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Profit and Loss

From: Month 1, January 2023
To: Month 12, December 2023

Chart of Accounts:

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	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
Sales			
Donations	1,786.39	1,786.39	
Grants	8,000.00	8,000.00	
Other Income	50.00	50.00	
	9,836.39		9,836.39
Purchases			
Charitable Expenditure - Grants Payable	1,135.00	1,135.00	
Cost of Charitable Activities	42.50	42.50	
	1,177.50		1,177.50
Direct Expenses			
Cost of Fund Generation - Fund Raising	19.96	19.96	
	19.96		19.96
Gross Profit/(Loss):	<u>8,638.93</u>		<u>8,638.93</u>
Overheads			
Support Costs - Rent and Rates	826.68	826.68	
Support Costs - Travelling Expenses	9.00	9.00	
Support Costs - Printing and Stationery	237.94	237.94	
Support Costs - Telephone and Computer	2,253.76	2,253.76	
Support Costs - Maintenance	382.10	382.10	
Support Costs - General Expenses	1,367.83	1,367.83	
Management & Admin - Bank Charges and	(60.00)	(60.00)	
Management & Admin - Gross Wages	3,320.00	3,320.00	
Management & Admin - Professional Fees	280.00	280.00	
	8,617.31		8,617.31
Net Profit/(Loss):	<u>21.62</u>		<u>21.62</u>

Annual Report for Small Non-Company Charity – Year to December 2023

Charity Name : The Romani Foundation

Registration Number : 1181483

Address : Sunnybank Farm, Whitehall Road East, Birkenshaw, West Yorkshire, BD11 2LL

Trustees :

Mrs Julie Romani

Mrs Jenna Romani

Miss Chloe Arnold

Mrs Elizabeth Harwood

Overview of the Year :-

CHARITY COMMISSION - ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The Romani Foundation (Help For Dependency) is dedicated to helping those experiencing dependency or addiction, their family and friends - helping to beat dependency and addiction by improving their mental/emotional health and wellbeing. By providing information and help to better understand substance use, addictive disorders, dependency and addiction, we hope that you will be able to make better lifestyle choices and get the right help.

The Romani Foundation operates from the founders/CEO's home/office and comprises a CEO, PA and a Board of four trustees. Family members and close friends volunteer their time to help and support the day to day operation of The Romani Foundation.

The Founder/CEO has supported the Charity financially via charitable contributions from her business enterprises and will continue to do so.

During 2023, The Romani Foundation was successful in attaining two micro- grants from The Community Lottery Fund and The Give Bradford Fund for two very different projects. Both projects have also received contributions from our CEO :

Community Lottery Fund - Database of Local Services

This grant was received in April 2023 to facilitate the development of a FREE online service via our Help for Dependency website that signposts children, young people, adults and their families and friends.

The information is accessed on a regional basis and covers the whole of the UK. Information is not only accessed via county/area but is further categorised into the categories of Alcohol, Alternative Therapies, Behavioral Addiction, Counselling, Drugs, Friends and Family, Gambling, Homeless/Housing, Mental Health, Online Support, Other, Recovery, Recovery Groups, Residential Rehab and Suicide Prevention.

<https://www.helpfordependency.co.uk/service-search/>

The Romani Foundation has worked closely with its website providers to develop this online provision. It has also enabled interactions with partners, visits to other charities and the formulation of important connections within the field of addiction/dependency and their associated issues; to gain relevant information to be published.

As part of the process The Romani Foundation has also been approached by some international charitable organisations who offer help and support in the UK.

The Give Bradford Fund - Art Therapy Project

This grant was received in June 2023 to identify the need in Bradford for art to be introduced as part of the recovery mechanism for those recovering from substance use disorders, addictive behaviours and associated mental health issues.

As part of the process The Romani Foundation has worked closely with the other local community organisations to establish access to people in recovery who may want to take part in this trail project.

To facilitate the project The Romani Foundation engaged a fully qualified Art Psychotherapist who has produced a six week program to be delivered in conjunction with a local charity for approximately 12 clients. This will commence in February 2024.

Through its association with Give Bradford, The Romani Foundation has succeeded in becoming more embedded in local community organisation/services; which up to this year has proved difficult. Making some great connections and foundations to better work in the local area with new partners.

BCB local radio also invited The Romani Foundation to promote its projects and charity during its live community broadcast.

During the Autumn period work commenced on rewriting the educational material that supports the films previously made .

Initially, starting with the cannabis lesson plan; work has commenced with one of our partners to simplify and update information for use by teachers or The Romani Foundations own volunteers for delivery to young people either at school or via community organisations. A PSHE Advisor has also been engaged to consult on the material produced.

As part of this process The Romani Foundation has forged a connection with a premier league football club's community foundation to deliver this educational material.

The Help for Dependency website and social media platforms continue to be a great success and have enabled connections with a wide demographic as well forging new relationships with organisations in the dependency/addiction sector.

The website is continually updated with new information and monitored on a monthly basis to enable targeted information to be relayed via the Help for Dependency social media platforms.

Social media continues to be an effective way of sharing information about all different aspects of dependency/addiction, physical and emotional wellbeing, diet and exercise etc. As well as linking with a UK audience; we also now have a growing global following and made connections with other organisations in our field.

The interactive sharing of information of the latest news/research is essential to helping and supporting people make better lifestyle choices around dependency/addiction and associated issues.

The website and social media platforms have enabled us to signpost/direct an increasing number of people to help and support for their substance use disorders, other addictive behaviours and other issues associated with dependency/addiction. We have also been made aware of some incredible recovery stories that are a direct result of our intervention.

Through the 'power of connections' The Romani Foundation has continued to build partnerships and relationships with other organisational bodies (both charitable and public). This enables us to network and work more effectively with the sector and enables work/projects to be more targeted.

During the next year (2024) The Romani Foundation is hoping to:-

- Continue to grow and develop the database of 'Local Services' on The Help for Dependency website, monitor its usage on a monthly basis and ensure information is relevant and up to date. This will be an ever growing service to provide a free 'One Stop Shop' of signposted services/organisations for those struggling with addiction, dependency and their associated issues; as well as support for friends and family.

- The Arts Therapy project will be delivered in February/March 2024. The outcomes will be published and shared. It's also hoped that The Romani Foundation can seek additional funding for those in recovery to produce pieces of art to be displayed as part of Bradford City of Arts and Culture 2025.
- New lesson plans will continue to be created to accompany the films we have already produced on various types of drugs, understanding addiction and the law. The lesson plans need to be simplified and more user friendly for teachers and those wishing to use them in an educational setting. To achieve this we will be engaging with some of our partners and PSHE Advisor.
- The website content will be reviewed and extended to include new topics as necessitated by the ever changing demographic of substance misuse and addictive behaviours.
- The Romani Foundation will continue to expand the Board of Trustees so that we can increase our expertise in the field of dependency/addiction. We would also like to appoint ambassadors with lived experience in different regions of the UK to provide educational awareness of dependency/addiction.
- Likewise through the 'Power of Connections' the organisation will continue to expand links with other charities, businesses and public services to embed our work within a diverse range of communities.
- Applying for external funding will continue to be a priority to support the running costs of the Foundation and to extend project work in communities