

# NNLS DESTITUTE ASYLUM SEEKERS DROP IN

England & Wales · Charity number 1177599

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-03-19

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** (1) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, PRESERVATION OF HEALTH, ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS IN THE UK BY THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT, FOOD, CLOTHING, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, INTERPRETING, TRANSLATING, ADVOCACY, LEGAL ADVICE, IMMIGRATION ADVICE, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, HOUSING AND OTHER ADVICE AND SUPPORT AS THE TRUSTEE SEE FIT. (2) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST WITH THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY FOR REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE AND ASSISTING THEIR INCLUSION INTO THE WIDER COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF A DROP-IN CENTRE.

**Activities:** A Drop In service event held at London school on first Sunday of every month where it seeks to help relieve hardship amongst those seeking asylum and those granted or refused refugee status, particularly by the provision of some financial support, social support, friendship, food, clothing, furniture and equipment, interpreting, translating, advocacy, legal advice, immigration advice and advocacy.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- Throughout London

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£144,938	£228,962	-	-
2024-03-31	£159,302	£213,967	-	-
2023-03-31	£145,134	£160,221	-	-
2022-03-31	£219,107	£257,843	-	-
2021-03-31	£226,347	£186,196	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
IAN KARET	Chair	2023-03-18
Catherine Thome		2023-09-13
Charles Gluckman		2025-05-12
James Edward Elliott		2023-06-13
Jocelyn Meira Blumberg		2023-09-13
Jonathan Michael Lachmann		2024-03-20
Madeleine Forster		2024-02-01
Michael Henry Samuel Leifer		2025-05-12
Roma Felstein		2023-11-09

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# Accounts

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**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the year to 31 March 2025**

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## **The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

### **Reference and Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers for the year to 31 March 2025**

#### **Trustees**

Ian Karet	Appointed 18 March 2023
James Elliot	Appointed 13 June 2023
Catherine Thome	Appointed 13 September 2023
Jocelyn Blumberg	Appointed 13 September 2023
Roma Felstein	Appointed 9 November 2023
Madeleine Foster	Appointed 1 February 2024
Jonathan Lachmann	Appointed 20 March 2024

#### **Charity registered number**

Charity Commission for England and Wales – 1177599

#### **Registered Office**

C/o NNLS  
80 East End Road  
London N3 2SY

#### **Independent Examiner**

Stephen Adler  
9 Beechwood Avenue  
London N3 3AU

#### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank  
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#### **Website**

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## **The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

### **Trustees' Report for the year to 31 March 2025**

The Trustees present their report as a registered Charity, together with the financial statements for the year to 31 March 2025, with comparatives for year to 31 March 2024.

The Trustees confirm that the report and financial statements of the Charity comply with current statutory requirements; the requirements of the Trust's governing document; and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP); applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102).

The Drop in was established in 2005 by members of The New North London Synagogue in their wish to help and give support to Asylum Seekers in Greater London.

The Drop-in registered as a separate independent charity in March 2018.

#### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board of trustees and professional advisers on Page 3 of the financial statements.

#### **The Trustees**

The trustees who served the charity during the reporting year were as follows:

Ian Karet	- Appointed 18 March 2023
Rickie Burman	- Retired 18 March 2025
James Elliot	- Appointed 13 June 2023
Catherine Thome	- Appointed 13 September 2023
Jocelyn Blumberg	- Appointed 13 September 2023
Roma Felstein	- Appointed 9 November 2023
Madeleine Foster	- Appointed 1 February 2024
Jonathan Lachmann	- Appointed 20 March 2024

#### **Structure, governance, and management**

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop-in is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) that was entered on the Charity Commission for England and Wales Register of Charities on 19 March 2018, reference 1177599 and is recognised by HM Revenue and Customs, reference EW90044.

Trustees are now eligible for two three-year tenures as set out in the Charity's constitution. Four of the first Trustees appointed on 19 March 2018 in accordance with the Constitution filed with the Charity Commission and were reappointed as Trustees in March 2021. Three retired in 2024 and the fourth, Rickie Burman in 2025.

## Financial review

The Charity remains dependent on its income from donations from private individuals, trusts, and foundations, all in the UK. The net deficit after expenditures for the year was £84,024 (2024 £54,665) that has been set off against the total general reserve of £181,915 (2024 - £265,939).

The Trustees are satisfied that the level of reserves held are sufficient to maintain the level of activity, if significant changes in income streams or resources required were to take place. A new funding appeal has been started in October 2025.

## Objectives and activities

The Trustees refer to the original Constitution as submitted to the Charity Commission in March 2018 that set out the objectives and activities of the charity. These objectives continue to be to provide support to Asylum Seekers living in Greater London, and this support has increased greatly over recent years. The Charity continues to provide necessary basic support in many ways that includes the relief of financial hardship amongst those and their dependents seeking to be granted, or those refused and appealing, living (temporarily or permanently) in Greater London.

Through our support, resources, signposting and referrals, the Drop in seeks to provide much-needed assistance to help address the many challenges faced by asylum seekers. We have continued to hold our monthly Drop in sessions and following the merging in of the NLS Drop-in in April 2025, we are currently providing support to around 800-900 asylum seekers and their families in two venues. This number changes with new arrivals being registered and others either receiving 'leave to remain' or being moved on out of their hotels and hostels and away out of London. We have a committed and reliable body of volunteers, with around 100 volunteers helping each month.

Because of high client numbers and to ensure a more positive experience, we have split the client group in two and now invite them to attend on alternate months. We have maintained the overall level of support, so that each clients receives a supermarket voucher (to cover two months), as well as some travel money. In addition, our support includes hot meals and drinks and takeaway food donations, toiletries, sanitary products, underwear, socks, and during the winter, coats, hats and gloves. We also provide when available, footwear, phone SIM cards and 'baby welcome' packs for pregnant clients. Many clients are currently living in hotels and hostels without cooking facilities and are unable to prepare food that they used to eating in their home countries; some hotels provide meals that are reported to be of poor quality and there have been some cases of children being hospitalised due to malnutrition.

