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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1178605

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30th June 2024
for
DARLASTON YOUTH CENTRE
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

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DARLASTON YOUTH CENTRE

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 30th June 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th June 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our work addresses the gender inequalities with young people and their families. We work with vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people from South Asian communities who are 9 to 19 years old and have experienced challenges in their lives. We use social education practices, which enable young people to learn, grow and challenge in a safe and secure environment.

Darlaston Youth Centre is fundamentally committed to the principles of equal opportunities, equity, diversity, empowerment and youth and community participation. We work with young people in a holistic way and empower them to make informed choices, raise their aspirations, motivation, self-belief to develop their skills to enhance the quality of their lives and their personal and social development and in the long term improve their life chances. There is a drop in where young people can attend for support with issues affecting them. We support young people and adults with education, training and employability skills and young people undertake volunteering activities enhancing their life skills.

We address racial and community tensions, and we are a specialist hub around community cohesion for young people, practitioners and the community. We work with young women to provide support for them with their mental health and well-being, reduce isolation, enhance their skills and overall improve their life-chances.

We undertake one to one intensive work with vulnerable young people and engage them in positive activities and issue-based work tailored to meet their needs and reduce their vulnerability and risk of re-offending. We foster and develop leadership skills by using innovative approaches to raise self-esteem, self-worth and confidence. We are enablers and empower children, young people and families in the community to dream, reach out and achieve goals and life aspirations. We are educators and encourage and empower children and young people to be the best they can be in life and to exceed their own expectations.

Young people are actively involved in the decision making on projects, the development of the centre, services and also contributing to policies and how the centre is run. In this way young people have control and ownership, develop personal and social skills for them to become active citizens in the community, reach their full potential and lead more fulfilling lives. We work with a range of partners such as the community safety, street teams and the police to prevent anti-social behaviour, sexual exploitation and grooming in the local community and health practitioners to reduce health inequalities.

We have an established track record and specialise in delivering innovative, challenging and unique projects exploring sensitive and taboo subjects which are life-changing and make a real difference to the lives of young people and the community as well as inform the practice of professionals and decision-makers. We challenge historical and deep-rooted attitudes and mind sets and oppressive practices.

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We have a track record in delivering sensitive and challenging projects where young people Project Teams are actively involved in project management, delivery and evaluation; such as forced marriages where we have explored a young men's perspective and have created a resource pack tool to be utilised by practitioners working with young people and brought parents and their children together to have a safe space to have open dialogue and discuss their views. We utilise the resource pack tool in practice and deliver workshops with colleges, universities, practitioners, organisations and the police to raise awareness and enhance community cohesion. We still deliver sessions from these projects with various institutions, organisations and partners and at Darlaston Youth Centre.

We supported young people to explore issues affecting them, how and why they become involved in anti-social behaviour, the perceptions and the consequences and they created an educational film called 'Think about it!' which helped to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area. A Project Team of young women have undertaken a heritage project called 'Honour in a crime?' exploring the historical roots and origins of honour crimes. They have explored the 1960's South Asian Migration to the U.K and the concept of honour overtime as well as attitudes and treatment towards women, researched newspaper articles for reported U.K. honour killings and have undertaken interviews with the police, practitioners and survivors of honour- based abuse as well as with women across the main faiths for their understanding of honour related stories and stories of women in those faiths. They delivered an exhibition and film premiere launch event sharing the learning with the wider community and we currently deliver workshops across schools, colleges, universities and organisations to educate and raise awareness. The project has been very positively received and excellent quality of the resources produced has been highlighted by partners and the different groups we have delivered the workshops with various groups, organisations, schools, colleges and institutions. In October 2022 we received a grant of £308,097 from the National Lottery Community Fund to deliver youth work activities at Darlaston Youth Centre, and to continue the delivery of the highly successful Honour in a Crime? Project Workshops over five years with the active involvement of young people. We received three quarterly payments for year two with a total of £89,901 from July 2023 – March 2024.

