

# Trustees' Annual Report

Literacy Aid UK (CIO)

Reporting period: 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

## Objectives and Activities

The charitable purpose of Literacy Aid UK is to promote literacy, education, creativity, and cultural access, particularly for individuals and communities facing social, economic, or educational disadvantage. The charity seeks to reduce inequality by improving access to books, learning resources, creative opportunities, and supportive spaces that encourage personal growth, confidence, and lifelong learning.

During the reporting period, the charity continued to work towards its charitable objectives through preparatory activity, partnership development, and the coordination of in-kind donations. The focus during the year was on building the foundations needed to support sustainable charitable delivery, rather than large-scale funded programmes.

## Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The charity's purposes remain wholly for the public benefit, and its activities are intended to increase access to education, literacy, and cultural opportunity, particularly for those who face barriers to participation.

## Achievements and Performance

During the reporting period, the charity made significant progress in strengthening its operational capacity and external partnerships to support charitable delivery. This included establishing access to office and storage facilities to support the collection, sorting, and coordination of donated books and educational resources. The charity now has access to facilities supporting activity in Sunderland, Newcastle, and London.

The charity also established a partnership with the Big Yellow Storage Foundation, which provides storage support in London. This partnership has enabled the charity to safely store, manage, and redistribute donated books at greater scale, helping to prevent large quantities of usable books from being sent to landfill and increasing the charity's ability to redirect resources to communities in need.

Alongside this, the charity developed and strengthened partnerships with a growing number of schools, publishers, and libraries across the North East and London. Through these relationships, the charity received substantial in-kind donations of books and educational resources that would otherwise have been discarded.

As a result of this partnership work, the total number of books salvaged for redistribution increased to approximately 120,000 books.

During the period, the charity also directly redistributed approximately 3,000 books in Sunderland and London to families in need, community book hubs, and under-resourced youth clubs to help establish book corners and improve access to reading materials for children and young people who may otherwise have limited access to books.

Feedback received during the period indicated that donated books supported early engagement with reading and learning, particularly for children and young people without regular access to books at home. Trustees were informed that the availability of free, high-quality books encouraged greater confidence and interest in reading within community environments.

All activity during the reporting period was delivered on a pro bono basis by trustees and volunteers. The charity did not receive grant funding, fundraising income, or financial donations during the period, and activity was supported entirely through voluntary contributions of time and in-kind donations of books and educational

resources.

## Financial Review

The charity had no income or expenditure during the reporting period. As a result, there was no financial activity to report and no reserves were held at the year end.

## Structure, Governance and Management

Literacy Aid UK is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution. The charity is managed by its trustees, who are responsible for setting the strategic direction, overseeing governance, and ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

## Reference and Administrative Details

Principal correspondence address:

Flat D, Wright Phillips House, 136 St. Norbert Road, London, SE4 2FG

Additional operational address:

27 Norfolk Street, Sunderland, SR1 1EE

## Trustees during the reporting period

Catalin Constantine (Chair)

Walatta Israel Trew

Dan Makaveli

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Annual Report.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Name: Catalin Constantine

Role: Chair

Date: 7 January 2026



## Accounts for the period

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Charity number: 1181990

### Statement of Receipts and Payments

Receipts: £0

Payments: £0

Net movement in funds: £0

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Cash at bank and in hand at 31 March 2025: £0

Total assets: £0

Total liabilities: £0

Net assets: £0

### Notes to the accounts

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. The charity had no income or expenditure during the reporting period.

### Trustees

The trustees during the reporting period were:  
Catalin Constantine (Chair)  
Walatta Israel Trew  
Dan Makaveli

### Approval

The trustees approve these accounts and confirm that they are responsible for their preparation and accuracy.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Name: Catalin Constantine

Role: Chair

Date: 7 January 2026