Asylum seekers generally live in extreme poverty as Home Office support to an adult is given on a payment card equivalent to less than 50% of general income support. However, many asylum seekers do not receive this and have no real means of support. Those living in hotels with meals provided, receive only £8.86 per person per week, while those without meals being provided receive £49.18 per person per week to cover food, clothing, travel and toiletries. Many asylum seekers are in insecure accommodation, and some are homeless, with little access to any form of support that would help them to survive. Our vouchers and the other services we offer provides critical support.

A vital part of our services are the signposting and consultations provided by our highly valued volunteer lawyers and doctors. We try to find legal aid immigration lawyers for those who do not yet have a solicitor, although this has become increasingly difficult dues to the pressures on legal aid lawyers. This service is of importance in view of the increased risks asylum seekers face of being detained or repatriated. At the Drop in we have a children's play area to provide fun and constructive play for children, who may suffer from being cooped up for long periods together with their parents. We also run an online tutoring service for clients' children to aid their schoolwork.

The charity's aims continue to be to help asylum seekers and their children through the wide-ranging support and services provided by the Drop in, to further develop the range of services offered, and to continue to invite and welcome new clients. Our help alleviates some of the poverty and multiple hardships

endured by asylum seekers while going through the asylum system process; we provide support with legal advice, signposting and, where possible, access to reputable legal aid solicitors to assist with their asylum claims, so that in the longer term, they can move forward with their lives and integrate into British society.

We are very grateful to all those who help the Drop in by making charitable donations, volunteering and cooking food for our monthly sessions. We welcome regular and new volunteers, and we are always looking for more people to make regular donations through monthly standing orders, to help meet the Drop in costs of around £24,000 a month and so ensure we can continue to provide much-needed support.

There is still great uncertainty felt by asylum seekers for many of whom have fled their home countries due to wars, severe domestic and political issues and often torture. We are very fortunate in having volunteer lawyers experienced in asylum and immigration issues who are available at Drop in sessions. We aim to make a difference to the lives of the supported asylum seekers; and to improve the physical, mental, and the general well-being of all those attending the Drop in.

In April 2023, the charity contracted the services of a coordinator to manage and organise the monthly Drop-in sessions that now requires an increasing amount of administration time. All other services carried out at the monthly Drop in sessions, as described above, are provided by the generosity of many loyal volunteers.

### **Risk Management**

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop in Charity seeks to identify and manage risks that may occur that would have significant detrimental impact on the Charity and the asylum seekers. The Charity has put in place procedures and policy documents to utilise risk management techniques in all relevant aspects of its operations and has integrated risk management as well as all aspects of safeguarding as part of its culture. The Trustees are responsible for governance and the management of the Drop in event, and for the year to 31 March 2025 this was organised and managed by a Trustee having oversight.

The Charity continues to review its policies and procedures on an ongoing basis to identify, prioritise and assess any risk that it is subject to; and to update as appropriate to improve controls and monitor any risks that are identified. All the policies are shown on the website.

### **Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK General Accepted Accounting Practice) for small charities. The Trustees consider that as both income and assets are below the required levels as required for reporting under the Charities Act an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Commission requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and take such steps for the protection and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 5 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

I Karet  
Trustee



## **The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

### **Independent Examiner's Report for the year to 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees of the Trust on the examination of the accounts of The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In for the year to 31 March 2025

#### **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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. The charity's trustees consider that as both income and assets are below the required levels as required for reporting under the Charities Act an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect that;

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Stephen Adler

Address: 9 Beechwood Avenue London N3 3AU

Date:

5 December 2025

## The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In


### Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 March 2025

		<b>Total Unrestricted Funds 2025</b>	<b>Total Unrestricted funds 2024</b>
	<b>Note</b>		
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations		134,068	148,688
Gift Aid		8,149	7,785
Deposit interest		2,721	2,829
<b>Total income</b>	<b>2</b>	<u>144,938</u>	<u>159,302</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities		228,962	213,967
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>3</b>	<u>228,962</u>	<u>213,967</u>
<b>Net (deficit)</b>		(84,024)	(54,665)
<b>Reserves brought forward</b>		265,939	320,604
		<u>181,915</u>	<u>265,939</u>
<b>Funds held at bank</b>		159,440	247,037
Debtors and creditor	4	22,475	18,902
<b>Total Charities' Funds carried forward</b>		<u>181,915</u>	<u>265,939</u>

The Charity's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small charities. For the year ended 31 March 2025 the charity was not required to obtain an audit.

The financial statements and report were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on  
5 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

I Karet  
Trustee



The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year to 31 March 2025

**1. Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by small Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to small charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019. Assets and liabilities are recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**1.1 Fund accounting**

Funds are regarded as unrestricted funds which are available for use at the direction of the Trustees and only in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

**1.2 Income**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income. It is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

**1.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer benefit to a third party. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. There is one staff employed and associated costs incurred in the reporting year in question.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and any governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's operations, including support costs.

**1.4 Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**1.5 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when received as payable by the Bank.

**1.6 Other debtors**

Other debtors are recognised at the amount shown and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

**1.7 Cash at Bank**

Cash at bank includes cash and deposit account with immediate access to such funds.

	<b>Total Unrestricted Funds 2025</b>	<b>Total Unrestricted funds 2024</b>
<b>2. Income received</b>		
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Deposit interest	2,721	2,829
<b>Total income</b>	<u>144,938</u>	<u>159,302</u>
<b>3. Expenditure on:</b>		
Charitable activities:		
Donations to asylum seekers	159,924	148,497
Drop in expenses including clothing, consumables and other direct expenses made for asylum seekers	20,641	20,817
Employee salary and employer pension costs	37,967	34,009
Security costs	4,190	4,541
Venue costs	5,580	5,443
Insurance	660	660
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>228,962</u>	<u>213,967</u>

No trustee received any remuneration, nor received any benefit in kind.