In the local Darlaston area there has been a historical ongoing problem of sexual exploitation of young women. Members of our junior/senior group have been committing anti-social behaviour and targeting single female residents who live locally. They have been using threatening behaviours, unacceptable language and harassment. We have been working with them to address this behaviour and realise that knowingly or unknowing these actions towards females is learnt behaviour and something that these young men consider to be "normal" an acceptable way of treating women. These attitudes towards women are deep rooted and stem from gender inequality and the mindset of parents that have been passed on from generations. Young men in the local area have been conditioned to think that a woman's role is in the home. We address these issues because from our experience young men have been exploited by older peers and as a result have become involved in grooming and criminal offences. From our experience we are aware of the difference in the parenting of sons and daughters. Young men are put on a pedestal which gives them a false sense of security and no understanding of consequential behaviour. Young women are prepared for the role of a housewife and experience inequality and oppression.

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We have identified that young women in Darlaston experience mental health issues due to the cultural restrictions placed on them such as arranged marriages and gender-based inequalities and they are restricted with regards to further education and careers. This impacts on their self-esteem leading to depression, self-harm and suicide which is higher in young Asian women compared to other groups (Mental Health Foundation, 2016). The centre provides a safe space for them to share issues and access support. We work with young women to provide support for them with their emotional health and well-being. We have an active young women's group and the activities we undertake have raised their self-esteem, aspirations and enhance the quality of their lives. We also undertake joint sessions with their mums which enables staff to build and maintain trusting relationships which is paramount to the young women's continual engagement.

From our experience, in the local community young people are affected by substance misuse, there are a lack of positive role models and opportunities, and the people they aspire to be like and look up to are negative and engage in criminal activities. This issue historically impacts on many generations and circulates within families, young people become vulnerable and exploited by their older peers, they become demotivated, disengaged, with no fear of boundaries or authority and there is a deterioration in their physical and mental well-being, and they are unable to break the cycle. From our experience and our engagement with young people it is becoming apparent that this is a prevalent and ongoing issue which is increasing. This is also why early intervention work is crucial to tackle issues early on and our work is fundamental to positively engage young people, provide positive role models, develop their skills and raise their aspirations to create change and enhance the quality of their lives and improve their life-chances. We are working with young people as young as nine years old because we recognise the importance of early intervention, from our experience we are aware that young people at a younger age have access to phones, internet and social media and are vulnerable to the risks that these pose including exploitation and grooming, so our work is needed.

Active Involvement and Volunteering Opportunities

Young people on Work Experience (July 2023)

We had two local students on work experience who were also members of Darlaston Youth Centre from 11th July – 13th July. They undertook administrative work, setting up and preparation tasks for our Honour in a Crime? Workshop and Film Screening Event, induction, insight into policies and procedures, health and safety, session planning and risk assessments for summer activities. They gained an insight into the youth workers role, and the work we undertake. It was eye opening for them and a learning opportunity, which will benefit their future careers.

Project Team Meeting with Walsall Council Staff Member

On Monday 24th June 2024, a Walsall Council staff member met with the Project Team to consult with them about their views and thoughts about the funding that is coming into Darlaston. They highlighted more funding for youth activities, litter on the streets, more community facilities needed, more police presence, substance misuse/crime on the streets and mental health impact on young people after covid-19. It was a very positive meeting where young people contributed and were actively involved.

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Half Term Programmes

Summer Programme 2023: 24th July 2023 – 24th August 2023

The Project Team planned an incredible summer programme of activities where they enhanced their skills in planning, researching, delivery, decision-making, putting posts on DYC social media accounts, acting, performing and organising and setting up events and activities. Over forty young people attended the activities which included Website/Social Media Training, TikTok Rehearsal, Canvas Painting, Preparation for Mafia Game Delivery, Game Matrix, Cake Decoration Competition, Team Games, Preparation for the Event and Workshop, Mafia Game Delivery and Movie Session. Young people learnt creativity, communication, problem solving, social skills, enhanced their confidence and self-esteem.

