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Annual Accounts and Report

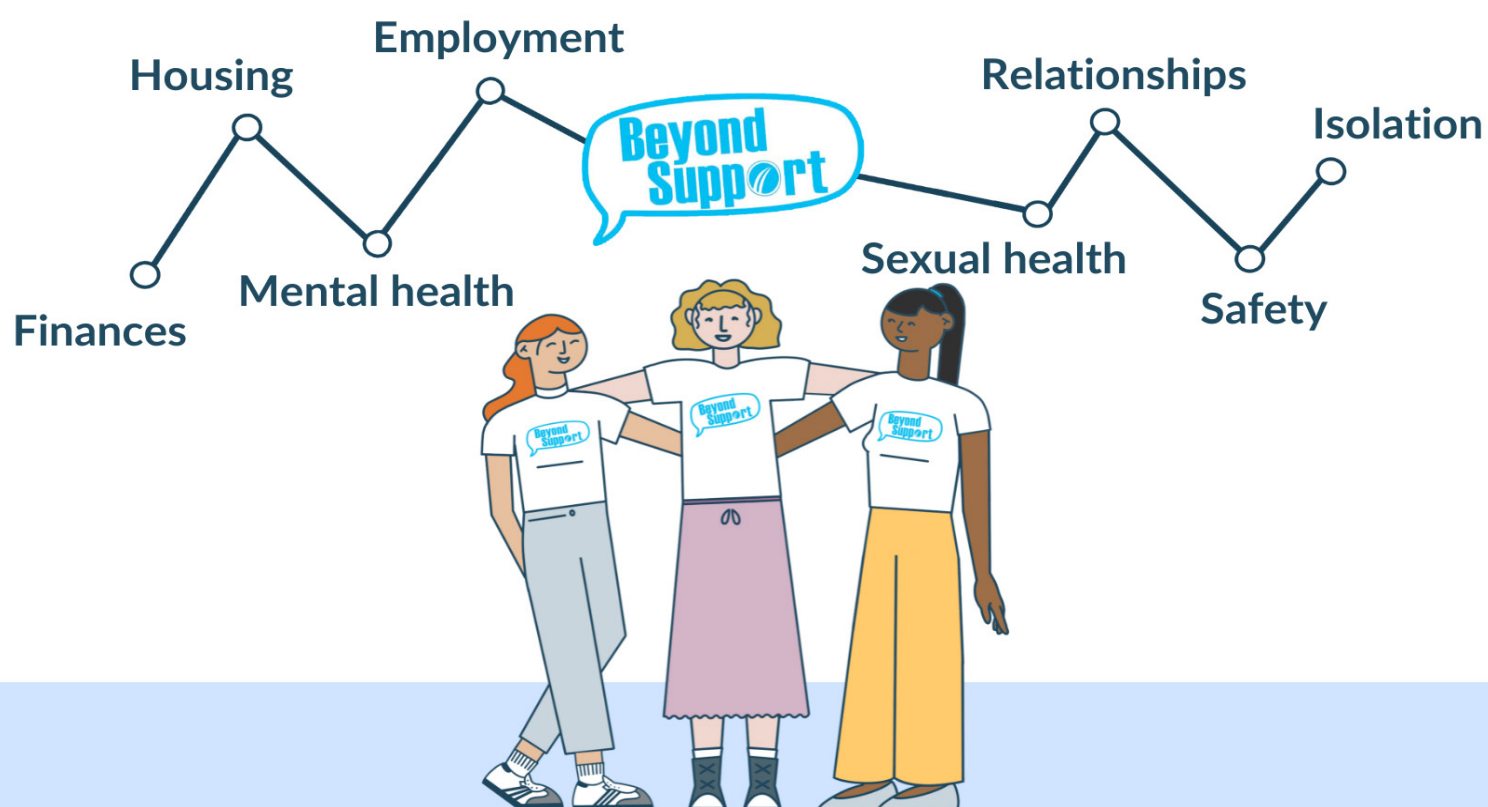
Beyond the Streets
Annual report and financial statements

Charity no. 1178421

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Our Manifesto

We see the possibility of life beyond sexual exploitation.
We work tirelessly to stop abuse.
We work to see women safe from coercion, violence and exploitation.
We see women's lives limited by the labels placed upon them - Prostitute. Sex Worker. Client. Case. We work with her to write a different story. We see a woman. A daughter. A friend. A family member.
We want to see women not defined by their past but energised by their future.
Our work maps out possibilities with her and joins her on her journey as she walks towards the goals she sets.
We champion belief in change and a better future.
We celebrate women overcoming adversity and overcoming the barriers which would hold them back.

We recognise that we cannot do this alone.
We know that sexual exploitation happens in every community and so it takes the involvement of entire communities to tackle it together.
We work with others, hosting a national network of affiliated projects who share our commitment to the cause.
We know we are stronger together.
We want to ensure her story is heard.
We recognise her as the expert of her own experience and we make space in a noisy arena for her experience to be heard.
She knows she is not alone or misrepresented.

We know that those most in need don't get the treatment they deserve.
We work with those on the frontline - Police, Social Workers, Health Professionals - to improve women's experience of seeking support.
We think every woman deserves to be met with a compassionate response.
We know that the injustice we respond to is not isolated, but part of a much bigger picture - a local expression of the global injustice of violence against women that preys on the vulnerability of women in every community.

We will not stop fighting against sexual exploitation. We fight on, until every individual is free to thrive, free from sexual exploitation.

Legal and administrative information

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Registration Number: 1178421 registered in England and Wales

Governing document: Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its Charity Trustees dated 25th April 2018

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Trustees at any time during year and up to filing of accounts:

- Carol Rider (Chair)
- Pippa Morgan (Secretary)
- Philippa Bonay
- Brenda Begg Asiodu
- Simon Hester
- Laurence Singlehurst – left 29 Sep 2022
- Liz Brierley (treasurer) – from 21 Nov 2022
- Hannah Lewis - from 21 Nov 2022
- Andrew Rawstron – from 17 Jan 2023

Key management staff responsible to the trustees for day-to-day operations:

- J Knowles (left 31.8.23)
- M Wakeling (left 31.8.23)
- K Thorlby
- N Manuel
- J Sisley

Date of Registration: 18th May 2018

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Report of the Trustees for year ended 31 August 2023

TRUSTEES REPORT

We're proud of the successes this last year of our frontline service provision and our Increasing Impact work achieved via research, training, collaboration, and shared learning. Both our frontline support services, Beyond Support and Door of Hope, have continued to support women who are facing disproportionate impacts as a result of the cost of living crisis. During the year, we provided specialist support to over 130 unique women via outreach and one-to-one support. Alongside this our Women's Support Workers have been overcoming increased barriers within their advocacy including regarding mental health access. Beyond Support has been building professional relationships to overcome long waiting lists and a lack of CPTSD provision; whilst at Door of Hope we have introduced internal Psychotherapy support provision, to remove barriers to this type of support for women still fighting substance misuse. Our experienced and compassionate staff continuously adapt, overcome access barriers, and challenge systems that let women down, so the best possible outcomes can be achieved for the women we journey alongside.

A significant piece of work by our Impact Team this year has been our published research 'Domestic Homicide Reviews Through a Sex Industry Lens'; bringing together, for the first-time, learning and insights from English Domestic Homicide Reviews concerning those involved in the sex industry. We've provided briefings to key organisations including 200 members of the AAFDA DHR network, and interactive training sessions will be created aimed at multiple stakeholders and professionals including training for DHR Chairs. This year we launched the online version of our East End walking tour; Whitechapel Women. It focuses on the lives of Jack the Ripper's victims - not their deaths - as well as the women we support in the same area today. It will help us extend our ability to raise awareness of issues faced and support our aims of challenging harmful judgmental attitudes and stigma in society towards women involved in selling sex.

During the year our Door of Hope and Impact Teams settled into our new London premises in Shadwell, where we held our first large-scale fundraising event called Female Fortitude. This was a street art exhibition made possible via an external volunteer, founder of MaisonMercuryJones, Aurelia Havet and the generosity of over 20 street artists. The year ended with our charity's founders Mark and Josephine moving on after starting the charity in 1999 in response to the need for holistic, specialist support for women experiencing sexual exploitation. Their amazing legacy includes the hundreds of women supported to thrive within their chosen futures and the thousands of professionals who have received specialist training across the UK. Everyone at Beyond the Streets wishes them the best in their new endeavours. In the coming months we'll be recruiting a new CEO.

The Door of Hope project moved into new premises in East London

SEP 22

We launched the online video version of our 'Whitechapel Women' walking tour of East London

NOV 22

Published a lived experience resource for the 3rd sector

NOV 22

Published a report into Domestic Homicide Reviews Through a Sex Industry Lens

JAN 23

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We want to recognise and pay tribute to the amazing strength we see every day in the women we journey alongside via our direct services and our wider impact work too. We continue to always ensure that the trust they place in us is justified and that we work collaboratively together to lift up their voices and learn from them. We also want to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers, staff, and trustees for their ongoing dedication and ceaseless drive to create change. Finally, we would like to thank all the supporters, collaborative partners, particularly London Borough of Tower Hamlets, trusts and foundations, and donors who have enabled us to carry out our work. The wider Women and Girls sector continues to be underfunded and we're so grateful to those that recognise the vital need to support it. We know that with this breadth of support we can look forward with confidence to a new exciting chapter in our organisation.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES-

OUR VISION, VALUES AND HOW WE WORK

The charity's objects are "To assist in relieving the poverty of persons involved in prostitution particularly by a process of training other charities or bodies with charitable purposes to help and advise persons involved in prostitution in accordance with the statement of values set out in the appendix to this constitution."