#### 4. Debtors and creditors

Gift Aid	1,941	1,734
The New North London Synagogue	1,483	1,333
Vouchers and clothing purchased, and cash drawn, all held for future drop ins sessions	20,088	20,226
Debtor	3,708	-
Creditors	<u>(4,745)</u>	<u>(4,391)</u>
	<u>22,475</u>	<u>18,902</u>

Debtor in 2025 is an amount of £3,708 that was the result of a fraud on the Charity in March 2025, and was refunded by the bank in May 2025.

#### 5. Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting year that require disclosure.

#### 6. Post balance sheet

In 2016, the Charity helped NLS (New London Synagogue) to set up a partner Drop in, to help with the increasing number of asylum seekers needing support. From 1st April 2025 a merger took place between the two Drop ins, that now take place on two sites in north London. The two Drop ins have always worked in collaboration, and the merger enables the two to work more closely and make the most effective use of the combined resources. The combined Drop ins now support around 800-900 asylum seekers and their families living in the London area.

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**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year to 31 March 2024**

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### **Reference and Administrative Details**

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### **The Trustees**

The trustees who served the charity during the reporting year were as follows:

Ian Karet	- Appointed 18 March 2023
David Raff	- Retired 30 April 2024
Rickie Burman	
Mildred Levison	- Retired 30 April 2024
Stephen Coleman	- Retired 19 March 2024
Anita Vasisht	- Retired 7 December 2023
James Elliot	- Appointed 13 June 2023
Catherine Thome	- Appointed 13 September 2023
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### **Structure, governance, and management**

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Trustees are eligible for two three-year tenures as set out in the Charity's constitution. Three of the first Trustees were appointed on 19 March 2018 in accordance with the Constitution filed with the Charity Commission. The three were reappointed as Trustees in March 2021. Consequently, D Raff, S Coleman, and M Levison retired in 2024.

## **Financial review**

The Charity remains dependent on its income from donations from private individuals, trusts, and foundations, all in the UK. The net deficit after expenditures for the year was £54,665 (2023 £15,087) that has been set off against the total general reserve held, £265,939 (2023 - £320,604).

The Trustees are satisfied that the level of reserves held are sufficient to maintain the level of activity, if significant changes in income streams or resources required were to take place.

## **Objectives and activities**

The Trustees have referred to the original Constitution as submitted to the Charity Commission when considering the objectives and activities of the charity in March 2018. The requirement and services provided to Asylum Seekers in Greater London have increased greatly over recent years and the Charity continues to provide necessary basic support in many ways that has included the relief of financial hardship amongst those seeking or granted or refused refugee status and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in Greater London.

Through our support, resources, signposting and referrals, the Drop in seeks to provide much-needed assistance to help address the many challenges faced by asylum seekers. We have continued to hold our monthly Drop in sessions and currently support over 700 asylum seekers and their families. This number varies most months with new arrivals being registered, but many others being moved on out of their hotels and away from London. We are fortunate in having a committed and reliable body of volunteers, with around 70-80 volunteers helping each month.

Because of high client numbers and to ensure a more positive experience, we split the clients alphabetically and now invite them to attend in alternate months. We have increased the amount of support, so that each client receives a supermarket voucher (to cover two months), as well as some travel money. Our wide-ranging support also includes hot meals and other food donations, toiletries, sanitary products, underwear, socks, and during the winter, coats, hats and gloves. We provide also when available, footwear, phone SIM cards and 'baby welcome' packs for pregnant women. Many clients are currently living in hotels around London without cooking facilities and long to prepare the kind of food they are used to eating in their home countries; instead some hotels provide meals that many say are inedible.

Asylum seekers generally live in extreme poverty as Home Office support to an adult is given on a payment card that is equivalent to less than 50% of general income support. However, many asylum seekers do not receive this and have no real means of support. Those living in hotels with meals provided receive only £8.86 per person per week, those without meals being provided receive £49.18 per person per week to cover food, clothing, fares and toiletries. Many asylum seekers have insecure accommodation, and some are homeless, and they have little access to any form of support, so our vouchers and the other services we offer provide crucial support.

A vital part of our services are the signposting and consultations provided by our highly valued volunteer doctors and lawyers, and we try to find legal aid immigration lawyers for those who do not yet have a solicitor, although this has become increasingly difficult due to the pressures on legal aid lawyers. This service is of importance in view of the increased risks asylum seekers face of being detained or now possibly being repatriated. In addition, at the Drop in we have a children's area to provide fun and constructive play for children, who may suffer from being cooped up in one room together with their parents. We also run an online tutoring service for clients' children.

The charity's aim is to continue to help asylum seekers and their children through the wide-ranging support and services provided by the Drop in, to further develop the range of services offered, and to continue to invite and welcome new clients. We seek to help alleviate the poverty and multiple hardships that asylum seekers endure while going through the asylum system process and to help them find reputable legal aid

solicitors who can assist them with their asylum claims. This will, in the longer term, allow them to move forward with their lives and integrate into British society as refugees.

We are very grateful to all those who help the Drop in by making charitable donations, volunteering and cooking food for our monthly sessions. We welcome further regular volunteers, and we are always looking for more people to make regular donations through monthly standing orders, to help meet the Drop in net costs of around £17,000 a month and thus ensure we can continue to provide much-needed support.

While the cancellation of Rwanda scheme takes away some uncertainty for asylum seekers, but many still experience significant pressure. We are very fortunate in having volunteer lawyers experienced in asylum and immigration issues who are available at Drop in sessions.

We aim to make a difference to the lives of the supported asylum seekers; and improve the physical, mental, and the general well-being of attendees.

In April 2023, the charity contracted the services of a coordinator to manage and organise the monthly Drop in sessions that require an increasing amount of administration time. All other services carried out at the monthly Drop in, as described above, are provided by many loyal volunteers.

### **Risk Management**

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop in Charity seeks to identify and manage any risks that may occur that would have significant detrimental impact on the Charity and the asylum seekers. The Charity has put in place procedures and policy documents to utilise risk management techniques in all relevant aspects of its operations and has integrated risk management and all aspects of safeguarding as part of its culture. The Trustees are responsible for governance and the management of the Drop in event which for the year to 31 March 2024 was organised and managed by a Trustee oversight.