Some Evaluation Comments from the Project Team:

'It was fun working with the team to plan for the event and making arrangements for the summer activities. I enjoyed arranging the resources and equipment and learnt about time management, organising and making decisions, teamwork and working effectively to a deadline. It was fun problem solving, communicating and working as a team to plan the event and undertake the team activities. I liked taking responsibility and being in charge'

'I enjoyed planning the mafia game, I was excited to deliver it with the rest of the team. I learnt to plan, research and set up the game. I learnt to make decisions and strategies of planning the mafia game, how we are going to play it with the young people, the tactics, the forfeits we will be undertaking with the group and how it will work, the seating arrangements and layout of the group, I liked the tension and suspense of the game that was created. I loved the delivery of it'

Some Evaluation Comments from the Young People:

'I enjoyed painting my canvas because it was really fun and enjoyable. I improved my art techniques and was creative with blending colours. I found it a calming and therapeutic experience'

'I enjoyed the cake competition, making, icing the cupcakes and decorating them. I gained baking skills, helping others and teamwork. They looked amazing, I learnt new skills such as how to decorate, patience, being creative, it was fun, and I won the hamper'

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October Half Term 2023: 31st October 2023 – 2nd November 2023

The Project Team of young people planned, organised, led, and supported the delivery of the October Half Term programme enhancing their skills as young leaders. They planned a fun and enjoyable programme, which was well attended and very positively received. They also decorated the youth centre with Halloween decorations and dressed up in various outfits with wigs and hats which they enjoyed.

We undertook Halloween themed activities including making chocolate treats, team games and a movie session. Over thirty young people attended enhancing their creativity, confidence, teamwork and social skills.

Some Evaluation Comments from the Project Team:

'I enjoyed leading and making and tempering the chocolate, teaching, sharing my skills, knowledge and showing the kids how to decorate and wrap their chocolate bars, and taking photos evidencing the session'

'I have learnt how to build teamwork, enjoyed the leadership and managing the group, delivery of games, setting up resources and supporting the group with tasks and evaluation'

Some Evaluation Comments from the Young People:

'I have learnt how to make chocolate bars and to be creative and patient using the mould and decoration. It was fun doing this with my sister as it was also a new experience'

'I enjoyed the games; they were fun and interactive. I have gained confidence, teamwork skills, communication and sharing my ideas and tactics'

Honour in a Crime? Workshops

Regional Detached Youth Workers Federation Meeting: Darlaston Youth Centre: Tuesday 11th July 2023.

Twenty members attended the workshop. Two young men on work experience also assisted and supported the delivery being actively involved. We delivered an icebreaker, an overview of the Honour in a Crime? Project played 'Daddy's Little...Izzat' Film Trailer and the 'Zoya's Story' TikTok Video. The young men gained an insight into how we educate and raise awareness of honour-based abuse through our powerful and interactive workshops. There was some excellent feedback from the group, and they asked lots of questions about the project and about honour-based abuse.

Darlaston Youth Centre: 23rd August 2023.

Thirty-five people attended the Workshop and Film Screening Event. Those who attended included young people, parents, people from the local community and professionals, as well as survivors of honour-based abuse. The activities of henna and arts and crafts (pencil case and mug decoration) with honour-based abuse themes were enjoyed by those who attended, and they undertook some really creative and unique designs. They found the workshop really insightful, powerful, difficult and challenging, as well because of the content and subject matter and the scenes/film were hard hitting and impactful. We had excellent feedback from those who attended. The Project Team worked really hard to plan and support the delivery of the event and also took on a number of important roles on the day including taking part in and delivering some of the activities, greeting guests, ensuring people sign in, taking photographs/evidencing the work and evaluation.

