

**CONNECTION OF HOPE FOUNDATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Connections of Hope Foundation
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

CIO Number: CEO 16603
Charity registration number: 1182162

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual Trustees Report together with the financial statements of Connections of Hope Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Chairman's Report

It is with gratitude to Allah Almighty and great pride in our collective efforts that I present the 2024 Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Connections of Hope Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2024. This year has been one of consolidation, innovation, and growth. Building on the solid foundations established in previous years, the Foundation has continued to strengthen its governance, compliance, and risk management frameworks, ensuring that every aspect of our work remains transparent, accountable, and impactful. Our focus has remained consistent — to empower and guide sister organisations so that they can operate effectively, implement best practice, and deliver greater benefit to the communities they serve.

Governance and Committees

The committees formed in 2023 have now become integral to our organisational structure. Throughout 2024, they have met regularly to provide oversight, strategic guidance, and technical expertise. These include:

- The Development & Planning Committee
- The Compliance & Risk Management Committee
- The Fundraising Committee
- The Finance Committee

Each committee has played a vital role in ensuring coordination across our activities, supporting partner organisations, and enhancing accountability throughout the network. Their collaborative work continues to strengthen the Foundation's governance model and operational capacity.

Innovation and Digital Transformation

A major highlight of the year was the development and expansion of the AmanSafe online platform. Originally launched to assist organisations in strengthening compliance and improving efficiency, AmanSafe has now evolved into a powerful digital tool. In 2024, it was upgraded with new features that enable partner organisations to monitor governance standards, streamline documentation, and enhance organisational performance. The platform is now a practical and scalable system that embodies our commitment to innovation and capacity-building within the charitable sector.

Financial Context and Resilience

The broader economic climate in 2024 continued to pose challenges across the charitable sector. However, the Foundation has responded with resilience — promoting efficiency, sustainability, and value optimisation among our partners. Through training programmes, policy development, and advisory support, we have helped organisations remain strong and focused despite financial constraints.

Acknowledgement and Appreciation

These achievements would not have been possible without the dedication and expertise of our Trustees, who continue to offer their time, guidance, and leadership in the service of our mission. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to my colleagues on the Board for their professionalism, vision, and unwavering commitment. Their contributions have allowed the Foundation to expand its influence, strengthen its systems, and support a growing network of charities both in the UK and abroad.

Looking Ahead to 2025

The coming year presents new opportunities for growth, collaboration, and innovation. Our foremost priority is to expand the adoption of the AmanSafe platform to a wider network of organisations, ensuring that its benefits reach as many partners as possible. We also intend to diversify our income streams and strengthen our fundraising strategy through partnerships and engagement with new donors.

Furthermore, the Foundation aims to engage skilled professionals to reinforce governance, finance, and compliance disciplines across the network. These steps will ensure that our partner organisations are equipped to grow sustainably and continue delivering life-changing services to their beneficiaries.

Closing Reflection

The Connections of Hope Foundation stands today as a trusted source of guidance and a catalyst for positive

change. Our work is driven by faith, professionalism, and a deep belief in the power of collaboration. With continued dedication, the Foundation will persist in building connections of hope, trust, and transformation for communities in the UK and beyond.

We thank Allah Almighty for His continued blessings and guidance, and we extend our deepest gratitude to all who support our mission — our trustees, partners, donors, and the dedicated individuals working across the network. Together, we look forward to another year of service, growth, and impact.



Dr. Saeed Al-Ghadi,
Chairman
Connections of Hope Foundation

Vision and Mission Statement

The organisation will advance education and building bridges between communities by supporting organisations that aim to build awareness about Islam amongst communities.

Objectives

1. The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship anywhere in the world by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training, healthcare projects and all necessary support designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.
2. To advance the Islamic religion anywhere in the world for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, establishment of religious places, producing and/or distributing literature on Islamic religion to enlighten others about the Islamic religion.

Background

The Connections of Hope Foundation was set up as a grant making organisation to provide funding, support and guidance to other organisations that have similar charitable objectives.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Connections of Hope Foundation is a registered charitable foundation (CIO) under the Laws of England & Wales regulated by the Charity Commission. All members of the board are appointed and are committed to serving the Foundation by fulfilling their roles as Trustees in keeping with its constitution.

Currently serving trustees are:

Dr Saeed Al-Ghadi (Chairman)

Mr Salah Taifoor

Mr Abdul Hakeem Montague

Induction of Trustees

All of our trustees are volunteers. They are chosen because they have the diverse range of skills, knowledge and experience that Connections of Hope foundation needs to respond to key challenges. Stakeholders and partners may nominate trustees, and sometimes we will make a personal approach to potential candidates.

To ensure that the charity benefits from a professional and dynamic board, trustees are provided with a comprehensive induction and on-going training in new or emerging areas of responsibility.

New trustees receive a full overview of the strategic and operational functions, which includes a copy of Foundation's Constitution, Board Meeting Minutes and Charity Commission guidance "The Essential Trustee."

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Trustees play a significant role in the running of the charity and are always expected to keep up to date in the charity world this also includes keeping abreast of “Charity Commission News” and other updates as and when they appear on the commission’s website. They are also encouraged to help identify any gaps in their training needs.