Our Vision

Our vision is to see a world where people are free from sexual exploitation, and where those in prostitution have the option to pursue genuine alternatives, free from constraints such as poverty, drug dependency, and abuses of vulnerability.

To achieve this vision, we are:

Working with women – providing person-centred and trauma-informed support directly for women in east London and across the UK.

Increasing impact – through training, research, collaboration, and shared learning, rooted in lived experience, we are working to ensure that:

- Women involved in the UK sex industry are able to access specialist trauma-informed support services regardless of geography.
- Women are able to access non-specialist support services without encountering stigma and judgmental behaviour.
- The national and local policy approach ensures that fewer women are routed into the sex industry as a result of poverty, gender inequality or coercion.
- The national and local policy approach ensures that it is easier for women to exit experiences of sexual exploitation/prostitution and thrive.

Held a large-scale art exhibition event fundraiser with supporters and multiple collaborators

JUN 23

Recruited a psychotherapist to work with the women supported at Door of Hope

JUL 23

Adapted the Beyond Support phoneline to take live calls as well as the current callback system

JUL 23

We said goodbye to our co-founders Josephine and Mark after 25 fantastic years building the charity

AUG 23

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Our Values:

Beyond the Streets is a charity inspired by Christian values. This motivation underpins all our work and is demonstrated in the belief that we are all equal and are here to work to help those in need. This belief inspires us to work with acceptance, inclusivity, and mutual respect for all. This means:

- 1) We seek to show genuine care and be inclusive and recognise the intrinsic value in all people.
- 2) We see everyone as equal in diversity and work to see everyone treated in this way.
- 3) We believe in transformation and will work to enable people to see positive change in their lives.
- 4) We take a long-term approach and see the importance of persevering and celebrating progress.
- 5) We see the value of working together, addressing conflict, and partnering to see lives changed.
- 6) We are sensitive to the misuse of power and recognise the importance of working alongside those we seek to serve.

Whilst these are our organisation's core beliefs, we will never look to impose them on anyone. Anyone looking to join the Beyond the Streets team, either as staff or in a voluntary capacity, must respect this ethos and will be expected to work within this framework to assist the charity towards achieving our vision.

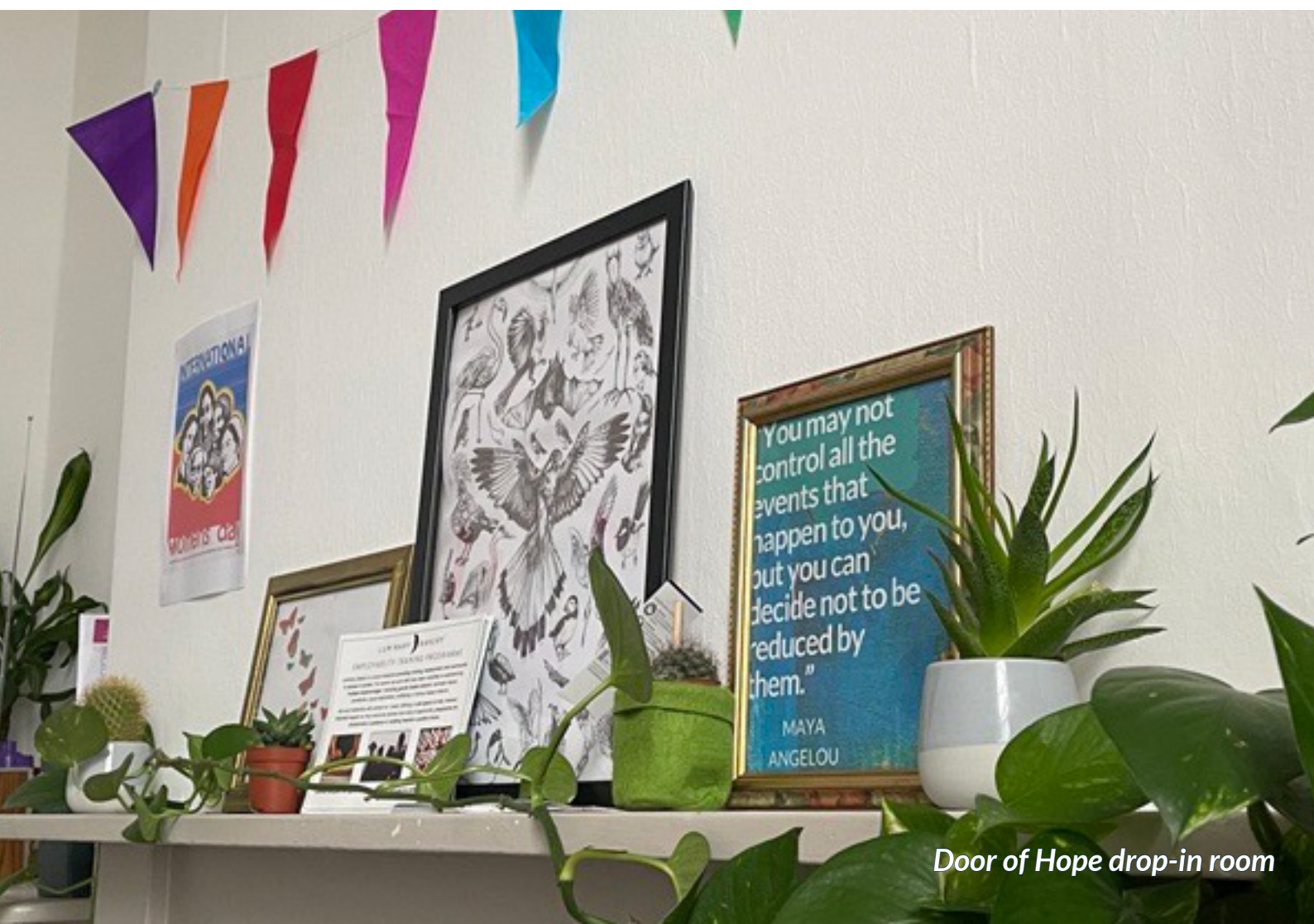
Our very purpose is to reduce limitations and increase possibilities for the women we support. We see the whole person and refuse to reduce anyone to a label. We educate to improve the inclusion of the women we support as equal, valued, members in society. Working within a sector where there are service provision gaps and high levels of stigma and shame compared to other themes, it is essential everybody feels that our services are for them. We recognise the challenges around understanding the experiences of all women within our service and continue to be committed to the work needed to remove barriers to engagement for everyone. We also recognise any systemic change needs to be driven by women encompassing the diversity that exists within those with lived experience, so any benefits are inclusive of everyone.

At Beyond the Streets, we come into contact with groups and individuals from various perspectives on prostitution/selling sex and value this diversity. Having said this, over the years our perspective has developed and has been informed by our service users. We recognise that the routes into prostitution and women's experiences of the sex industry vary but overall, we view prostitution as a form of 'violence against women and girls' (VAWG) due to the harm we have found to be inherent. Central to this perspective is an understanding of the abuse of power and/or vulnerability faced by those who are sexually exploited.

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Since it started, the work of Beyond the Streets has been shaped by practitioners and those with direct experience of commercial sexual exploitation and/or selling sex. Alongside our mission statement and values, Beyond the Streets is an organisation working nationally which can be characterised by the following:

- We draw on and work with those with lived experience and seek to ensure their voices are heard and they are championed as agents of their own change.
- We ensure our work is trauma-informed, woman-centred and holistic and seek to champion the same approach across the sector.
- We encourage a model where practice shapes training and training develops practice.
- We are a learning organisation, using our expertise and the experience of others to embed best practice for the women we work with and across the sector to influence systemic change.
- We recognise the need to tailor work to address Routes In, Support, and Routes Out to ensure women find safety and thrive.



Door of Hope drop-in room

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Our Year – Achievements and Performance

Working with women - The need for specialist trauma-informed, woman-centred, genuinely long-term, holistic support remains crucial as the effects of the rise in the cost of living continue to have a disproportionate and significant impact on all the women we journey alongside. Within our Door of Hope project, women face multiple disadvantage and most are insecurely housed, the rising costs significantly impact their ability to step away from selling sex. More time is spent by our Women's Support Workers on the areas of benefits and housing as women fall through the gaps; with the vulnerable nature of their situations not being recognised by all support services. Many women accessing our Beyond Support service are selling sex alongside paid employment or education in order to meet basic costs such as food, housing or heating. Our Women's Support Workers have reported an increase in enquires from women they are supporting about possible funds, benefits, and housing support they can access to help meet the rising costs. Freezing of benefits and high rental cost increases often cause housing difficulties, reducing the opportunities for women to leave dangerous and abusive home situations.

We have seen a rise in the number of women living with trauma and other mental health issues set against the continuing challenges around securing appropriate mental health provision. Due to the level of trauma some women have experienced and how this impacts their lives, they can often be labelled as chaotic or uncooperative. They face numerous barriers in accessing support including a lack of flexibility in services; stigmatisation and a lack of knowledge about the impact of trauma; an absence of support for wider issues, like housing and employment; and a lack of long-term ongoing support. Due to negative past experiences with services women can often be reticent to work with others, so we continue to act as a bridge to build and maintain relationships with services in their community to enable them to access the support they deserve. The many inconsistencies in the type of support available in different geographical areas requires our Women's Support Workers to exercise dedication and creativity as they work with women to navigate these gaps.



Beyond the Streets staff member speaking at the London Feminist Book Club Festival

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DOOR OF HOPE IN TOWER HAMLETS

Our Door of Hope project provides support to women selling sex on street in East London. This is achieved through:

- Twice weekly street outreach sessions, where we distribute food and essentials including sexual health packs, build trust with the women, provide safety information, signpost to services, and raise awareness of our own services.
- Four separate weekly/bi-weekly drop-in sessions.
- 1:1 Psychotherapy sessions – supporting women to address past trauma and manage complex PTSD.
- Daytime one-to-one, trauma-informed support provided by experienced Women's Support Workers over the long-term.
- Advocating for, and supporting women to access vital services including suitable housing, mental health support, substance misuse treatment, and benefits.
- The Tower Hamlets Prostitution Partnership that we chair and run, enabling safeguarding oversight for women who are at increased risk of harm. It brings together statutory agencies and other professionals to achieve better outcomes through a co-ordinated and compassionate response.