Evaluation Comment from the Project Team:

'I have increased my knowledge of honour-based abuse and how to raise awareness with a group. Being actively involved and seeing it being delivered with a group was really empowering, and inspiring because of the way it was creatively delivered, it was very interactive and powerful. I felt proud raising awareness of this taboo subject as part of a team'

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Evaluation Comment from those who attended:

'The workshop was amazing and extremely empowering and gave a huge insight into the lives of those who adhere to the strict honour codes and how this impacts men, women, girls, boys, whole communities. Amazing overall!'

Walsall College: Tuesday 14th November 2023

The Workshops were very well received and there were diverse students from different courses including Early Years, Sports, Criminology and Social Work. There were eighty-three students throughout the day.

Some Evaluation Comments from the students:

'Great session where we learnt about the negative effects of forced marriages, and we learnt how both men and females both push forced marriages onto family members and both men and women suffer'

'This was an informative session about honour killings and makes you aware of different scenarios, the signs and how to spot if you feel someone is going through this'

Roshni Charity Awards Event: Friday 17th November 2024

The Project Team attended the Event at Tipu Sultan, Birmingham, supported by the Youth Work Team. It was an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the achievements of those working in the charity sector tackling Honour-Based Abuse and Forced Marriage. Over two hundred and fifty people attended the event. Darlaston Youth Centre was a finalist for the Community Organisation Award, and we received a certificate for this achievement at the event. It was an honour to be recognised for the work we undertake.

Dudley Archives and Local History Centre: Monday 15th January 2024

The Workshop and Film Screening was very well received and there were ten Designated Safeguarding Leads from the Dudley area. We received excellent feedback.

Some Evaluation Comments from those who attended:

'Probably one of the best training events I have attended. It is very clear that Raqia is passionate about the subject, and this made it even more enjoyable. The whole session was extremely engaging and powerful. An emotional and impactful training that will stay with me'

'A really powerful and engaging workshop that tackles a sensitive issue that often people stay away from. Raqia was a brilliant presenter. She made the topic more powerful than it already is. Her knowledge outside the topic was impressive! Her passion was amazing! I have learnt about the different layers within honour crime such as community collusion! Thank you for making a difference within the community'

Wolverhampton University: Friday 26th January 2024

The BA Social Work students engaged very well with the Honour in a Crime Workshop and Film Screening and interactive activities/material that was delivered. There were students who were really motivated and interested in the topic and also asked questions about how we started delivering sessions on Honour-Based Abuse, how this came about and the work we undertake with young people. There were forty-four students who attended.

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Evaluation Comment from a student:

'One of the best skills days I have experienced. This session was informative as there were different techniques when raising awareness such a role-play, film clips, voices of survivors, experiences from the cases. It was interesting to see and learn that young people created a film using real experiences, this allows people to see and learn from the signs of honour-based abuse'

Walsall College: Wednesday 31st January 2024

The Workshops were very well received and there were diverse students from different courses. There were some challenges with some of the students from both groups, as the workshops are intense and hard-hitting. They interacted well with the activities and there was some good discussion and learning. There were seventy eight students who attended the workshops throughout the day from various courses.

Some Evaluation Comments from the students:

'The workshop was very informative, hard-hitting, powerful, interactive and very engaging. I learnt how these crimes take place in communities. You kept my attention throughout it. I really enjoy the way you teach, very inspiring'

'I learnt what izzat means and how children are controlled and manipulated into being married against their will, the nature of honour-based abuse, the warning signs, importance of reporting it and the various helplines and services that are available. It was really powerful'

Harborne Police Station: Wednesday 28th February 2024

The Workshop was delivered at Harborne Police station with sixteen Police staff and one staff member from a local school. The workshop was very well received by the staff and they engaged with us and actively took part in the drama activities and discussions.

