

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 16th March 2018 and its governed as CIO - FOUNDATION charitable organisation. Its governing document was first adopted in 2018 and amended on 8th June 2019. Its governing document was adopted and amended on the 1st January 2022 for the second time.

The charity has a management committee of 5 people who meet quarterly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

Trustees recruitment, induction and training

The trustees of the charity also known as management committee are elected at the charity Annual General Meeting.

Most trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the charity having been encouraged to take up volunteering hours at our operational centre. Additionally, new trustees are invited and encouraged to attend a series of short training sessions to familiarise themselves with the charity and the context within which it operates.

Training covers:

- The obligations of Management Committee members
- The main documents which set out the operational framework for the charity including the constitution.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Future plans and objectives.

Risk management

The board of trustees has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients/beneficiaries and visitors.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity undertake all kind of charitable activities aimed at relieving poverty, promoting and advancing education / languages among Congolese children in the United Kingdom and among orphans & rejected poorest / needy people in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Charity promote, protect, teach Congolese dialects, history and Congolese culture to those who are Congolese children born in the UK to speak Parents dialects.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Advice, information and guidance

The advice, information and guidance (AIG) project is based at our operational centre in Woolwich, the Clockhouse Community Centre, Woolwich Dockyard, London SE18 5QL and provide help and support to members of the Congolese community and other members of the public. The charity held events during the Christmas and Easter period to promote culture and to celebrate in Congolese way with songs in the Congolese dialects and story telling sessions. The charity wish to create a better understanding of culture and tradition. After two successful years 2019 and 2020, where around 198 people were seen face-to-face to celebrate, all the events went cancelled since March 2020 and then our Saturday classes went on-line via ClassDojo and via telephone because of the pandemic. We are fully back to our activities and we are going to celebrate with songs in the Congolese dialects and story telling sessions in this Easter period 2023. There is no funding for this project and is run on goodwill of volunteers.

Children homework club and Congolese dialects classes.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Against the limited resources and insecurities over funding, it has been a difficult year to plan or develop services and activities.

Principal funding sources

The principal source of funding for the charity is members' monthly donations.

Investment policy

No material investments are held at this time. The trustees will consider an appropriate investment policy in the future as unrestricted funds are raised.

Reserves policy

The Management committee has examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation. It has established a policy whereby unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the charity should be between 3 and 6 months of the expenditure. But as it stands the charity has no free reserves.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees of the Congo Free Poverty (Congo Sans Pauvreté) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice). The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005. Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each reporting year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; ●
Observe the methods and principles in Charities SORP;
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- State whether applicable United Kingdom accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
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The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wete Biawete', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Wete Biawete

Member of the board of trustees and Chairperson

Date: 06 April 2023

CONGO FREE POVERTY (CONGO SANS PAUVRETÉ)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
- YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

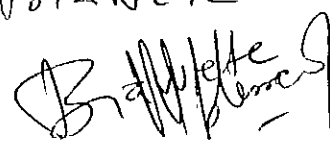
	Unrestricted	restricted
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCE		
Members' donations	3.050	-
Total Receipts		
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Children classes activities	950	-
Volunteers' expenses	800	-
Refreshments	200	-
Purchase of Laptop	<u>650</u>	
Total resources expended	<u>2600</u>	
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		
	<u>0</u>	
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS		
Total funds brought forward	450	
Incoming resources from generated funds	0	0

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 450

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	0	0
CURRENTS ASSETS		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank	450	-
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS	450	-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT		
LIABILITIES	450	-
NET ASSETS	450	-
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	450	-
TOTAL FUNDS	450	-

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 6th March 2023 and were signed on its behalf by: WETE BIAWETE
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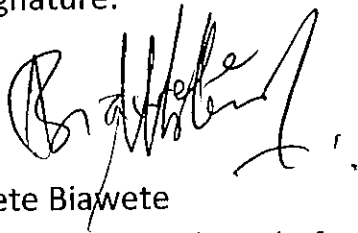
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This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signature:



Wete Biawete

Member of the board of trustees

Date: 25 January 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

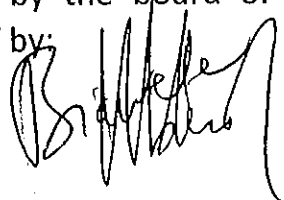
	Unrestricted	restricted
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCE		
Members' donations	1,700	
Pay Pals' donation	50	
Total Receipts	1,750	
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Children classes activities	850	
Volunteers' expenses	710	
Refreshments	142,99	
Total resources expended	<u>1,702.99</u>	
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	<u>47.01</u>	
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	<u>0</u>	
Total funds brought forward	0	

	0
Incoming resources from generated funds	
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	47.01

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2021

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FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	0	
CURRENTS ASSETS		
Debtors	0	
Cash at bank	47.01	
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	0	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	47.01	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT		
LIABILITIES	47.01	
NET ASSETS	47.01	
FUNDS		
Unrestricted funds	47.01	
TOTAL FUNDS	47.01	

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 25th January 2022 and were signed-on its behalf by:



Wete Biawete / Member of the board of trustees

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