We continue to offer monthly case management supervision sessions and individual clinical supervision sessions to all frontline staff and support the wellbeing of the team via quarterly 'therapeutic play' afternoons, resilience training, and coaching. Our local volunteers play a significant role in our Door of Hope project; enabling the level of street outreach that we provide. As with other organisations in the charity sector, since the pandemic we have found recruitment and retention more challenging. So, in response we introduced new systems and processes this year to strengthen our volunteer recruitment, retention and street outreach provision. We're grateful for the commitment of our volunteers to stand with us and the women we journey alongside and the contributions they make to our services and us as an organisation.

87 street outreach sessions were carried out this year, 6 more than the previous year and higher than the two years before that. Pre-pandemic we carried out a 100 sessions per year, reflecting the forementioned impact of the pandemic on volunteer recruitment and retention within the third sector, and its impact on service delivery. The number of women engaged with on street outreach, whose identity was verified, has increased by 22% compared to last year. 98% of women who were seen, and whose identities were verified, engaged with our street outreach team. Overall figures for women seen on outreach has increased from 60 to 83 since last year (note: a few unverified women may be counted more than once). Whilst the percentage of referrals from outreach into daytime support remained the same as last year, there was a significant increase in the percentage (25%) of women referred into our drop-in provision, often a stepping stone to daytime support. Finally, the percentage of women engaged on outreach who received on-going daytime support remains at 69%.

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This year we experimented with joint outreach sessions with the local substance misuse service. There is clear value in having the two specialist teams out together and it is hoped this will increase women's confidence to access substance misuse support going forward.

We ran 128 drop-in sessions over the year; this is an 88% increase on last year demonstrating the returning to face-to-face provision post-pandemic. We've worked hard to rebuild engagement and develop the offer, as drop-ins play a vital role in helping us to build trust with women and can serve as a stepping stone into long term daytime support. We are running 4 drop-ins, these include weekly drop-ins at a local café and at our new London base, and bi-weekly drop-ins at two local hostels. There were 183 attendances in total with 80 unique women represented within this figure, of which 27 of them attended a drop-in for the first time. Towards the end of the year, we introduced an 8-week rolling programme of activities for women at the local women-only hostel drop-in. Feedback so far has been very positive with women telling us that it was a safe space for them. We will look to roll out this programme within our other drop-ins in the near future.

We introduced a new internal Psychotherapy service in July. It is provided by a qualified and experienced Psychotherapist who specialises in trauma counselling. Support is women led and they determine frequency, length and geography of sessions and, unlike within many other services, still being in recovery from substance misuse is not a barrier to accessing the provision. Women are supported with processing trauma and learning coping mechanisms for living with complex PTSD. Support is offered for up to 6 months and 5 women can be engaged at any one time.

Through our one-to-one Daytime Support we have supported 48 unique women, with 9 women being new to the project. Our Women's Support Workers held 1168 meetings with women, alongside another 789 attempts at engagement. Whilst the overall numbers of women engaged in the service has not increased from last year the number of meetings held with women have increased by 74%. With this deepening of engagement, we took the decision to limit Women's Support Workers' caseload to 15 women to protect the quality of the service for women and the well-being of our staff. On average over the year, 95% of women on caseload were registered with a GP, 75% with drug or alcohol issues were

engaging with substance misuse services and 30% who use Class A drugs, that we were able to ask, self-reported stopping or reducing their Class A drug use.

87 street outreach shifts delivered by staff and 22 volunteers



43 different women engaged with... and 193 contacts with women



202 sexual health packs distributed



115 times we signposted women to local services

191 hot drinks, food pots, and clean needles handed out during outreach

The Tower Hamlets Prostitution Partnership meetings (THPP) moved online during the pandemic and remain online for accessibility. During the year, nine meetings took place with 23 women's cases reviewed. This represents a significant increase in the number of women's cases reviewed in comparison to last year and demonstrates the hard work carried out by the Services Manager and the team to raise awareness of the provision and educate on how to refer, following a drop off in engagement from services during the pandemic.

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Building trust with women engaged in daytime support



Our Women's Support Workers provided tailored support for **48** women on caseload and invested extensively in building trust with women, supporting them to reach their goals, and advocating on their behalf when asked. Last year, they carried out **1,168** meetings with women, alongside another **789** attempts at engagement, and attended external multi-professional meetings relating to women on caseload.



We regularly attended core multi-agency meetings within the Borough; including Project Evergreen Advisory Group, London Borough of Tower Hamlets VAWG Steering Group, and the Homeless Hostel Forum. All have been useful in deepening rapport and improving multi-agency working that is vital in providing the holistic service to the women Door of Hope supports.

In December 2022, the Women's Support Workers received in-person training from the Hep C Trust to better equip them for the increase in conversations they were having with women around Blood Born Viruses (BBVs) and to strengthen referral pathways for treatment.

Consequently, we have seen a significant increase in women who we are supporting, who are injecting drug users, accepting offers and receiving interventions for Hepatitis B, Hep C and HIV; historically the figure has usually been approximately 20%-25% but we're now seeing figures between 40%-50%.

"You have been really thoughtful and just seem to know what to say to me when I've been struggling and homeless, basically you're amazing. Wanted to let you know how much you've helped me through the hard times but I feel like I'm almost there?! Whatever that means, you know what I mean, I've come so far this year thanks for helping me."

Woman supported by Beyond the Streets, 2023

"You guys are 1 in a million. I am so grateful for everything you have done and continue to do for me."

Woman supported by Beyond the Streets, 2023

"Door of Hope has always been there for me and never let me down. You have never lied to me."

Woman supported by Beyond the Streets, 2023

48 women supported on caseload

95% of women on caseload registered with a GP

75% with drug or alcohol issues engaged with substance misuse services

1168 meetings with women with a further **789** attempts at connecting with women

30% who use class A drugs self-reported stopping or reducing their Class A drug use.



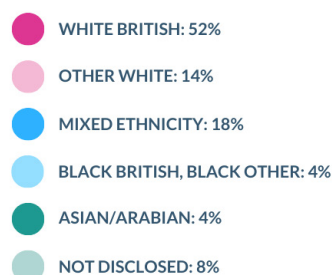
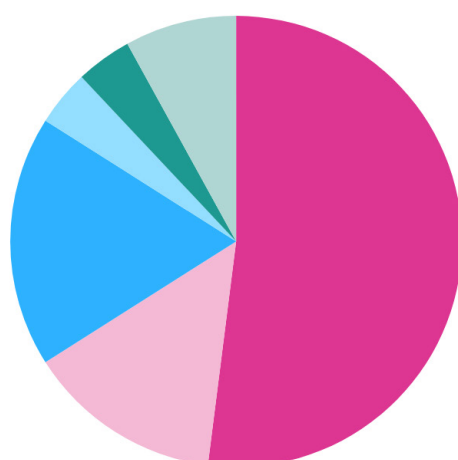
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DOOR OF HOPE DEMOGRAPHICS

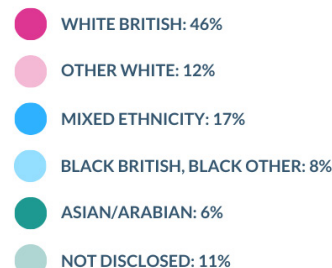
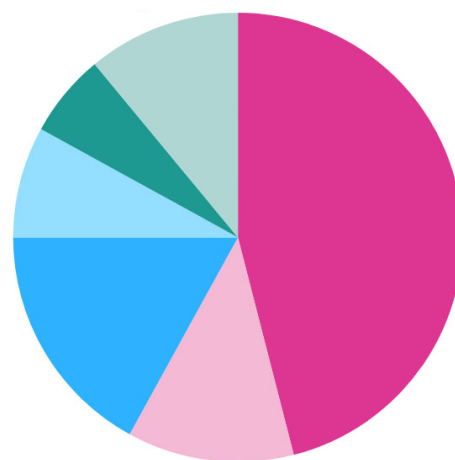
Beyond the Streets has an on-going commitment towards providing a service that is equally accessible for all and where progress is also equitable. This requires on-going reflection and practises that enable us to identify the barriers to engagement that exist within our services. We collect equalities data but also respect the choice of women not to disclose.

The ethnic diversity of women we've engaged with at Door of Hope does not reflect that of the Tower Hamlets 2021 census data with the majority ethnic group in the area, the Asian community, considerably under-represented.