Some Evaluation Comments from the group:

'The most impactful course that I have ever been on! and I've been on lots of courses. Please keep doing exactly what you are doing. It is endless but much needed work. The content was topical and relevant. Excellent'

'Very informative session. The scenarios/videos are very interesting/interactive. It has helped raise awareness, especially if we would be required to attend an honour-based abuse incident''

Wolverhampton University: Tuesday 5th March and Tuesday 12th March 2024

For the Workshops, there were thirty Social Care students and three staff members who attended. The students engaged very well with the workshop and interactive activities/material that was delivered. Students were motivated and were very lively and interested in the topic, and they asked lots of questions about Honour-Based Abuse throughout the delivery of the workshop. Students were impacted by the film as they found it hard-hitting and powerful. We received excellent feedback

See article below published on the Wolverhampton University Website:

<https://www.wlv.ac.uk/staff/news/2024/march-2024/social-care-students-benefit-from-honour-based-abuse-training.php>

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Some Evaluation Comments from the students:

'I would definitely recommend this amazing workshop, which was informative, powerful and engaging. Keep up the good work and keep fighting against this injustice'

'The teaching was so great. It is an eye opener about how to help people that are being abused. It gave me an in-depth knowledge on honour-based abuse and it was engaging and practice based. She is so good at what she was teaching. It has been an exciting experience'

'Awareness, compassion, eyes open, guidance, safeguarding. A strong representation of honour-based abuse. This needs to be taken to all areas of safeguarding'

'I have learnt to have good awareness in my practice, use effective and good communication, professional terminology, build a good relationship with the service user, watch for any signs such as lack of attendance, physical, emotional and mental impact'

Wenlock School: Monday 11th March 2024 and Monday 18th March 2024

The Workshops were for teaching staff at all levels for them to learn about honour-based abuse. There were eighty staff who attended and they engaged well with the topic. They enjoyed the interactive activities and learning about Honour-Based Abuse.

Some Evaluation Comments from the group:

'Insightful to show the roles of genders. Interactive experience was powerful'

'Very interactive elements really helped educate about perpetrators and victims'

'I felt intimidated during the differential treatment activity which was your intention- very powerful'

Wolverhampton University: Monday 15th April 2024 and Monday 22nd April 2024

The Workshop and film screening was delivered with thirty Social Work students and one staff member. The students interacted well with the subject and shared their own experiences growing up, knowing people who were victims of honour-based abuse. They reflected on their learning and what they will be taking away and implementing in their practice as Social Workers. We received very positive feedback.

Some Evaluation Comments from the students:

'The workshop was informative and helped me to understand and now I can support people who I work with affected by honour-based abuse. An understanding of the need to be able to offer space and time for clients to discuss their needs during assessments has become a highlight for me'

'I learnt that honour can cut across all cultures and that we need to be curious when asking questions. Honour-based abuse is also a safeguarding issue'

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Halesowen College. HBA Spotlight on Safeguarding Event: Tuesday 16th April 2024.

A Taster Workshop was delivered face to face and was also accessible online to fifty practitioners. Practitioners and teaching staff gained an insight into the project background and undertook an interactive role-play exploring forced marriage highlighting the difficulties and pressure the victim experiences. It was very eye opening and powerful for those involved and there was some very positive feedback.

Harborne Academy: Monday 29th April 2024

For the Workshop, there were ten female pupils who attended and three members of staff. They enjoyed the session and were actively involved in the drama activities and related to the content of the scenes and information that was shared. The differential treatment activity where the males are treated differently to the females provoked some very good reactions highlighting that this impacted them, the young women wanted to respond and challenge and they were annoyed which is the outcome that we wanted. The friends and family activity, also lead to some interesting discussions about the difficulties faced by victims when parents are trying to force their children to get married against their will and how they may feel and how the pressure impacts on them.

Some Evaluation Comments from the pupils:

'I enjoyed it a lot, it was understandable and relatable within my wider extended family'

'Amazing work you're doing! I feel it had a real impact on the girls yesterday. I cannot begin to emphasise how amazing Raqia was! Our girls were so engaged'

DSL (Designated Safeguarding Leads) Online Forum: Monday 1st May 2024.

We presented and promoted the Workshops with Designated Safeguarding Leads at the forum to seventy attendees online. We shared an overview of the project and journey, information about the content of the workshops and also played the Zoya's Story TikTok Video. It was very well received.

