

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 2022

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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

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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

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

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

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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

	Note	Total Unrestricted Funds 2022	Total Unrestricted funds 2021
2. Income received			
Donations		206,610	215,699
Gift Aid		11,757	8,670
Deposit interest		740	1,978
Total income		<u>219,107</u>	<u>226,347</u>
3. Expenditure on:			
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
Total expenditure		<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			
4. Debtors and creditors			
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.