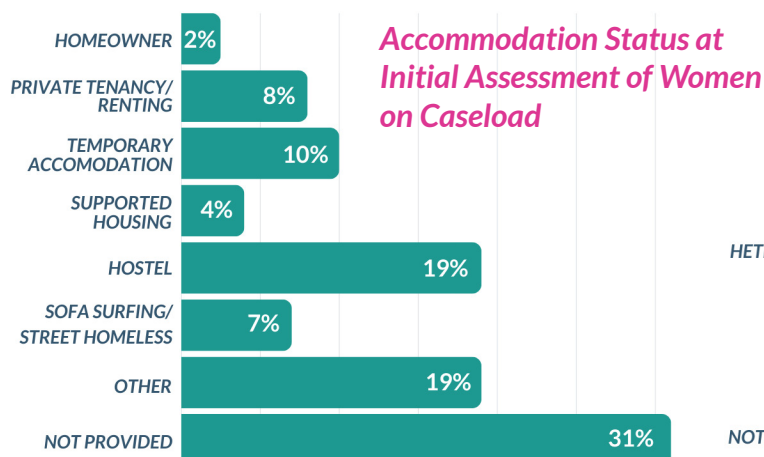
Perceived Ethnicity of Women Engaged with on Outreach



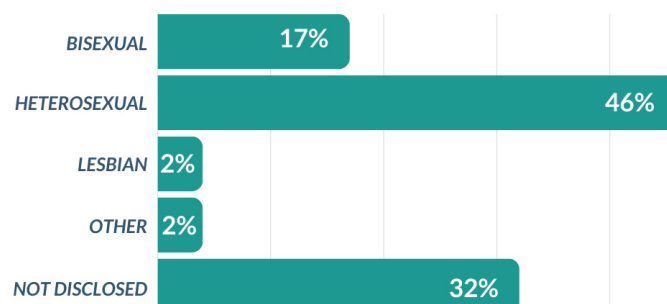
Ethnicity of Women on Caseload



Data on ages of the women we're supporting shows the majority (77%) were aged 35 to 54 years; with 17% below this age and 6% above. At initial assessment 40% of women disclosed living with a disability. The majority of women reported not having a religion, have not stated one, or would prefer not to say. However, 21% disclosed that they are Christian, 13% that they are Muslim, and 10% stated another religion.



Sexual Orientation Responses of Women on Caseload



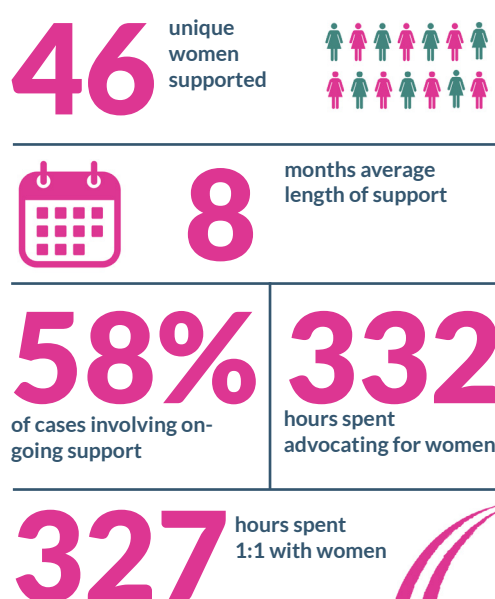
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BEYOND SUPPORT NATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

Beyond Support, is a free, confidential, remote support service accessed via self-referral or agency referral. It was created and developed in consultation with women with lived experience of selling sex in multiple settings. The service offers long-term 1:1 specialist, trauma-informed, holistic support via trained Women's Support Workers. It provides a safe, non-judgmental space for women to be heard, to reflect, to process feelings, and to explore change. We provide safety planning, self-care techniques, and build women's confidence to support them to identify their own strengths and needs, devise their own journeys and set their own goals. We help women identify, gain and maintain access to local services, advocating alongside them, including within the themes of housing, mental, physical and sexual health provision, drug and alcohol support, and benefits. When requested we attend meetings online with them, and advocate for women in multi-agency meetings such as Child Protection Conferences and Complex Adults Risk Management meetings.



During the year, **55 unique women were referred into the service, a 17% increase on the previous year.** The majority (58%) of referrals led to long-term support, 12% were signposted at referral stage, and 30% did not result in any support or engagement. In total, we provided ongoing support to 46 unique women during the year, **an 18% increase on the previous 12 months.** Most referrals (96%) were made via email or phone. The success of referrals is strongly linked to the type of referral with self-referrals being 25% more successful than referrals via a professional. Professional referral success rates improve when contact is made with Beyond Support by the professional prior to the referral. This ensures a clear understanding of our provision and whether the woman herself is seeking this type of support.



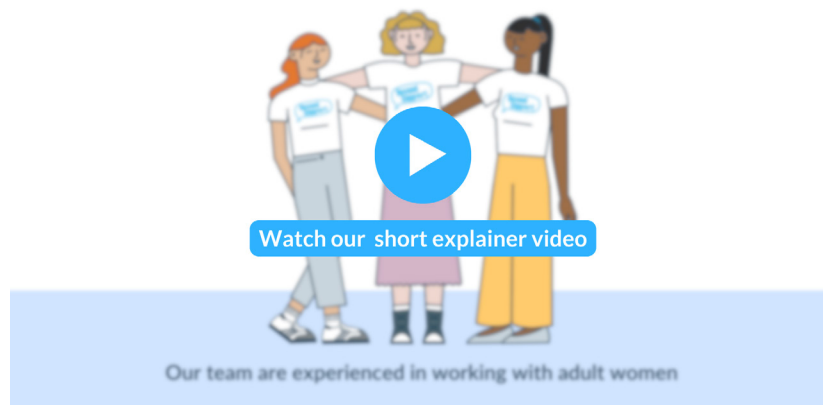
The average (mean) length of engagement for the 31 cases closed during the year was 8 months (excluding those cases where the women was signposted or disengaged immediately after initial assessment).

With an increase in referrals and the number of women supported, we hope to employ an extra Women's Support Worker in the coming financial year, but this will be dependent upon securing funding. Data collected from 121 appointments with women, revealed that the most frequently discussed subjects included issues with engagement with other service professionals (across a range of support themes), personal relationships, identity and self-worth, goal setting, mental health, housing, safety, and counselling.

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A significant change to the service this year has been the introduction of a “womanned” phone line. Historically we’ve worked on the basis of responding to enquiries from women via email or a call-back service. However, we recognise that whilst this may still be preferential for some women, for others, the lack of connection as they take the first step in calling may be a barrier to leaving a message/continuing to engage. We’ll be monitoring its impact and success as well as exploring the potential of an online ‘live chat’ option for women who select ‘I Want Support’ on our website.

We created a new animated video for the service for use in multiple external communication spaces to aid understanding of what the service is and who it is for amongst women, professionals, and potential funders. Moving into the future, a new communications plan for the service will be created to further increase awareness of the service amongst women, to support the growth of referrals and to reach women whose involvement in selling sex is often carried out in isolation.



Case Study based on a case closure assessment carried out by a Women’s Support Worker this year:

When Abi* first reached out to Beyond Support in July 2022, she was sofa surfing and was selling sex to survive. She had no face-to-face support and was struggling with substance misuse. Over the course of a year, Abi worked with one of our Women’s Support Workers to identify the changes she wanted to make in her life and to take action towards those goals. At the time of closing her case in July 2023, Abi now has her own home, has ceased using drugs and has been able to stop selling sex. She was enjoying being a mother to her 4 month old baby, was expecting to be removed from child protection planning imminently and has a network of professional support she can reach out to. Discussing the changes she’s been able to make over the year, she also spoke about the improvements to her physical and mental health and to her financial situation.

“Thank you so much for all your support and kind words... I couldn’t had got through all this without your support and always being able to talk or even text even when you was very, very, busy, thank you again for helping me with forms and supporting me with my pregnancy and being there... for me I think what helped most is having the correct support and advice and not feeling forced to talk... and being able to be heard.. my mind feels a lot more with it, than it did a while ago... thank you so much again!”

Abi, August 2023

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Celebrating the achievements of women whose cases we closed this year:

- Claudia* has finished her journey with us after 2 years and during this time, she has secured new housing, a new job, and qualified as a therapist.
- Sade* has been able to obtain the legal documents required to work legally in the UK and has been supported by Beyond Support over 14 months to increase her confidence and gain employment, recently qualifying as a flight attendant.

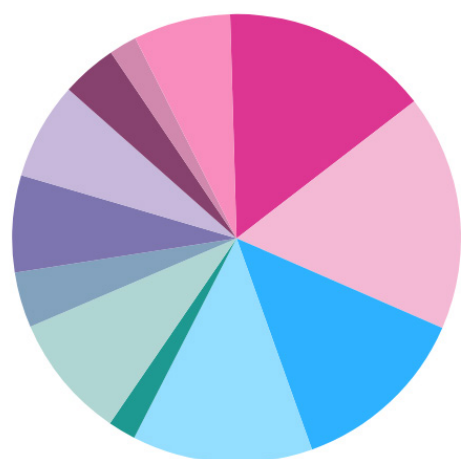
"I'd actually forgotten what a bad place I was in, how worthless and hopeless I felt. I am in a completely different headspace now, I feel like a different person. I'm so grateful to you for helping me to believe in myself. I wanted to let you know that you've made such a difference to my life, I don't know where I would be now without you and Beyond the Streets. Words can never express how thankful I am for the work you do every day"

Beyond Support Client, during 2023

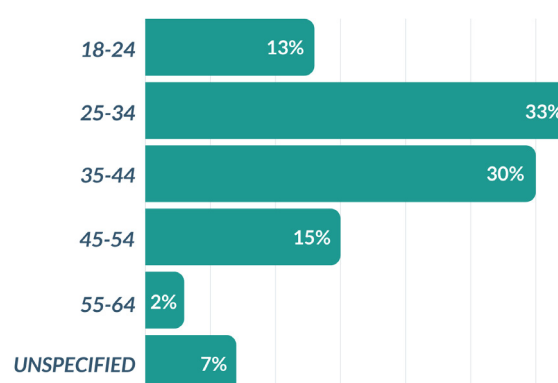
* Stories shared with permission. Not their real names.

BEYOND SUPPORT DEMOGRAPHICS

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF WOMEN SUPPORTED



AGE OF WOMEN SUPPORTED



Beyond Support is open to women across the UK, however, we did not provide any support to women in Wales during this financial year and only 3 women were from Scotland or Northern Ireland. This year we have seen a greater diversity in the geographical reach of the service across England. In 2021-22, 33% of all the women supported were based in London whereas this year, those based in London had reduced to 15%, despite an increase in the overall number of women supported.