Locality Event. Walsall Council Social Workers: Monday 22nd May 2024

The Workshop was delivered with thirty staff members who attended. They thoroughly enjoyed the presentation, interactive activities, links to case studies and information giving and discussions. There was some very positive feedback throughout the different elements of the workshop as they were being delivered. They gained a good understanding of honour-based abuse and they were actively involved in the activities and discussions. They found it 'eye-opening,' 'powerful,' 'though-provoking,' and 'hard-hitting.'

Some Evaluation Comments from the group:

'An amazing amount of content'

'Enjoyed the historical information – very informative'

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Priory Park Community School. Wednesday 19th June 2024 and Wednesday 26th June 2024

The workshops were delivered with the staff. They engaged really well with the subject, taking part in the different activities and discussions. They gave really positive comments during the sessions, and it was an absolute pleasure to work with such friendly and welcoming staff. Staff at all levels were engaged including the head teacher. The staff were able to put themselves in the position of the victim, or friend and perpetrator which was very 'eye opening' for them. There were forty staff who attended the workshops.

Some Evaluation Comments from the group:

'The lead trainers' passion for the subject really stood out, thought provoking, and informative. Kept us on our toes by breaking training up with role plays'

'Really Insightful ... made me think about how we question parents. Also being more aware of family backgrounds and how we proceed with things'

'The opportunity to learn about honour-based violence is invaluable and all schools should invest in this training. Taking part in the role play has made me more aware and given me the opportunity to empathise with the victims'

'I loved the passion!! You were truly inspirational. Your knowledge and ability to connect with the audience led to some emotional moments and thought-provoking ideas'

Super Women's Group Activities

Our 'Super Women's Group' who were women from the local area, worked with Walsall Council's Exploitation Reduction Team from October 2023- February 2024 exploring the exploitation of young people and the impact that this has on communities. Some of the activities included learning about County Lines and areas where young people who have been exploited have been found. The women shared their experiences of living in Darlaston, family life and the issues impacting on the area including young people being involved in substance misuse issues.

The group learnt about the vulnerability about young people, the risks they are under and how they are taken across the country and exploited and how to report any concerns they may have.

During a session they explored 'hopes and dreams', it provided an insight into their lives and experiences. They want to ensure that their children learn from their experiences, for example getting married at a young age meant that they missed out on further education, and they want their children to get married when they are settled, educated, have jobs, can stand on their own two feet and are mature. It was emotional to hear their experiences and the hardships that they have been through.

The women and the Project Team of young people came together and produced a film, where they acted and performed quotes from parents and young people who have experienced child exploitation, and child sexual exploitation from across the U.K to educate and raise awareness. In producing this 'powerful and impactful' film, the 'Super Women's Group' and Project Team of young people came out of their comfort zones enhancing their confidence and self-esteem to act and perform the quotes to educate, raise awareness, create change and make a difference. The video is being utilised in practice with ongoing sessions.

An Evaluation Comment from the group:

'I found the experience challenging, making me come out of my comfort zone and meaningful to those in need and who have suffered with being exploited, and it shows how it affects people's lives and how it can ruin us. During the filming, I empathised and tried to create their emotions, and it made me think how friends and family feel when someone they love is going through this. It impacted me and made me very emotional. It is a very empowering video for those who are going through it, and it will hopefully educate and send a message to perpetrators, victims and survivors'

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity is reporting a surplus for the year of £13,603 (2023: £20,938). Income amounted to £101,102 (2023: £86,470) and expenditure totalled £87,499 (2023: £65,532).

Reserves policy

The reserves policy of the charity is to have 6 months of expenditure in unrestricted reserves.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Trustees' selection, induction and training

The Governance of the charity is overseen by the board of Trustees (the 'Board'). Trustees are recruited by the Board who consider the skills currently available and then identify the requirements needed for any additional or replacement trustees. Potential trustees are invited to a preliminary discussion with the Board. Induction of the new trustees to their duties is the task of the existing trustees, who are expected to have sufficient knowledge of the legal responsibilities of the charity. Inducted trustees are required to review charity governance documents, business strategic plans and policies unique to the charity.

