



**Trustees' Report and audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March
2024**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024.

The Trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011 regarding the keeping of accounting records, to the preparation and scrutiny of statements of account, and to the preparation of annual reports and returns, here present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 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. The statements of account, reports and returns must be sent to the Charity Commission, regardless of the income of the CIO, within 10 months of the financial year end.

Charity Objectives and Activities

OBJECTIVES

The charity's objective is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit, focusing on individuals in the Tees Valley who experience social exclusion due to their ethnic origin, religion, belief, or creed. This is achieved by addressing their needs and supporting their integration into society through the following:

1. **Providing a local network** that helps members of the BAME community engage more effectively with the wider society.
2. **Coordinating opportunities** for BAME community members to interact with service providers, facilitating services that better meet their needs.

ACTIVITIES

The charity undertakes a wide range of activities to support social inclusion and empowerment, including:

1. **Raising awareness of hate crime** and empowering the BAME community to report it.
2. **Promoting social integration and personal development** through ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and sewing classes.
3. **Offering psychosocial community-based interventions** through social activities.
4. **Providing volunteer opportunities** to build skills and encourage community participation.
5. **Supporting asylum seekers and refugees** in their social engagement.
6. **Addressing issues faced by BAME individuals** in accessing services.



7. **Assisting asylum seekers and refugees** with accessing housing, employment, immigration services, and other mainstream support.
8. **Delivering workshops** to challenge myths and perceptions about refugees and asylum seekers.
9. **Partnering with other organizations** to design workshops and events that address structural racism in schools and institutions.
10. **Fostering skills, knowledge, pride, and confidence** within the BAME community in the Tees Valley.
11. **Improving understanding** of perpetrators of hate crime to reduce incidents and foster positive relationships.
12. **Enhancing awareness around immigration, asylum seekers, and refugees** to combat xenophobia.

OUR VISION

We envision a society free from hate crime, where racism is challenged, justice is upheld, and social integration is promoted. We strive to provide a safe and welcoming space for the BAME community, empowering and facilitating integration into society.

Risk Management

Each activity undertaken by the charity is subjected to a thorough risk assessment. The Trustees, through the Finance & Risk Sub-Committee, regularly review the Risk Register to identify and address both current and emerging risks. The Trustees ensure that decisions on policy, strategy, and finances are made with consideration of these risks. Internally, risks are mitigated by implementing protocols to monitor transactions and ensure consistent performance across all operations. These processes are reviewed periodically to ensure they meet the evolving needs of the charity. A robust risk management framework, along with a clearly defined risk appetite, guides the charity's operations

Financial Review

Total income for the year 2024 amounted to £84,607 (in 2023 £73,558). Expenditure for the year 2024 was £91,403 (in 2023 £72,228). The trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the organisation on 31 March 2024 and are confident that the strategies in place will lead to the organisation being able to fulfil its growth objectives.

Funders

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following funders for their generous support: National lottery community fund, Lloyd's bank foundation, Sports England and Tees Million.



Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or byelaws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the CIO, but such rules or bye laws must not be inconsistent with any provision of this constitution. Copies of any such rules or bye laws currently in force must be made available to any member of the CIO on request.

Responsibilities and basis of report

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees.

Sheila Ngunga

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of OCL

ONE COMMUNITY LINK

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ONE COMMUNITY LINK Year Ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of ONE COMMUNITY LINK ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement



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

- 1- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2- The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3- The financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

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6 May 2024



Statement of Financial Activities

ONE COMMUNITY LINK

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

Income	2024	2023
Opning Balance	£31,641	£34,956
Grants	£84,607	£73,558
Total Income	£116,248	£108,514

Expenditure		
Avertising & Marketing	£838	£357
Audit & Accountancy	£745	£928
Legal & Professional fees	£843	£953
ESOL	£1,456	£2,558
Hot Meals	£13,671	£5,015
Dance & Exercise	£5,705	£6,924
Food Bank	£182	
Insurance	£448	£1,200
IT expenses	£1,140	£1,035
Light, Power & Heating	£3,053	£2,250
Rent	£2,400	
Pension costs	£849	£365
Salaries	£54,985	£45,028
Sessional worker	£552	
Printing & Stationery	£51	£53
Training	£197	
Telephone & Internet	£189	£864
Volunteer expenses	£2,419	£2,160
Travel expenses	£53	£194
Cleaning	£189	£136
Depreciation	£1,438	£2,208
Total expenses	£91,403	£72,228
Surplus funds	£24,845	£36,286



ONE COMMUNITY LINK

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
Fixed Assets		
Equipment	£7,961	£7,961
Depreciation	£3,646	£2,208
Total Fixed assets	£4,315	£5,753
Current assets		
Cash & Bank	£24,845	£31,641
Total assets	£29,160	£37,394
Current Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	£1,815	£2,315
Net assets	£27,345	£35,079
Funded by		
Charity funds	£27,345	£35,079

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the year ending 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 6 May 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