The Charity continues to review these policies and procedures on an ongoing basis to identify, prioritise and assess any risk that it is subject to; and these are also be updated to improve controls and monitor any risks that are identified. All the policies are shown on the website.

### **Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK General Accepted Accounting Practice) for small charities. The Trustees consider that as both income and assets are below the required levels as required for reporting under the Charities Act an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Commission requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and take such steps for the protection and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 9 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Ian Karet  
Trustee

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### **Independent Examiner's Report for the year to 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees of the Trust on the examination of the accounts of The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In for the year to 31 March 2024

#### **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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. The charity's trustees consider that as both income and assets are below the required levels as required for reporting under the Charities Act an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect that;

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Stephen Adler

Address: 9 Beechwood Avenue London N3 3AU

Date:

10 December 2024

## The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In

### Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 March 2024

	Note	Total Unrestricted Funds 2024	Total Unrestricted funds 2023
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations		148,688	136,927
Gift Aid		7,785	7,591
Deposit interest		2,829	616
<b>Total income</b>	2	<u>159,302</u>	<u>145,134</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities		213,967	160,221
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	<u>213,967</u>	<u>160,221</u>
<b>Net (deficit)</b>		(54,665)	(15,087)
<b>Reserves brought forward</b>		320,604	335,691
		<u>265,939</u>	<u>320,604</u>
<b>Funds held at bank</b>		247,037	284,492
Debtors and creditors	4	18,902	36,112
<b>Total Charities' Funds carried forward</b>		<u>265,939</u>	<u>320,604</u>

The Charity's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small charities. For the year ended 31 March 2024 the charity was not required to obtain an audit.

The financial statements and report were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 9 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



I Karet  
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

## The NNSL Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In

### Note to the Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 March 2024

#### 1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by small Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to small charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015. Assets and liabilities are recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

##### 1.1 Fund accounting

Funds are regarded as unrestricted funds which are available for use at the direction of the Trustees and only in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

##### 1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income. It is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### 1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer benefit to a third party. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. There is one staff employed and associated costs incurred in the reporting year in question.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and any governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's operations, including support costs.

##### 1.4 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when received as payable by the Bank.

##### 1.6 Other debtors

Other debtors are recognised at the amount shown and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

##### 1.7 Cash at Bank

Cash at bank includes cash and deposit account with immediate access to such funds.

	<b>Total Unrestricted Funds 2024</b>	<b>Total Unrestricted funds 2023</b>
<b>2. Income received</b>		
Donations	148,688	136,927
Gift Aid	7,785	7,591
Deposit interest	2,829	616
<b>Total income</b>	<u>159,302</u>	<u>145,134</u>

### **3. Expenditure on:**

Charitable activities:		
Donations to support asylum seekers	148,497	115,437
Drop in expenses including clothing, consumables and other direct expenses made to support asylum seekers	20,817	37,321
Employee salary and employer pension costs	34,009	0
Security costs	4,541	1,994
Venue hire costs	5,443	4,550
Insurance	660	919
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>213,967</u>	<u>160,221</u>

In the previous year to 31 March 2023, there were no salaried employees. No trustee received any remuneration, nor received any benefit in kind.

### **4. Debtors and creditors**

Gift Aid	1,734	1,828
The New North London Synagogue	1,333	1,508
Vouchers and clothing purchased, and cash drawn in preparation for future Drop in sessions	20,226	35,176
Accrued expenses	(4,391)	(2,400)
	<u>18,902</u>	<u>36,112</u>

### **5. Related party transactions**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting year that require disclosure.

**NNLS DESTITUTE ASYLUM SEEKERS DROP IN**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177599

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**The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

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**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year to 31 March 2023**

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## **The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

### **Reference and Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers for the year to 31 March 2023**

#### **Trustees**

David Raff	Appointed 30 April 2018
Rickie Burman	Appointed 19 March 2018
Rachel Karp	Appointed 19 March 2018 / retired 19 March 2023
Mildred Levison	Appointed 30 April 2018
Stephen Coleman	Appointed 19 March 2018
Anita Vasisht	Appointed 7 December 2020 / retired 7 December 2023
Ian Karet	Appointed 18 March 2023
Later appointees:	
James Elliot	Appointed 13 June 2023
Catherine Thome	Appointed 13 September 2023
Jocelyn Blumberg	Appointed 13 September 2023
Roma Felstein	Appointed 9 November 2023

#### **Charity registered number**

Charity Commission for England and Wales – 1177599

#### **Registered Office**

C/o The New North London Synagogue  
80 East End Road  
London N3 2SY

#### **Independent Examiner**

Lynton Robert Stock FCA

#### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank  
Leicester  
LE87 2BB

#### **Website**

[www.nnlsdropin.org.uk](http://www.nnlsdropin.org.uk)

## **The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

### **Trustees' Report for the year to 31 March 2023**

The Trustees present their report as a registered Charity, together with the financial statements for the year to 31 March 2023, with comparatives for year to 31 March 2022. The Trustees confirm that the report and financial statements of the Charity comply with current statutory requirements; the requirements of the Trust's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102).

The Drop in was established in 2005 by members of The New North London Synagogue in their wish to help and give support to Asylum Seekers in Greater London. The Drop-in registered as a separate charity in 2018.

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board of trustees and professional advisers on Page 3 of the financial statements.

### **The Trustees**

The trustees who served the charity during the reporting year were as follows:

D Raff

R Burman

R Karp – retired 19 March 2023

M Levison

S Coleman

A Vasisht

I Karat – appointed 18 March 2023

### **Structure, governance, and management**

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop in is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) that was entered on the Charity Commission for England and Wales Register of Charities on 19 March 2018, reference 1177599 and is recognised by HM Revenue and Customs, reference EW90044.

