

Active Youth Zone

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OF December 2023

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Charity information

<u>Registered charity name</u>	Active Youth Zone
<u>Charity number</u>	1179999
<u>Registered Address</u>	70, Kingsway, Middleton. M24 1HN
<u>Trustees</u>	Omowumi Oladosu Jonathan Knight Damiam Pickett Junior Lauren Bond Ernestina Kwao
<u>Bankers</u>	Lloyds Bank Plc Oldham Birmingham OSC 4 Ariel House 2138 Coventry Road Sheldon Birmingham B26 3JW

About Us

Active Youth Zone is a charity based in Manchester, utilising experts, and well-wishers to help provide volunteering work and other opportunities for young people. We provide our work and opportunities for youth across the whole UK, especially those from disadvantaged

background to ensure they have the skills needed to be valued members of their community. We either treat everyone equally or differently to treat them equally, respecting the acts of Equality, diversity, and Inclusiveness.

We recognise, value and take account of people's different backgrounds, knowledge, skills, and experiences, and encourage and use those differences to create a productive and effective educational community and workforce among our Youth and young ones.

Trustees

The following persons served as trustees since the formation of the charity and during these periods:

Omowumi Oladosu

Johnathan Knight

Ernestina Kwao

Damiam Pickett Junior

Lauren Bond

What We Believe

Inclusion is about people being fully included, to make people feel valued and respected irrespective of ethnicity, gender, disability, medical or other needs, culture, age, religion, and sexual orientation. It is about giving equal access and opportunities, breaking down barriers and getting rid of discrimination and intolerance. We work with Youth and young ones, keeping their minds busy and getting them to stay away from crime.

Our activities are targeted at improving the lives of our members and volunteers. We engage them in physical and mental activities ranging from Trainings, workshops to field and indoor sporting activities. Our volunteers work as a team to transform lives. We drive innovation and change wherever it will benefit our youth and young ones.

Our Core Values

1. **Partnership and teamwork:** We work together in respect and collaborative partnership with volunteers, Families, friends, and professionals.
2. **Support:** Our volunteers have great passion in working with the youth and young ones in the community.
3. **Empowerment:** Every single member of our trustee and volunteers are professional in their various fields and their experiences and skill sets has encouraged our young ones to develop themselves. We also encourage those seeking support to participate in working with us to solve the challenges they face.
4. **Innovation:** We provide a platform to generate and implement innovative solutions that address the needs of our community.
5. **Advocacy and Education:** We foster dialogue to educate ourselves and the public about youthful exhibition and peers' pressure, and to develop and share resources while promoting the values we stand for.

Public Benefit

When planning activities for our young ones, The Trustees are mindful of the Charity Commissions guidelines on Public Benefit and believe that the Charity has complied with the duty in section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011. Safeguarding policy is in place and risks assessments is always carried out appropriately.

What we achieved in 2022/2023

- We have played the role of bridging the Gap between food suppliers and our local communities. We currently work actively with Rafiki Fareshare food project, Tesco fareshare project and the Nigerian Community Manchester food share project.
- We have engaged our youth and young ones on varieties of activities ranging from Sports, Games, Quiz, Workshops etc.
- Our Volunteers have been so busy making sure the elderly in our community is not left idle and bored. We have engaged them in our Bridging the Gap activities where we visit elder's forum to have a chat with them and get them to share the stories of past present and their future expectation.
- We have been able to put smiles on people's faces with our Drumming and Dancing sessions. We have had a lot of new participants over the last few months.

Our Strategic Goals

In the coming year, we aim to achieve 3 key strategic goals which include.

- To create a more cordial relationship between our young ones (the new generation) and the elderly (the old school) in our community. This dream brings about smoother relationship between these two special generations and it will go a long way in boosting knowledge and historical experience.
- To improve the availability and sharing of information to parents and grandparents.
- To work in partnership with other organisations, providing resources and opportunities for our young people and young adults.

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating income & expenditure account)

Year ended 31st of December 2023

	1st of January 2023	31 st of December 2023
Income:		
• Balance carried forward from previous accounting year	-	(£474.95)
• Manchester BMF Network		500.00

Total income		974.95
Total income for the Year 2023		£974.95

Expenditure:

- Food supply to the community 650.00
- Microsoft subscription fee for the year 2023 195.84

Total expenditure	(845.84)	
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Total Funds carried forward as at 31 Dec 2023	129.11	

Total Funds brought forward/Bank account balance as at 31 st of December 2023		(£129.11)
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Reserves policy

The trustees take a risk-based approach to identify the appropriate level of reserves that are required to be held that will give our partners and stakeholders confidence that the organisation is financially sound and at the same time satisfactorily carry out the planned activities and to fulfil all contractual, statutory and legal obligations. The level of required level of reserve is set annually. Although In December 2020, the trustees resolved that the charity would maintain a minimum of £500 in unrestricted reserves. The expected targets were not met in the year 2023 and we were unable to meet up with the minimum agreed reserve of £500.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit/independent examination under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

The trustees of the charity have not required the charity to obtain an independent examination in accordance with section 144(2) of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Charity Act 2011 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

All invoices and receipts are readily available on request.

Omowumi Oladosu

Member of Trustees

Approved by the board of trustees on 1stth of October 2024