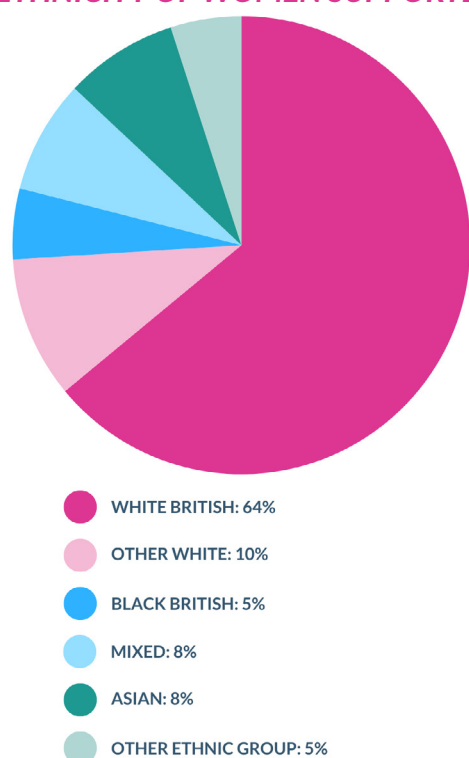
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63% of the women engaged are aged between 25-44 years. However, the age range of the women engaging with our Beyond Support service is broad (18 to 64 years).

When it comes to the housing situation of women accessing Beyond Support, the largest percentage of women (63%) had private tenancy/rental agreements. Of these, six women specified that this accommodation was council or social housing, four women stated that they were living in house shares and one woman was in student halls. 11% of women were either sofa surfing, in temporary housing, or in supported housing and a further 12% were classed under the category 'Other', with four women stating they were currently living with a family member or a partner and one woman an inpatient in a Mother and Baby Unit. Only 14% of women accessing Beyond Support own their own home.

Other equalities data shows that 35% of the women disclosed living with a disability. Three quarters of women (74%) mentioned mental health concerns in their initial assessments, with 35% of women mentioning two or more conditions/diagnosis. Over a third of women (37%) were living with PTSD or Complex PTSD. One fifth of women reported substance misuse issues (20%) and a further 26% disclosed that they had historically struggled with substance misuse. Whilst the majority of women either chose not to disclose or stated that they did not have a religious connection, 13% of women supported described themselves as spiritual or identified with a specific religion.

ETHNICITY OF WOMEN SUPPORTED



Note: The ethnicity data shown, excludes 15% of women who chose not to disclose this information.

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INCREASING IMPACT

Alongside our direct support work, we seek to address the structural, economic, and societal disadvantages that women experience. We work to challenge judgemental attitudes towards women experiencing sexual exploitation/involved in selling sex, to enable a future where women are not compelled to sell sex and to eliminate 'survival sex'. Within this work we aim to ensure that the voices of women with lived experience of sexual exploitation/selling sex, are heard and included in decision-making at a policy and service delivery level. We carry out this work through research, training for professionals, policy engagement, and our walking tours.

During FY 22-23, we:

- Published the 'Lived Experience: Learning from Others' resource.
- Published research into 'Domestic Homicide Reviews through a Sex Industry Lens'.
- Provided consultancy input on Domestic Homicide Reviews.
- Launched an online version of our Whitechapel Women tour.
- Revised our training course on trauma-informed approaches to supporting women in the sex industry.
- Delivered tailored content for our affiliate network.
- Participated in 11 speaking engagements/awareness raising sessions, reaching over 300 people. These included awareness raising events within Domestic Abuse services, Police Forces, National Police Chiefs Council annual SPOC day, and Probation.

Research

- In September 2022 we launched our new 'Getting Out' Practitioner Resource linked to the new training of the same name. It provides an overview of up-to-date research and models on exiting and transitioning in and out of the sex industry. A copy of the resource is provided to all attendees on the training course. It is hoped that through moving towards a model of producing training in tandem with practitioner resources we can address the issue of learning being lost when professionals who attend move on from their organisations.
- In November 2022 we published our 'Lived Experience Learning from Others' resource. The resource draws together learning from a range of approaches to involvement of those with lived experience from a wide breadth of organisations. Produced in collaboration with Angela Newton from Lived Experience Matters and based on findings from interviews with individuals from 15 different organisations, the resource explores the benefits and impact of lived experience; ways of valuing and supporting people with lived experience; and the challenges in this work and how to overcome them. The resource is an output from a larger piece of work being carried to review the involvement of women with lived experience within Beyond the Streets and the affiliate network to ensure that women's experiences are at the heart of our work.

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- In January 2023, we published a new research report, 'Lessons Learnt? Domestic Homicide Reviews Through a Sex Industry Lens'. This work was carried out in response to providing specialist advice for a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) leading to the identification of a knowledge gap. No current research on DHRs had specifically analysed the reviews in relation to those involved in the sex industry. We conducted an analysis of DHRs in all 333 local authorities in England. The report focuses on the key learning that emerges from the reviews and how Local Authorities and support services can effectively adopt recommendations to positively impact future policy and practical responses by agencies. Following publication, we've delivered a number of research briefings including to Advocacy After Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA) and in the coming year will be working to further develop our training offer around DHRs.
- We are also well underway with a literature review into the use of the term 'survival sex' and plan to publish this resource next year. This work stems from increasing discussion and use of the term in the UK over recent years, especially after the 2019 publication of the Work and Pensions Committee's inquiry into the link between Universal Credit and survival sex and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost-of-living crisis. The research looks at the term's use and the context to date. Development of training linked to this work has also begun.

Policy Engagement and Consultancy

We participated in the government's 'Sex for Rent' consultation in June 2023. Our submission was signed by 20 affiliates and argued that 'sex for rent' is not an isolated form of abuse and needs to be set within the wider context of violence against women and girls, and a national housing crisis. The submission highlighted the need for preventative measures to address key issues that can route women into selling sex: the gender pay gap; women's hidden homelessness; domestic abuse; the UK's broken housing system; an inadequate welfare system with age discrimination built in; and a Criminal Justice System which causes homelessness leading to exploitation.

Building on our DHR research, we were invited to deliver training to a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) panel at their first panel meeting and have been commissioned by another DHR Chair to be a 'critical friend' on a DHR currently underway, providing feedback to the Chair and Panel on the draft and final DHR report. Alongside this, we are campaigning to improve the categories available in the new Home Office DHR library so that learning relating to involvement in the sex industry and to child sexual abuse from such DHRs can be more easily identified. In September, we're looking forward to delivering a DHR briefing to the Standing Together Against Domestic Abuse (STADA) network of Chairs to further disseminate the learning from the research.

We met with and provided information to the Commissioner and Ending Rough Team Leader in Tower Hamlets, highlighting the challenges facing women who have 'exhausted' the hostel pathway. Alongside this we also engaged in the Tower Hamlets Women's Rough Sleeping Census, supporting 13 women to attend a census meeting where we together drew attention to the prevalence of hidden homelessness and unsuitable housing for women in the borough and the strong correlation between this and selling sex.

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As a member of the National Police Chiefs' Council Working Group on Sex Work, we've used our influence over the last 12 months to ensure that 'survival sex' featured more prominently in the revised NPCC Guidance that was published in June 2023 and we presented on our DHR research findings at the NPCC's annual SPOC day conference on sex work (presenting to 100+ Officers across England and Wales).

Increasing Impact

35 affiliates in our network

32 affiliates participated in research, policy or training

12 affiliate leaders attended Action Learning Sets

15 'open' training courses attended by 126 people delivered

4 Connect-Share-Learn sessions delivered to affiliates

11 speaking engagements/awareness raising sessions completed, reaching over 300 individuals

New 'Getting Out' **Practitioner Resource** launched alongside training of the same name.

'**Lived Experience: Learning from Others Resource**' created and shared externally

'**Lessons Learnt? Domestic Homicide Reviews Through a Sex Industry Lens**' research completed and published

Launch of new free online version of our **Whitechapel Women Tour**

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Training

Since the pandemic our training has been delivered online, which continues to increase the geographical reach of our audience. This year we've introduced a new course called "Getting Out", a 3-hour interactive webinar looking at research around transitioning out of the sex industry and reducing the barriers women face, and we've brought in-house training we have previously delivered in partnership with AVA, now titled "Getting Real". Delivered as two 3-hour interactive webinars, one week apart, the training looks at the complexity of the UK sex industry and the impact of trauma within this context, exploring the benefits of trauma informed approaches and equipping the learner to begin to implement such an approach within their own work.

We delivered a total of 15 open courses reaching 126 people from at least 100 different organisations (including 34 attendees from 14 affiliate projects).

- Our free "An introduction to working alongside women in the sex industry" training ran 6 times over the year and was attended by 65 individuals. 88% of those that provided feedback agreed or strongly agreed that their awareness of Beyond the Streets' services had increased, whilst 74% agreed or strongly agreed that they felt more confident in supporting women selling sex.
- We ran 3 sessions of our interactive "Alongside? Exploring tools to support women in the sex industry" training sessions with 17 practitioners enabling them to dive into the issues surrounding 'rescuing and empowerment', learn about the stages of change, and practice motivational interviewing techniques. The feedback survey response rate was 94% and when asked to rate the session out of 10, the average given was 9.5. Feedback on learning gained included: *"Supporting women is about walking alongside them at their own pace and not jumping in to 'rescue'"*.
- We ran 3 sessions of our new training "Getting Out" with 28 attendees, 27 of whom completed the feedback survey. When asked to rate the session, the average score given was 8.5. Feedback included: *"Brilliantly facilitated and super well-evidenced"*; *"This course shared a passionate, kind, and well-researched outlook on how to support women leaving the sex industry."*
- We ran one 'Getting Real' training this year with 4 attendees with 100% of participants agreeing or strongly agreeing that their awareness of a trauma-informed approach had increased as a result of the training and that they had a greater understanding of the need for specialised support. Feedback included: *"Training with Beyond the Streets is some of the best training I have done, it's been invaluable to me and the charity I work for. It has enabled us to support and empower the women we support better, which is what they deserve."*
- We ran our 'Boundaries' training twice over the course of the year with 12 attendees across the two courses and a 92% feedback response rate. The average rating given for the course was 9 out of 10 with 91% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that they felt more confident in their own self-care strategies as a result of this course. Feedback included: *"Amazing training. Feel like I was able to refocus and understand myself as a worker much more."*

Once the new Training and Engagement Manager is in post (anticipated early 2024), we will be carrying out a full review and refresh of all our training provision.