Three of the first Trustees were appointed on 19 March 2018 in accordance with the Constitution filed with the Charity Commission and were reappointed as Trustees in March 2021. Trustees are eligible for two three-year tenures as set out in the Charity's constitution. Consequently, D Raff, S Coleman, and M Levison will retire in 2024.

### **Financial review**

The Charity remains dependent on its income from donations from private individuals, trusts, and foundations, all in the UK. The net deficit after expenditures for the year was £15,087 (2022 £38,736) that has been set off against the total general reserve held.

## Objectives and activities

The Trustees have referred to the original Constitution as submitted to the Charity Commission when considering the objectives and activities of the charity in March 2018. The requirement and services provided to Asylum Seekers in Greater London has increased greatly over recent years and the Charity continues to provide necessary basic support in many ways that has included the relief of financial hardship amongst those seeking or granted or refused refugee status and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in Greater London; and to preserve and protect the physical and mental health of those seeking or granted refugee status and their dependents.

- The Charity restarted the in-person drop-in sessions at the start of the financial year in April 2022; two years on following the many pandemic lockdowns, during which client numbers increased substantially. On reopening a number of changes to the drop in organisation were made in order to ensure a more enjoyable and safe experience for everyone. The Drop In event is held at a North London school every month, where support is given in the form of financial donations, food, clothing, toiletries, and sanitary products as well as interpreting, and translating, advocacy, signposting for legal and immigration advice, medical signposting for available benefits, education, social support, and friendship. The Charity has succeeded being able to place several new clients with immigration lawyers to assist with their cases, although that is proving more difficult because of the demand.
- The pandemic lockdown was an extremely difficult time for asylum seekers, and the charity's principal objectives did not change; interviews were conducted by phone and in-person when permitted to register newly UK arrivals. New clients had the opportunity to consult with our volunteer lawyers to assist them in their asylum claims and volunteer doctors were able to consult with, as well as to help provide forms to receive free prescriptions and dental care.
- During the pandemic, supermarket vouchers were being sent electronically to mobiles which helped alleviate the hardships being experienced. However, by March 2022, some 955 vouchers were being sent monthly, with the consequent heavy impact on the charity's funds.
- A tele-survey conducted during Winter 2021/22 that checked on all clients' continued eligibility; resulted in finding that a significant number had received 'leave to remain' or had moved away from London in that two years and were therefore no longer eligible for support.
- Asylum seekers generally live in extreme poverty as Home Office support to an adult is given on a payment card is equivalent to less than 50% of general income support; being the official poverty line, however many asylum seekers do not receive this and have no real means of support. Many were given insecure accommodation or were homeless, and then have little access to any form of support that would help them to survive. From 2021-23, a greater number of those arriving in the UK came in small boats and were accommodated in hotels and given some support but limited funds.
- Currently the charity is supporting around 670 asylum seekers and their families, and this number increases monthly after registering new arrivals placed in several local hotels.
- The charity's aim is to continue to help alleviate the poverty and multiple hardships client endure while going through the asylum system and to help them find reputable legal aid solicitors who can assist them with their asylum claims. This will in the longer term, allow them to move forward with their lives and integrate into British society as refugees.
- The Trustees are responsible for governance and the management of the Drop in event which for the year to 31 March 2023 was organised and managed by a sub-committee with Trustee oversight.

In the year to 31 March 2023, there were no salaried employees and all services as described above were carried out by the generosity of volunteers.

In April 2023, the charity contracted the services of a coordinator to manage and organise the monthly drop-in sessions that required an increasing amount of time.

### **Plans for future periods**

1. To seek and utilise such donations to support the increasing number of asylum seekers and their families
2. To maximise the sustainability of its revenue base
3. To make a difference to the lives of the supported asylum seekers; and
4. To improve the physical, mental, and general well-being of people attending the drop in.

### **Risk Management**

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop in Charity seeks to identify and manage any risks that may occur that would have significant detrimental impact on the Charity. The Charity has put in place procedures and policy documents to utilise risk management techniques in all relevant aspects of its operations and has integrated risk management as part of its culture.

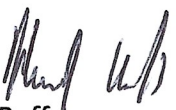
The Charity continues to review these policies and procedures on an ongoing basis to identify, prioritise and assess any risk that it is subject to; and these are also be updated to improve controls and monitor any risks that are identified.

### **Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK General Accepted Accounting Practice) for small charities. The Trustees consider that as both income and assets are below the required levels as required for reporting under the Charities Act an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable trust's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Commission requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and take such steps for the protection and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on <sup>22</sup>January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

  
D Raff  
Trustee

## **The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

### **Independent Examiner's Report for the year to 31 March 2023**

I report to the trustees of the Trust on the examination of the accounts of The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In for the year to 31 March 2023

#### **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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. The charity's trustees consider that as both income and assets are below the required levels as required for reporting under the Charities Act an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect that;

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Signed: 

Name: Lynton Robert Stock FCA

Address: 25 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7 2JG

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In

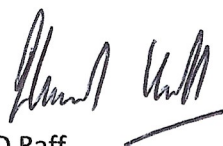
### Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 March 2023

	Note	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023	Total Unrestricted funds 2022
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations		136,927	206,610
Gift Aid		7,591	11,757
Deposit interest		616	740
<b>Total income</b>	2	<u>145,134</u>	<u>219,107</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities		160,221	257,843
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	<u>160,221</u>	<u>257,843</u>
<b>Net (deficit) / income</b>		(15,087)	(38,736)
<b>Reserves brought forward</b>		335,691	374,427
		<u>320,604</u>	<u>335,691</u>
<b>Funds held at bank</b>		284,492	325,292
Debtors and creditor	4	36,112	10,399
<b>Total Charities' Funds carried forward</b>		<u>320,604</u>	<u>335,691</u>

Other than the bank account held, the charity does not hold any other assets or have any other liabilities.

The Charity's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small charities. For the year ended 31 March 2023 the charity was not required to obtain an audit.