Risk Management

The Board meets regularly to discuss risks and make efforts to mitigate such risks. Their decisions are based on the four columns of the Charity Commission's recommended categories which are: Governance and Management, Operational, Financial and Environmental and External Risk.

Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of their public benefit duties and confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number
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G David
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25/3/25 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Johnson', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

J Johnson - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Emergence Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of the company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

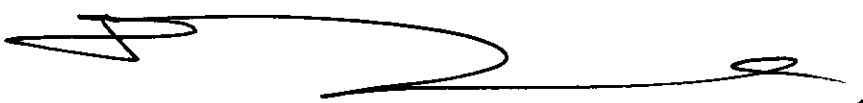
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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Independent Examiner

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26 March 2025 .

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30th June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	8,375
Charitable activities					
Grants	3	3,200	97,902	101,102	78,094
Total income		<u>3,200</u>	<u>97,902</u>	<u>101,102</u>	<u>86,470</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	20,057	67,442	87,499	65,532
Provision of youth and community centre					
Total expenditure		<u>20,057</u>	<u>67,442</u>	<u>87,499</u>	<u>65,532</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(16,857)	30,460	13,603	20,938
Transfers between funds		10,274	(10,274)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(6,583)	20,186	13,603	20,938
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>49,247</u>	<u>11,456</u>	<u>60,703</u>	<u>39,765</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>42,664</u>	<u>31,642</u>	<u>74,306</u>	<u>60,703</u>

DARLASTON YOUTH CENTRE

Balance Sheet 30th June 2024

		2024		2023	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	10		935		1,246
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	10,910		10,481	
Cash at bank		<u>66,002</u>		<u>52,839</u>	
		76,912		63,320	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(3,541)</u>		<u>(3,863)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>73,371</u>		<u>59,457</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>74,306</u>		<u>60,703</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds			47,664		49,247
Restricted funds			<u>26,642</u>		<u>11,456</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>74,306</u>		<u>60,703</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th June 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

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Balance Sheet - continued
30th June 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25/3/25 and were signed on its behalf by:


J Johnson - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Darlaston Youth Centre is a charity incorporated in England. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are provision of a youth centre.

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FRS 102)', The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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.

Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under activities that aggregate all costs related to any particular activity. 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. It is categorised under the following headings :-

- Costs of raising funds comprise costs incurred by the charity in the generation of donation and fundraising income
- Expenditure on charitable activities include those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.
- All categories of costs include both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

Support costs

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include premises costs, office costs, governance costs, administrative and payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities, they have been allocated to expenditure on a basis which may be based on activity as represented by direct costs expended on that activity, or based on a proportion of staff costs.

DARLASTON YOUTH CENTRE

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2024

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on straight line
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Funds held by the company are either:-

- (a) Unrestricted general funds – these are funds without specified purpose and are available as general funds
- (b) Designated funds – these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.
- (c) Restricted funds – these are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and legacies	-	8,376

3. GRANTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grimmitt Trust	3,000	3,000
National Lottery	89,902	55,094
William A Cadbury Trust	-	20,000
Rubery Owen Charitable Trust	5,000	-
Turner Grant	2,000	-
Baron Davenport Grant	<u>1,200</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>101,102</u>	<u>78,094</u>

4. EXPENDITURE CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Provision of youth and community centre	<u>87,499</u>	<u>65,532</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>311</u>	<u>969</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No remuneration was paid to Trustees in the year ended 30th June 2024 or in the year ended 30th June 2023.

Trustees' expenses

No expenses were paid to Trustees in the year ended 30th June 2024 or in the year ended 30th June 2023.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Co-ordinators	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Net income/ expenditure			
Charitable activities			
Provision of youth and community centre	9,482	11,456	20,938
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	9,482	11,456	20,938
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	39,765	-	39,765
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>49,247</u>	<u>11,456</u>	<u>60,703</u>

9. INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REMUNERATION

In the year independent examiners remuneration totalled £2,600 (2023: £2,500). Remuneration for other financial services totalled £Nil (2023: £Nil).