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Whitechapel Women – Beyond the Jack the Ripper Tour

In 2017, Beyond the Streets joined with local activists to become the first organisation to subvert the dominant narrative around these brutal killings by offering a regular walking tour, telling an alternative history of events in Whitechapel. Our tour focuses instead on visiting the streets where the women lived, exploring what we know about their lives, and commemorating their deaths. Alongside the historic, we raise awareness of the women we support in the area today who face similar challenges, barriers, and stigma that, in the same way as their historic peers, actively increase their vulnerability.

During this financial year, we ran 13 in-person walking tours with 175 attendees, a 26% increase on the previous year. We're also seeing an increase in bespoke tour requests from educational bodies, third sector organisations and community groups. Five of the 13 tours this year were bespoke, with a total attendance of 98 individuals, representing 56% of all people on tours. We'll be looking to expand this offer moving forward.

In response to requests about the tour from organisations unable to attend in person, and to expand awareness, we launched a free online version in November 2022. Future work around the tour will involve developing online educational resources for schools and raising awareness of the tour to educational bodies, alongside utilising it in our engagement with community groups, corporates, and the church community.

“Great tour on very cold night and learnt a lot about the women who had been exploited and let down by uncaring and punitive world of 19th Century East End of London. Linking with 21st Century women exploited by prostitution and work of Door of Hope was very thought provoking and skilfully done.”

Tour Attendee, December 2023

Affiliate Network

Our affiliate network consists of 35 grassroots projects across England, 80% of which are small or medium in size with an income of under £400,000. Based on the results of a survey carried out with affiliates during 2022, we estimated that our network was in contact with a minimum of 2000 women over a six month period in 2022.

Engagement has remained high across the affiliate network. Overall, 91% of affiliates have participated in either research, policy or training this year. In total there were 93 attendances from affiliates at training events, a 200% increase on last year. This related to 67 individuals from across 24 different affiliate organisations. Twenty organisations engaged with the Home Office policy consultation on 'Sex for Rent'; and 14 organisations also received bespoke 1-1 consultancy support.

We were again able to offer free Action Learning Sets (ALS) for leaders of affiliate organisations, running them between November and June. This year we had 12 affiliate project leaders attend across two groups. 7 sessions were run in total. The two groups were split by organisation in order to allow leaders of similar-sized organisations to collaborate within sessions and learn from each other's practice and experiences.

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We asked all ALS attendees to complete a survey after their final ALS session, and nine participants completed the survey. Overall, attendees told us that they really valued the time to connect with others who understood the challenges in the sector and to share sector-specific experiences in learning. They told us that they found the sessions well-facilitated and valued the space feeling safe, open, and supportive. They fed back that ALS had allowed them to improve their question-asking and listening skills, think through solutions and improve their confidence. However, it was also clear that time commitments and competing priorities were a barrier to attending sessions. This is a challenge we know ourselves, and with the departure of our Impact Director, who facilitated the ALS, we will not have the capacity to offer further Action Learning Sets at present.

“The supportive element of the [ALS] group is incredibly valuable when faced with such extreme challenge that impacts emotional wellbeing.”

Affiliate Leader, July 2023

“I have learnt that we do hold the solutions ourselves to many of the challenges faced in our projects, often it is space to think and confidence that is lacking.”

Affiliate Leader, July 2023

We ran 4 Connect-Share-Learn (CSL) sessions over the year. Connect-Share-Learn events are a free 1-hour zoom session exclusively for staff and volunteers of affiliate projects to share on topics of common interest. They offer a great opportunity to hear from others working in this area and to share insights and learning. 24 attendees from 15 different affiliate organisations attended across the 4 sessions. This year topics included lived experience inclusion, GDPR compliance, how to share success with funders, and CRMs for direct support.

We completed analysis on the affiliate network survey data collected during 2022 and the intention was for this information to feed into a network review enabling us to better understand what organisations want from the network and how best it can support them. However, with the departure of the Co-Founders this year, the decision was taken not to carry out a review of the affiliate network until a new CEO is in place.

Finally, this year we were able to offer bespoke safeguarding training to the affiliate network, designed and delivered by Elaine Davidson an NSPCC Accredited Safeguarding Trainer. Separate training was provided for safeguarding leads within affiliate organisations and for trustees and was run twice, in November 2022 and again in May 2023. In total, 24 individuals attended the training for safeguarding leads and 12 attended the training for trustees. Three quarters of participants completed the evaluation survey, with the average rating given for the session 8/10. 81% of participants agreed or strongly agreed that their level of understanding on how to process safeguarding incidents had increased as a result of the training and 74% felt they were more equipped to handle safeguarding incidents as a result of the training.

“Great session, thank you. Enjoyed the videos, case studies and group discussions. Especially exploring nuances of different issues other projects have encountered (mindful of confidentiality!) is really valuable thank you.”

Affiliate Safeguarding Training Attendee, November 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is governed by constitution and was registered on 18th May 2018 with the Charity Commission (Reg no. 1178421). The assets, liabilities, and undertakings of our previous legal entity the Beyond the Streets Charitable Trust (registered charity 1099006) (The Trust) were transferred to the new CIO when it became operational on 1st September 2018. The Trust temporarily continues to operate alongside the CIO for the purpose of collecting regular donations where the donors have not been able to be contacted. All funds received by The Trust are transferred to the CIO.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The trustees have the power to appoint further trustees under the governing document referred to above. As we are growing as an organisation we want our board to reflect the growth and diversify to meet the needs. An independent review has been undertaken which recognised the strengths of the governance structure and the board have been actively working on improvements within the areas identified. To ensure strong trustee recruitment, a Governance working group has been established with the appropriate delegated authority.

All trustees are appointed through a majority vote at a trustees meeting. All trustees are appointed for a fixed time period with the possibility of renewing. Apart from a number of the founding trustees, who were appointed for four years, all future appointments will be for a renewable three-year period.

Our policy is for trustees to receive training on safeguarding, data protection, and the duties of a trustee.

Organisational Structure

The trustees meet regularly to ensure they fulfil their responsibility for the governance and strategic direction of the charity. Trustees are selected with a broad range of experience and come from a wide range of backgrounds that bring valuable skills to the charity. This includes experienced practitioners, charity managers and people with other key governance skills and business experience. Two project co-directors are appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity along with a management team they have responsibility to select.

The trustees are responsible to review and set the remuneration of the directors, management and staff team and this work is undertaken by a remuneration sub-group, and decisions ratified by the whole board.

Governance Code

The independent governance review used the governance code as a template for assessing our current systems, structures and governance practices. The results of this review were presented to the board following the year-end and a plan has been created to ensure the findings are addressed and a plan for ongoing improvements is embedded.

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Volunteers

The work of Beyond the Streets is not possible without the team of volunteers who support the staff team. The charity is reliant on volunteers to deliver outreach sessions and wider support to our beneficiaries. The charity does not recognise volunteer time in the accounts but recognises their key role in contributing towards our charitable aims. All volunteers receive an induction and regular training, and we ensure they are supported and supervised.

Risk Management

The trustees regularly review any potential major risks to the charity and continue to ensure that our risk analysis particularly informs our contingency planning and reserves policy. The trustees take their safeguarding and data protection responsibilities very seriously: concerns are discussed at every meeting; the effectiveness of responses is analysed; and procedures are updated where necessary. The Directors along with the management team review the risks faced quarterly and rank by likelihood and impact. Major operational risks:

Risk identified	Action taken to mitigate
Financial sustainability in order to maintain our current activity or staffing levels	<p>Ensure quarterly financial review and monitor trends in income and expenditure.</p> <p>Reserve funding maintained at a minimum of 4-6 months of budgeted future costs.</p> <p>Regular review of grant funding sources and ensure employment of an individual donor officer in the upcoming year.</p> <p>Investigate and develop other options for fund raising.</p>
The political and economic landscape may change (e.g. inflation) resulting in greater funding requirements	<p>Review rising inflation and ensure upcoming budgets allow for additional costs including salary increases.</p>
Key staff may leave (either management or front line)	<p>Ensure staff are well looked after, and remuneration is appropriate for the role, to reduce the risk of people leaving.</p> <p>Ensure additional support available to enable resiliency and ongoing training.</p> <p>Have good recruitment practices in place for replacing staff.</p> <p>Where possible ensure that no-one is a 'single point of failure', i.e. that there are no tasks or responsibilities that only one person has the skills and experience to carry out.</p>
Reputational damage	<p>Ongoing training of staff to ensure work is carried out professionally – safeguarding, trauma-informed, etc.</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Statement of Public Benefit

The Board confirm that in planning our activities and strategies for the year we have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe that we have followed the guidance in this area. We are committed to empowering those exploited and to ensuring that outreach and support projects provide quality service delivery in supporting people to exit prostitution. The above annual report gives a detailed description of the activities undertaken by the charity and the Board is satisfied that these activities provide public benefit.