The financial statements and report were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 22 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



D Raff  
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

## The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In

### Note to the Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 March 2023

#### 1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by small Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to small charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015. Assets and liabilities are recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

##### 1.1 Fund accounting

Funds are regarded as unrestricted funds which are available for use at the direction of the Trustees and only in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

##### 1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income. It is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### 1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer benefit to a third party. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. There were no staff employed and no associated costs incurred in the reporting year in question.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and any governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's operations, including support costs.

##### 1.4 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when received as payable by the Bank.

##### 1.6 Other debtors

Other debtors are recognised at the amount shown and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

1.7 Cash at Bank

Cash at bank includes cash and deposit account with immediate access to such funds.

## The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In

### Note to the Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account For the year to 31 March 2023

	Note	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023	Total Unrestricted funds 2022
<b>2. Income received</b>			
Donations		136,927	206,610
Gift Aid		7,591	11,757
Deposit interest		616	740
<b>Total income</b>		145,134	219,107
<b>3. Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities:			
Donations to asylum seekers		107,227	245,867
Drop in expenses including clothing, consumables and other direct expenses made for asylum seekers		45,531	9,375
Security costs		1,994	-
Venue hire costs		4,550	1,925
Insurance		919	676
<b>Total expenditure</b>		160,221	257,843

In the year to 31 March 2023, there were no salaried employees. No trustee received any remuneration, nor received any benefit in kind.

#### 4. Debtors and creditors

Gift Aid	1,828	2,196
The New North London Synagogue	1,508	1,713
Vouchers and clothing purchased and cash drawn in preparation for future drop ins sessions	35,176	8,210
Accrued expense	(2,400)	(1,720)
	36,112	10,399

#### 5. Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting year that require disclosure.

**NNLS DESTITUTE ASYLUM SEEKERS DROP IN**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177599

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# **The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

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**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

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## **The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

### **Reference and Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers for the year to 31 March 2022**

#### **Trustees**

David Raff	Appointed 30 April 2018
Rickie Burman	Appointed 19 March 2018
Rachel Karp	Appointed 19 March 2018
Mildred Levison	Appointed 30 April 2018
Stephen Coleman	Appointed 19 March 2018
Anita Vasisht	Appointed 7 December 2020

#### **Charity registered number**

Charity Commission for England and Wales – 1177599

#### **Registered Office**

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#### **Independent Examiner**

Lynton Robert Stock FCA

#### **Bankers**

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#### **Website**

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## **The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

### **Trustees' Report**

#### **for the year to 31 March 2022**

The Trustees present their report as a registered charity, together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year to 31 March 2022 with comparatives for year to 31 March 2021. The Trustees confirm that the report and financial statements of the Charity comply with current statutory requirements; the requirements of the Trust's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102).

The Drop in was established in 2005 by members of The New North London Synagogue in their wish to help and give support to Asylum Seekers in Greater London. The Drop-in registered as a separate charity in 2018.

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board of trustees and professional advisers on Page 3 of the financial statements.

### **The Trustees**

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

D Raff

R Burman

R Karp

M Levison

S Coleman

A Vasisht

### **Structure, governance, and management**

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop in is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) that was entered on the Charity Commission for England and Wales Register of Charities on 19 March 2018, reference 1177599 and is recognised by HM Revenue and Customs, reference EW90044.

Three of the Trustees were first appointed on 19 March 2018 in accordance with the Constitution filed with the Charity Commission, the three were reappointed as Trustees in March 2021. Trustees are eligible for two three-year tenures as set out in the Charity's constitution.

### **Financial review**

The Charity remains dependent on its income from donations from private individuals, trusts and foundations, all in UK. The net deficit after expenditures for the year was £38,736 (2021 £40,151—surplus) that has been set off against the total general reserve held.

## Objectives and activities

The Trustees have referred to the original Constitution as submitted to the Charity Commission when considering the objectives and activities of the charity. The requirement and services provided to Asylum Seekers in Greater London has increased drastically over the years and the Charity continues to provide necessary basic support in many ways that has included; the relief of financial hardship amongst those seeking or granted or refused refugee status and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in Greater London; and to preserve and protect the physical and mental health of those seeking or granted refugee status and their dependents.

- The Charity held until the first pandemic lockdown in March 2020, a Drop In event at a North London school every month, where support was given with financial donations, social support, friendship, food, clothing, interpreting, and translating, advocacy, signposting for legal and immigration advice, medical signposting for available benefits, education and other services. The Charity succeeded in placing many new clients with immigration lawyers to assist with their cases.
- The charity was unable to use the school again until April 2022. The second venue that was opened in East London in February 2019 also had to close in March 2020, due to the pandemic.
- The pandemic lockdown regulations required the in-person sessions to close, which proved to be an extremely difficult time for most asylum seekers, although the charity's principal objectives did not change. Telephone interviews were conducted to register newly UK arrival asylum seekers and client numbers grow substantially. In addition, when permitted, several simplified Drop ins took place outdoors with careful social distancing and was restricted to registering again many new UK arrivals as there was great concern that they had not been able to receive any assistance.
- Over the two years some 380 new clients were registered, and they also had the opportunity to see a volunteer lawyer and doctor to help assist in their asylum claim, complete forms to receive free prescriptions and dental care. Each new client was given a supermarket voucher and travel money, some new clothing, takeaway food bag, personal hygiene items, protection masks and hand-sanitizer.
- A system was put in place to send electronically to each clients' mobile phone a supermarket voucher each month, which helped alleviate the hardships being experienced. In April 2020, 460 vouchers were sent; however, by December 2021, some 955 vouchers were being sent monthly, with the consequent impact on funds.
- In the year to March 2022, monthly support was being given on average to around 900 asylum seekers (2019/20 – 650), a 38% increase over the previous year. However, a tele-survey was conducted to check on all clients' continued eligibility with the result of finding that some 320 had received 'leave to remain' status or had moved away from London.
- Asylum seekers generally live in extreme poverty; Home Office support is less than £37 per adult per week given on a payment card, equivalent to less than 50% of general income support; being the official poverty line. However, many asylum seekers do not receive this amount and have no real means of support. Many have insecure accommodation or are homeless, and no longer have access to the sources of support that helped them to survive. More recently those being housed in hotels are given £8 per week for support.
- The charity's aim is to continue to help alleviate the poverty and multiple hardships being endured while going through the asylum system and to help guide them to find reputable legal aid solicitors who can assist them to succeed with their asylum claims, so that, in the longer term, they can move forward with their lives and integrate into British society as refugees.
- The Trustees are responsible for governance and the management of the Drop in event which is organised and managed by a sub-committee with Trustee oversight.