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th June 2024

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st July 2023	2,991	1,772	4,763
Additions	-	-	-
At 30th June 2024	<u>2,991</u>	<u>1,772</u>	<u>4,763</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st July 2023	2,991	526	3,517
Charge for year	-	311	311
At 30th June 2024	<u>2,991</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>3,828</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th June 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>935</u>	<u>935</u>
At 30th June 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>1,246</u>	<u>1,246</u>

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Darlaston Boys Club	9,898	9,898
Prepayments	<u>1,012</u>	<u>583</u>
	<u>10,910</u>	<u>10,481</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Social security and other taxes	703	778
Pension contributions due	131	127
Accruals	<u>2,707</u>	<u>2,958</u>
	<u>3,541</u>	<u>3,863</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.6.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	49,247	(8,671)	(1,112)	39,464
Forced Marriage Workshop	-	(788)	788	-
Honour Crimes	-	(324)	324	-
Turner Grant	-	2,000	-	2,000
Baron Davenport Grant	-	1,200	-	1,200
Restricted funds				
Grimmitt Trust	3,000	(2,827)	-	173
National Lottery	8,456	18,013	-	26,469
Rubery Owen Charitable Trust	-	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>60,703</u>	<u>13,603</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,306</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>60,703</u>	<u>13,603</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,306</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,274	(18,945)	(8,671)
Forced Marriage Workshop	-	(788)	(788)
Honour Crimes	-	(324)	(324)
Turner Grant	2,000	-	2,000
Baron Davenport Grant	1,200	-	1,200
Restricted Funds			
Grimmitt Trust	3,000	(5,827)	(2,827)
National Lottery	89,902	(71,889)	18,013
Rubery Owen Charitable Trust	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>111,376</u>	<u>(97,773)</u>	<u>13,603</u>
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	(10,274)	10,274	-
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>101,102</u>	<u>87,499</u>	<u>13,603</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	-	9,482	49,247
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,482</u>	<u>49,247</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>-</u>	<u>9,482</u>	<u>49,247</u>

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MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,176	(14,694)	9,482
Honour Crimes	-	-	-
Forced Marriage Workshop	-	-	-
Owen Family Trust	4,200	(4,200)	-
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TOTAL FUNDS	28,376	(18,894)	9,482
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Purpose of Restricted Funds:

Grimmitt Trust Grant

In August 2022 the Grimmitt Trust allowed us to receive our final pledged grant payment of £3,000, which was paid in December 2023 to Antony Collins LLP and was a contribution towards the legal fees of the property transfer.

In December 2023 the Grimmitt Trust allowed us to receive another grant payment of £3,000, which was a contribution towards upgrade of computer and electronic equipment.

National Lottery Community Fund Grant (NLCF)

We were awarded a National Lottery Community Fund Grant of £308,097 for five years for Youth Work and Honour in a Crime? Local and Online workshops. In 2023 accounts we received three quarterly payments for year one with a total of £55,094.

In 2024 accounts we received another three quarterly payments for year two with a total of £89,902.

Rubery Owen charitable Trust

In October 2023 the Rubery Owen allowed us to receive our pledged grant payment of £5,000, which will be contribute towards the legal fees of the property transfer for Antony Collins LLP.

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There is a balance held at 30th June 2024 of £9,898 which is an outstanding balance due from Darlaston Boys Club upon closure of the bank accounts.

Mr A Owen and Mr J Johnson are trustees of Darlaston Boys Club.

Miss R Akhtar, who is a director of the Darlaston Youth Centre but not a trustee, was paid a salary totalling £29,217 for the year ended 30th June 2024 through employment as a youth centre coordinator. £26,475 was paid for the year ended 30th June 2023.