Financial Review

In 2022/23 Beyond the Streets benefited from an increased income of £754,022 (2021/22: £511,191). This reflected an increase in funding from grant-making organisations. Individual donations were slightly lower than the previous year, reflecting the difficult economic climate where individual have less capacity to donate. The increased income enabled us to sustain our recent growth in staffing levels to support our impact in reducing sexual exploitation. Expenditure within the year was £715,068 (2021/22: £552,992). The increased spending was planned and with the increase in income allowed us to retain a small surplus.

Within our fixed assets we experienced a loss on investments of £2,327 (2021/22: £22,588). This reflects the continued instability in financial markets, though early indications are that financial markets are now improving. As at 31st August 2023 these investment funds were worth £125,085. The charity received donations from related parties of £203 (2021/22: £420) during the year. No conditions were attached.

We continue to remain debt free, and had unrestricted reserves of £334,538 (2021/22: £282,250) as at 31st August 2023. It should be noted that this figure includes the forementioned investment funds. We also hold restricted funds of £63,963.

We are incredibly grateful to our current funders for the grants made available within the year. This has been provided by Church Welfare Association, The Samworth Foundation, Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, the MOPAC/MoJ for DV/SV, Lloyds Bank Foundation, The Generational Foundation, J Leon Philanthropy Council, The Symondson Foundation, Charles Haywood Foundation, the National Lottery Community Fund, J&C Nasmyth Charitable Foundation, and Garfield Weston Foundation, which have enabled us to financially navigate the last twelve months.

One of the key management staff, Mark Wakeling, is on the board of trustees for The Church Welfare Association.

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Reserve Policy

As part of our annual financial review, the trustees have considered the appropriate levels of reserves required by the charity to ensure prudent financial management.

Beyond the Streets holds free reserves to:

- Provide a resilience that will enable the charity to continue to meet its charitable objectives within a context where the majority of the income is unpredictable.
- Ensure additional protection is provided for the charity's beneficiaries where long-term support is essential due to trauma and additional vulnerability.
- Allow the charity to navigate a period of growth as demand on services increase.
- Allow confident financial planning where there is little flexibility to the costs without impacting charitable activities.
- Enable the charity to navigate unexpected events that cause a significant business disruption.
- Allow for unexpected drops in income and if this happens provide the time for the consideration and implementation of how the funding would be replaced or activities changed.
- Enable engagement with unanticipated strategic opportunities and action against critical threats.
- Fulfil contractual obligations in the event of an unanticipated financial stress.

The Trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') held by the charity should represent four to six months of budgeted operational costs. This policy allows for the reserve figure to rise alongside increasing organisational capacity, and thus expenditure, that is a long-term response to service sector gaps and impact aims around systemic change. This 'free reserve' is alongside any Restricted Funds that are held by the charity which can only be used for the purposes intended. For 2023/24 our planned expenditure is £871,000 and so target for free reserves is £290,000 to £435,000.

The charity engages in regular financial forecasting, and if forecasts indicate that free reserves are to exceed this level consistently for a period of more than six months and look to continue on that trajectory, then a plan will be put in place to utilise any surplus in a way that adds to the charitable purposes of the charity. If projections show that the free reserves will fall below this level for a period of more than three months and again continue with this trend, then we will implement a remedial action plan. This plan will involve a focused fundraising campaign along with reviewing staffing and service priorities as we seek to reduce our ongoing expenditure to a sustainable level.

This policy along with contractual obligations are reviewed on an annual basis. The amendment to our reserve policy to allow for the economic impact of Covid-19 has been removed.

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Investment management

Beyond the Streets has an Investment Policy which is renewed annually. As part of a strategy to diversify risk while still generating reasonable levels of interest income, we hold about half of Beyond the Streets' reserves with the Affirmative Deposit Fund for Charities (ADFC), which is managed by Epworth Investment Management (owned by the Methodist Church). We understand that ADFC has a conservative investment policy and lends only to banks with high-investment-grade credit ratings. In addition, approximately 20% of Beyond the Streets' reserves are invested in carefully selected ethical investment funds. These are managed via Best Invest. Our remaining reserves are held with The Co-operative Bank and are fully covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Future Plans

Beyond the Streets has plans for the coming year to strengthen the charity and to increase our impact. Key aspects of the plan include:

- Ensure consolidation of organisational growth with focus on internal structures and external resources to enable greater impact.
- Promote Beyond Support to increase referrals and number of women being supported.
- Ongoing development of our wider impact activities including research and training to work towards systemic change.
- Launch 'Whitechapel Women' online walk to both raise awareness and increase income streams.
- Ensure greater input from women with lived experience within all the charity.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities for the annual financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Compliance with laws and regulations

The trustees confirm that the charity has complied with all legal and regulatory requirements for charitable incorporated organisations registered under the Charities Act 2011 and all other significant legal and regulatory requirements relating to the charity's day to day operations.

On behalf of the board of trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Rider', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Carol Rider
Chair of Trustees**

Date: 28/05/2024

Statement of Financial Activity

These accounts cover the period 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 £	2022 £
Income:						
Donations and Legacies	2	55,312	50	6,982	62,344	66,070
Charitable Activities	3	339,932	152,000	188,594	680,526	442,814
Other Trading Activities	4	1,771	-	-	1,771	1,673
Investment Income		9,412	-	-	9,412	786
Other		(31)	-	-	(31)	(152)
Total Income		406,396	152,050	195,576	754,022	511,191
Expenditure						
Raising Funds		57,450	1,517	14,917	73,884	47,981
Charitable activities		143,210	154,351	176,263	473,824	392,855
Support Costs		123,143	11,837	31,380	167,360	112,156
Total expenditure	5,6,7	324,803	167,705	222,560	715,068	552,992
Gross/(losses) on investments	8	(2,327)	-	-	(2,327)	(22,588)
Net income/(expenditure)		79,266	(15,655)	(26,984)	36,627	(64,389)
Transfers between funds		(26,978)	12,540	14,438	-	-
Total funds brought forward		282,250	3,115	76,509	361,874	426,263
Total funds carried forward	9	334,538	-	63,963	398,501	361,874

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages **33-42** form part of these financial statements.

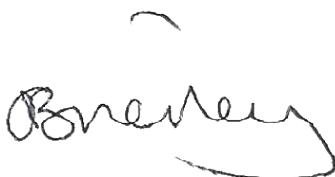
Balance sheet as of 31st August 2023

		2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets:			
Investments	8	125,085	127,412
		<u>125,085</u>	<u>127,412</u>
Current assets:			
Stocks	10	854	885
Debtors	11	51,502	34,210
Cash at bank and in hand		390,863	326,872
		<u>443,219</u>	<u>361,967</u>
		443,219	361,967
Liabilities:			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12,13	169,803	127,505
		<u>273,416</u>	<u>234,462</u>
Net current assets			
		<u>398,501</u>	<u>361,874</u>
Funds	9		
Unrestricted general funds		339,453	284,838
Designated funds		-	3,115
Restricted funds		63,963	76,509
Revaluation reserve		<u>(4,915)</u>	<u>(2,588)</u>
		398,501	361,874

The notes on pages 33-42 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28/05/2024 and signed on its behalf by

Liz Brierley - Trustee



Statement of Cashflows

as of 31st August 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cashflows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	61,664	(9,383)
Cashflows from investing activities:		
Investments	-	-
Long Term Investments	2,327	(27,412)
	<u>2,327</u>	<u>(27,412)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	63,991	(36,795)
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the period	326,872	363,667
	<u>390,863</u>	<u>326,872</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	390,863	326,872

Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income (as per the SOFA)	36,627	(64,389)
Adjustments for:		
Debtors	1,179	(1,445)
Accrued Income	(3,515)	(8,130)
Prepaid Expenditures	(14,956)	(3,085)
Stock Asset	31	152
Creditors	(775)	1,371
Accruals	284	(4,775)
Other Payroll Deductions	-81	3,935
Tax & National Insurance	1,356	10,668
Unearned Income	41,384	54,000
VAT Control & Suspense	130	2,316
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	<u>61,664</u>	<u>(9,383)</u>

Notes to the Financial statements

For the year ended 31 August 2023

1 *Accounting policies*

Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds – these are funds which can be used by the Charity in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Designated funds are those unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for a particular purpose but have not yet been spent.

Restricted funds – these are funds that can only be used for a particular restricted purpose within the objects of the Charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds have been raised for particular restricted purposes.

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)

Income Recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained, then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably, and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example, the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Where practicable, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed, and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Expenditure Recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

Fund raising

Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are capitalized if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. These are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Leasehold improvements	5 years straight-line
Fixtures & fittings	5 years straight-line
Office equipment	3 years straight-line

Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash represents cash in hand plus bank balances immediately available to the charity. Cash equivalents and bank balances held on short term deposit available to the charity at up to 3 months' notice.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure are sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements sometimes requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the Statement of Financial Position (balance sheet) date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

Investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)**2 Donations and Legacies**

	2023 £	2022 £
Gifts		
Gift Aid	56,351	61,718
	5,993	4,352
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Total	62,344	66,070

The Donations and Legacies total does not include any legacies, grants, or donated goods and services. Income from donations and legacies was £62,344 (2022: £66,070) of which £6,982 (2022: £7,425) was attributable to restricted and £55,362 (2022: £58,645) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

3 Charitable activities

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Income from Charitable activities:						
Grants	330,375	188,594	518,969	140,640	168,925	309,565
Local Authority Contracts	152,000	-	152,000	122,829	-	122,829
Training	4,450	-	4,450	4,618	-	4,618
Affiliate Contributions	3,944	-	3,944	4,602	-	4,602
Other	1,163	-	1,163	200	1,000	1,200
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Total	491,932	188,594	680,526	272,889	169,925	442,814

Of the unrestricted income £152,000 (2022: £122,829) is designated for the delivery of contractual services for London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Grant funding within year

Church Welfare Association	£163,125	The Symondson Foundation	£18,000
The Samworth Foundation	£92,330	Charles Haywood Foundation	£10,000
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation Trust	£55,000	National Lottery CF	£10,000
MOPAC MOJ	£53,264	J&C Naysmith CF	£10,000
Lloyds Bank Foundation	£27,250	Garfield Weston Foundation	£10,000
The Generational Foundation	£25,000		
J Leon Charitable Fund	£20,000	Grants under £10,000	£25,000
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		TOTAL	£518,969

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)**4 Income from Other Trading Activities**

	2023 £	2022 £
Alt Walking Tour Tickets	1,661	1,673
Journals and Tote Bags	110	-
Total	1,771	1,673

Income from Other Trading Activities was £1,771 (2022: £1,673) of which £0 (2022: £0) was attributable to restricted funds.