In January 2022, the charity contracted the services of a volunteer on a paid basis to manage and organise the monthly drop-in sessions. In the year to 31 March 2022, there were no salaried employees and all other services as described above were carried out by the generosity of volunteers.

### **Plans for future periods**

1. To use donations to support the increasing number of asylum seekers and their requirements
2. To maximise the sustainability of its revenue base
3. To make a difference to the lives of the supported asylum seekers; and
4. To improve the physical, mental, and general well-being of people attending the drop in.

### **Risk Management**

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop in Charity seeks to identify and manage any risks that may occur that would have significant detrimental impact on the Charity. The Charity has put in place procedures and policy documents to utilise risk management techniques in all aspects of its operations and has integrated risk management as part of its culture.


The Charity reviews these policies and procedures annually to identify, prioritise and assess any risk that it is subject to. Procedures will also be updated to improve controls and monitor any risks that are identified.

### **Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK General Accepted Accounting Practice) for small charities. The Trustees consider that as both income and assets are below the required levels as required for reporting under the Charities Act; an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable trusts' transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Commission requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and take such steps for the protection and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on *8th January* 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



D Raff

Trustee

## The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In

### Independent Examiner's Report for the year to 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees of the Trust on the examination of the accounts of The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In for the year to 31 March 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. The charity's trustees consider that as both income and assets are below the required levels as required for reporting under the Charities Act; an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect that;

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Signed: 

Name: Lynton Robert Stock FCA

Address: 25 Flower Lane, Mill Hill, London NW7 2JG

Date: 10th January 2023

**The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**


**Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account  
for the year to 31 March 2022**

	Note	Total Unrestricted Funds 2022	Total Unrestricted funds 2021
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations		206,610	215,699
Gift Aid		11,757	8,670
Deposit interest		740	1,978
<b>Total income</b>	2	<u>219,107</u>	<u>226,347</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities		257,843	186,196
<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	<u>257,843</u>	<u>186,196</u>
<b>Net (deficit) / income</b>		(38,736)	40,151
<b>Reserves brought forward</b>		374,427	334,276
		<u>335,691</u>	<u>374,427</u>
<b>Funds held at bank</b>		325,292	352,842
Debtors and creditor	4	10,399	21,585
<b>Total Charities' Funds carried forward</b>		<u>335,691</u>	<u>374,427</u>

Other than the bank account held, the charity does not hold any other assets or have any other liabilities.

The Charity's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small charities. For the year ended 31 March 2021 the charity was not required to obtain an audit.

The financial statements and report were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 8 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

  
D Raff  
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

## The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In

### Note to the Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31 March 2022

#### 1. Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by small Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to small charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2015. Assets and liabilities are recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

##### 1.1 Fund accounting

Funds are regarded as unrestricted funds which are available for use at the direction of the Trustees and only in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

##### 1.2 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income. It is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

##### 1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer benefit to a third party. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. There are no staff employed and no associated costs incurred.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with statutory requirements.

Charitable activities and any governance costs are costs incurred on the charity's operations, including support costs.

##### 1.4 Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

##### 1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when received as payable by the Bank.

##### 1.6 Other debtors

Other debtors are recognised at the amount shown and prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

## 1.7 Cash at Bank

Cash at bank includes cash and deposit account with immediate access to such funds.

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### Note to the Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account For the year to 31 March 2022

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Deposit interest		740	1,978
<b>Total income</b>		<u>219,107</u>	<u>226,347</u>
<b>3. Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities:			
Donations to asylum seekers		245,867	180,867
Drop in expenses including clothing, consumables and other direct expenses made for asylum seekers		9,375	3,473
Security costs		-	384
Venue hire costs		1,925	650
Insurance		676	822
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>257,843</u>	<u>186,196</u>
During the year, there were no paid employees No trustee received any remuneration, nor received any benefit in kind			
<b>4. Debtors and creditors</b>			
Gift Aid		2,196	2,094
The New North London Synagogue		1,713	182
Supermarket vouchers purchased in preparation for the April 2022 session		8,210	19,309
Accrued expense		(1,720)	-
		<u>10,399</u>	<u>21,585</u>

### 5. Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting year that require disclosure.

**NNLS DESTITUTE ASYLUM SEEKERS DROP IN**

England & Wales - Charity number 1177599

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# Accounts

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**The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

**A charity registered under the Charity Commission for  
England and Wales - No 1177599**



**Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year to 31 March 2021**

## The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In

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## **The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

Reference and Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers  
for the year to 31 March 2021

### **Trustees**

David Raff	Appointed 30 April 2018
Rickie Burman	Appointed 19 March 2018
Rachel Karp	Appointed 19 March 2018
Mildred Levison	Appointed 30 April 2018
Stephen Coleman	Appointed 19 March 2018
Anita Vasisht	Appointed 7 December 2020

### **Charity registered number**

Charity Commission for England and Wales – 1177599

### **Registered Office**

C/o The New North London Synagogue  
80 East End Road  
London N3 2SY

### **Independent Examiner**

Lynton Robert Stock FCA

### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank  
Leicester  
LE87 2BB

### **Website**

[www.nnlsdropin.org.uk](http://www.nnlsdropin.org.uk)

## **The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop In**

### **Trustees' Report for the year to 31 March 2021**

The Trustees present their report as a registered charity, together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year to 31 March 2021 with comparatives for year to 31 March 2020. The Trustees confirm that the report and financial statements of the Charity comply with current statutory requirements; the requirements of the Trust's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102).