5 Staff Costs and Employee Benefits

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	520,195	377,535
Social security costs	44,290	29,922
Employer's contributions to defined contributions pension schemes	25,862	19,379
Total	590,347	426,836

During the year, the Charity had 19 employees (2022: 16), and no-one was paid over £60,000. The total remuneration to key personnel was £78,160 (2022: £71,096).

Some of the employees were part time so the full time equivalent of these employees was on average 15.8 (2022: 13.3). Fundraising staff accounted for 2.1 fte, and there were 3.6 fte support staff.

Remuneration for all employees is set by the Trustees. A benchmarking exercise was carried out by an independent HR consultant in 2021, covering background economic factors affecting salaries, likely trends in pay and a summary of current comparable salary information taken from a variety of sources. This report was used as the basis for setting salary levels.

The Trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year but were reimbursed for their expenses. This totalled £118 (2022: £242).

The charity operates a contributory pension scheme. It is a defined contribution scheme and contributions are charged in the statement of financial activities as they accrue. The charge for the year was £25,862 (2022: £19,379).

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)**6 Volunteers, donated goods, facilities and services**

There were 29 volunteers in the year, of which 28 were involved in street outreach projects, and 1 helped with administration tasks. The charity does not recognise volunteer time in the accounts.

7 Analysis of resources expended

	2023			2022		
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Raising Funds:						
Salaries	56,592	14,917	71,509	47,108	-	47,108
Other Expenses	2,375	-	2,375	873	-	873
	<u>58,967</u>	<u>14,917</u>	<u>73,884</u>	<u>47,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,981</u>
Direct Charitable Expenditure:						
Salaries	290,105	136,924	427,029	157,632	222,096	379,728
Research	-	2,425	2,425	125	3,610	3,735
Publicity & Fundraising	1,335	-	1,335	1,438	-	1,438
Office Rent	-	31,839	31,839	-	-	-
Outreach Supplies	736	1,048	1,784	-	1,898	1,898
Project Costs	1,596	3,143	4,739	-	2,870	2,870
Software Licence	3,789	884	4,673	2,160	1,026	3,186
	<u>297,561</u>	<u>176,263</u>	<u>473,824</u>	<u>161,355</u>	<u>231,500</u>	<u>392,855</u>
Support Costs:						
Salaries	73,355	18,454	91,809	-	-	-
Training	10,987	1,929	12,916	5,690	2,127	7,817
Equipment & Resources	3,902	2,325	6,227	10,038	7,203	17,241
Meeting Expenses	846	73	919	1,554	190	1,744
Telephone & Internet	3,433	444	3,877	2,185	1,116	3,301
Office Rent & Room Hire	19,989	411	20,400	18,949	27,544	46,493
Travel	4,587	4,160	8,747	2,514	2,243	4,757
Admin & Subscriptions	3,282	920	4,202	3,594	3,393	6,987
Legal Fees	2,280	-	2,280	4,852	-	4,852
Governance	563	187	750	530	175	705
Consultancy	3,941	-	3,941	10,034	786	10,820
Bank Charges	498	46	544	344	80	424
Insurance	2,913	436	3,349	1,508	444	1,952
Stationery & Postage	158	74	232	937	265	1,202
Other Expenses	5,246	1,921	7,167	2,399	1,462	3,861
	<u>134,980</u>	<u>31,380</u>	<u>167,360</u>	<u>65,128</u>	<u>47,028</u>	<u>112,156</u>
Total	<u>492,508</u>	<u>222,560</u>	<u>715,068</u>	<u>274,464</u>	<u>278,528</u>	<u>552,992</u>

In 2023 it was decided to separate Salaries between Charitable Activities and Support Costs in order to reflect the distribution of expenditure more accurately.

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)**8 Investments**

	Current Investments £	Fixed Asset Investments £	Total £
Carrying (fair) value at beginning of period	-	127,412	127,412
Additions during period	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-	(2,327)	(2,327)
Carrying (fair) value at end of year	-	125,085	125,085

9 Funds Summary

	Balance at 1/9/2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Fund					
Restricted					
Beyond Support	13,333	7,000	19,333	-	1,000
National Lottery CF A4A	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
Door of Hope	-	36,101	49,432	14,438 ¹	1,107
Axis Foundation	793	-	793	-	-
Clarion	-	5,000	1,701	-	3,299
MOPAC VAWG	7,998	25,145	33,143	-	-
Naysmith	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
Garfield Weston	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
Samworth Foundation	34,385	92,330	68,158	-	58,557
Staffing Fund	20,000	-	20,000	-	-
Sub-total	76,509	195,576	222,560	14,438	63,963
Unrestricted (Designated)					
Door of Hope	-	152,000	163,453	11,453 ²	-
Sophie Memorial	3,115	50	4,252	1,087 ³	-
Sub-total	3,115	152,050	167,705	12,540	-
Unrestricted (General)					
General funds	284,838	406,396	324,803	(26,978)	339,453
Revaluation reserve	(2,588)	-	2,327	-	(4,915)
Sub-total	282,250	406,396	327,130	(26,978)	334,538
TOTAL	361,874	754,022	717,395	-	398,501

¹ Transferred from General unrestricted funds to cover Door of Hope costs that exceeded the restricted income.² Transferred from General unrestricted funds to cover Door of Hope costs that exceeded the designated income.³ Transferred from General unrestricted funds to cover the excess costs of projects funded by the Sophie Memorial fund.

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)**Previous year funds**

Fund	Balance at 1/9/2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Carried Forward £
Restricted					
Beyond Support	-	22,500	9,167	-	13,333
Door of Hope	-	14,350	164,369	150,019	-
Axis Foundation	1,279	-	486	-	793
MOPAC VAWG	6,389	50,000	48,391	-	7,998
Church Welfare Assn	-	33,500	33,500	-	-
Samworth Foundation	-	57,000	22,615	-	34,385
Staffing Fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
Sub-total	27,668	177,350	278,528	150,019	76,509
Unrestricted (Designated)					
Door of Hope	2,609	122,829	-	(125,438)	-
Covid Reserve	80,000	-	-	(80,000)	-
Future Salaries	100,000	-	-	(100,000)	-
Sophie Memorial	4,730	-	1,615	-	3,115
Sub-total	187,339	122,829	1,615	(305,438)	3,115
Unrestricted (General)					
General funds	191,256	211,012	272,849	155,419	284,838
Revaluation reserve	20,000	-	22,588	-	(2,588)
Sub-total	211,256	211,012	295,437	155,419	282,250
TOTAL	426,263	511,191	575,580	-	361,874

Explanation of Designated Funds (2022/23)**1) Door of Hope**

Beyond the Streets is contracted by London Borough of Tower Hamlets (LBTH) to provide support to women selling sex on street in East London. The board of trustees have taken the decision to designate the contract value (£152,000 p.a.) to our Door of Hope project which delivers that service.

2) Sophie Memorial

Beyond the Streets was given a donation in 2019 in memory of Sophie, who was an enthusiastic supporter of the charity. The donors did not want to specify the purpose of the donation, other than it should be something, or things, that would honour her memory. As such, the decision was taken to designate the funds so that they could be used appropriately.

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)**10 Stock**

	Stock £
Charitable Activities	
Opening	171
Added in period	5
Expensed in period	-
Impaired	
Closing	176
Other Trading Activities	
Opening	714
Added in period	-
Expensed in period	(36)
Impaired	
Closing	678
Total this year	854
Total previous year	885

All stock listed above is for resale rather than for distribution.

11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Other debtors	266	1,445
Prepayments and Accrued Income:	51,236	32,765
	<u>51,502</u>	<u>34,210</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	146,418	104,750
Other Creditors	23,385	22,755
	<u>169,803</u>	<u>127,505</u>

Notes to the Financial statements (continued)**13 Leases**

Total future minimum lease payments, including service charges, are as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	19,710	19,710
Between one and two years	19,710	19,710
Between two and five years	15,930	35,640
Later than five years	-	-
	<u>55,350</u>	<u>75,060</u>

14 Related parties

The charity received donations from related parties of £203 (2022: £420) during the year. No conditions were attached.

There was no remuneration to any trustee during the year. A total of £118 expenses were reimbursed.

The key management staff during the year, Mark Wakeling and Josephine Knowles, are co-founders and are related.

The charity received grant funding of £163,125 from The Church Welfare Association, for which Mark Wakeling is on the board of trustees.

There have been no other transactions involving related parties.

15 Independent Examiner's remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examination fee of £750 (2022 - £705).

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Beyond the Streets

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2023 which are set out on pages 30 to 42.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

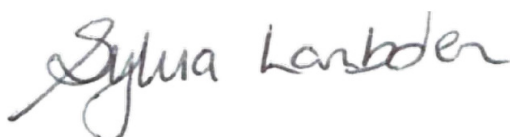
Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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: 

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The date upon which my opinion is expressed is:-



Annual Accounts and Report

Beyond the Streets
Annual report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 August 2023