The Drop in was first established in 2005 by members of The New North London Synagogue in their wish to help and give support to Asylum Seekers in Greater London.

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board of trustees and professional advisers on Page 3 of the financial statements.

### **The Trustees**

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

D Raff  
R Burman  
R Karp  
M Levison  
S Coleman  
A Vasisht

### **Structure, governance and management**

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop in is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) that was entered on the Charity Commission for England and Wales Register of Charities on 19 March 2018, reference 1177599 and is recognised by HM Revenue and Customs, reference EW90044.

Three of the Trustees were first appointed on 19 March 2018 in accordance with the Constitution filed with the Charity Commission, the three Trustees were reappointed in March 2021. All Trustees would be eligible for re-election on an up to three year tenure as set out in the Charity's constitution.

### **Financial review**

The Charity remains dependent on its income from donations from private individuals, trusts and foundations, all in UK. The net income for the year was £ 40,151 (£22,419 – 2020) that has been added to a general reserve.

## Objectives and activities

The Trustees have referred to the original Constitution as submitted to the Charity Commission when considering the objectives and activities of the charity. The requirement and services provided to Asylum Seekers in Greater London have increased dramatically over the years and the Charity continues to provide necessary basic support in many ways that has included; the relief of financial hardship amongst those seeking or granted or even refused refugee status and their dependents living (temporarily or permanently) in London and the surrounding area; and to preserve and protect the physical and mental health of those seeking or granted refugee status and their dependents.

- The Charity held, until first lockdown in March 2020, a Drop In event at a North London school on first Sunday of every month where support was given with some financial support, social support, friendship, food, clothing, interpreting and translating, advocacy, sign posting for legal and immigration advice, medical, housing, benefits, education and other advice. The Charity succeeded in placing several new clients with good immigration lawyers to assist with their cases.
- A second venue was opened in East London in February 2019 to help those who could not afford or were unable to travel and simply wished to receive some financial support.
- Aggregate support of the drop in 2020/21 was 8209 (2019/20 – 5552), a 48% increase over the previous year.
- The in-person Drop In events stopped after March 2020 when pandemic lockdown regulations came into force and the ongoing period proved to be an extraordinarily difficult although the principal objectives did not change. During lockdown, telephone interviews were made to register newly arrived asylum seekers and client numbers grow substantially.
- In August and September 2020 and in May through to November 2021, a simplified Drop in with careful social distancing measures took place outdoors and was restricted to interviewing and registering only new clients as there was great concern that they had not been able to receive any assistance in-person. In this period some 380 new clients were welcomed and also had the opportunity to see a volunteer lawyer to help assist in their claim, complete forms so as to receive free prescriptions and dental care. As well as a supermarket voucher and travel money, each new client was offered some new clothing, a takeaway bag with food, personal hygiene items, protection masks and hand-sanitizer.
- A system was put in place so as to forward electronically to each client's mobile phone a supermarket voucher each month, which helped alleviate the hardships being experienced and on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 460 vouchers were sent however on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 955 vouchers were sent, with the consequent impact on our funds currently.
- Asylum seekers generally live in extreme poverty; Home Office support is still less than £40 per person per week given on a payment card, equivalent to approximately 50% of general income support, the official poverty line. However, many asylum seekers do not receive this amount and have no means of support. Many have insecure accommodation or are homeless, and no longer have access to the sources of support that helped them to survive.
- The aim is to help alleviate the poverty and multiple hardships being endured while going through the asylum system, and guide them to find reputable legal aid solicitors who can help them succeed with their asylum claims, so that, in the longer term, they can move forward with their lives and integrate into British society as refugees.
- The Trustees are responsible for governance and the management of the Drop in event which is organised and managed by a sub-committee with Trustee oversight. The charity has no employees and all services as described above are carried out by the generosity of volunteers.

## Plans for future periods

1. To use donations to support the increasing number of asylum seekers and their requirements
2. To maximise the sustainability of its revenue base
3. To make a difference to the lives of the supported asylum seekers; and
4. To improve the physical, mental and general well-being of people attending the drop in.

## **Risk Management**

The NNLS Destitute Asylum Seekers Drop in Charity seeks to identify and manage any risks that may occur, and if so would have significant detrimental impact on the Charity. The Charity has provided procedures and policy documents so as to utilise risk management techniques in all aspects of its operations and will integrate risk management as part of its culture.

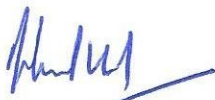
The Charity reviews these policies and procedures annually so as to identify, prioritise and assess any risk that it is subject to. Procedures will also be updated to improve controls and monitor any risks that are identified.

## **Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK General Accepted Accounting Practice) for small charities. The Trustees consider that as both income and assets are below the required levels as required for reporting under the Charities Act; an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable trusts' transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Charities Commission requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and take such steps for the protection and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on *18th January* 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



D Raff  
Trustee

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Date:

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<b>Total expenditure</b>	3	<u>186,196</u>	<u>143,468</u>
<b>Net income</b>		40,151	22,419
<b>Reserves brought forward</b>		334,276	311,857
		<u>374,427</u>	<u>334,276</u>
<b>Funds held at bank</b>		352,842	332,770
Debtors	4	21,585	1,506
<b>Total Charities' Funds carried forward</b>		<u>374,427</u>	<u>334,276</u>

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Charitable activities:			
Donations to asylum seekers		180,867	123,363
Drop in expenses including clothing, consumables and other direct expenses made for asylum seekers		3,473	12,459
Security costs		384	2,350
Venue hire costs		650	5,296
Insurance		822	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>186,196</u>	<u>143,468</u>

During the period, there were no paid employees  
No trustee received any remuneration, nor received any benefit in kind

#### 4. Debtors

Gift Aid	2,094	1,640
The New North London Synagogue	182	(134)
Supermarket vouchers purchased in preparation for the April 2021 send	19,309	-
	<u>21,585</u>	<u>1,506</u>

#### 5. Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting year that require disclosure.