Achievement and Performance

In 2024, the Connections of Hope Foundation achieved significant milestones in strengthening its organisational structure and advancing its strategic objectives. The committees established in the previous year have continued to play a pivotal role, meeting regularly to provide effective oversight, strategic guidance, and technical support to sister organisations. Their contributions have been instrumental in ensuring that the Foundation’s operations remain accountable, transparent, and purpose-driven.

A major highlight of the year was the development and enhancement of the AmanSafe online platform, which has become a cornerstone of our digital governance framework. The platform has empowered partner organisations to improve compliance, streamline administrative processes, and enhance operational efficiency, enabling them to deliver greater impact to their beneficiaries. In addition, the Foundation has continued to strengthen the capacity of affiliated organisations through ongoing governance support, training programmes, and advisory services. These initiatives have contributed to measurable improvements in performance, resilience, and sustainability across our network, reinforcing our commitment to excellence and continuous development.

Key management personnel

Most administrative tasks were carried out by the Trustees.

The Board of Trustees meet at regular intervals to carry out reviews and take decisions and has the overall responsibility for all of Connection of Hope Foundations’ activities. In keeping with good practice the Board receives regular performance reports, annual financial reports, plans and budgets. It also approves relevant new policies and procedures.

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name	Connections of Hope Foundation
Charity Number	CIO Registration No: 1182162
Registered address	Suite 12 94 Fulham Palace Road London, W6 9PL
Accountant’s name and address	HRHS Accountancy 41 Revere Way Epsom, KT19 9RQ
Solicitor’s name and address	Lee Bolton Monier-Williams 1 The Sanctuary Westminster London SW1P 3JT
Banker’s name and address	Barclays Bank Hammersmith Branch 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP

Risk Management

The Trustees of the Connections of Hope Foundation recognise their responsibility to identify, assess, and manage the range of risks to which the charity may be exposed. This includes ensuring that robust internal controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against potential financial loss, fraud, or operational irregularities.

The Trustees regularly review and monitor key risks across all areas of the Foundation's work — particularly those relating to governance, financial management, and programme delivery. These reviews enable the Board to assess the effectiveness of existing safeguards and to implement appropriate mitigating measures where necessary.

Based on the most recent assessment, the Trustees are satisfied that the charity maintains sound financial and operational systems, and that effective controls are in place to address identified risks. They have therefore concluded that the Connections of Hope Foundation remains a going concern, with sufficient capacity and resilience to continue its activities successfully throughout 2025 and beyond.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commissions' general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing and shaping the charity's aims and objectives. It is estimated that there are around three million Muslims living in the United Kingdom, many of whom have been born and raised in the U.K. Connections of Hope foundation aims to provide public benefit by supporting and making grants to organisations that serve communities in the UK and overseas.

Reserve Policy

At present, the Foundation has not yet built formal reserves. However, the Trustees have been actively developing a reserves policy during 2024. The aim is to ensure that reserves equivalent to at least three months of operating costs are maintained on an ongoing basis. This will provide financial stability and allow the Foundation to respond effectively to challenges and opportunities as they arise.

Financial Review Growth & Expansion in 2024

During 2024, the Trustees have continued to engage with a wider pool of donors and funding partners. This has strengthened the financial position of the organisation and enabled us to broaden the scope of our support to sister organisations. A particular emphasis this year has been on expanding our role in promoting operational efficiency and increasing impact for beneficiaries through improved governance and compliance systems.

Plans for the Future (2025)

Looking forward, anticipated funding in 2025 is expected to enable the Foundation to engage skilled professionals across a range of organisational disciplines. This will act as a platform to strengthen our capacity and enhance the services we provide, ensuring that sister organisations can continue to grow, improve their governance, and deliver stronger outcomes for their beneficiaries.

Bank Account and Financial Transactions:

The Foundation's bank account, first opened on 25 September 2019, continues to provide the necessary framework for managing all financial activity. In 2024, the Trustees have worked to attract sustainable funding to support the Foundation's mission of strengthening and developing charitable organisations across the UK and beyond. This remains a key priority moving forward.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:

Under charity law in England and Wales, Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the period, and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing such statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select appropriate accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Follow the methods and principles set out in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Confirm compliance with applicable Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice, subject to any departures disclosed and explained within the financial statements
- Prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue to operate

The Trustees hold ultimate responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the Charity. This includes taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect error, fraud, or other irregularities. They must also ensure that accurate accounting records are kept, which reflect the Charity's financial position at any given time and ensure compliance with the Charities Act 2011.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 1st October 2024.



Dr. Saeed Al-Ghadi
Chairman

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Connection Of Hope Foundation

I report on the accounts which are set out below

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees'

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act; follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Hashem Soliman
HRHS Accountancy

Dated: 4th October 2025

Hashem Soliman

Member of Association of Accounting Technicians
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Statement of financial activities (including summary income and expenditure account)

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	2023
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	156,400	156,400	178,000
<i>Total Income</i>	156,400	156,400	178,000
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	187,415	187,415	142,206
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	187,415	187,415	142,206
<i>Net Movement of Funds</i>	(31,015)	31,015	35,794
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward	34,744	34,744	(1,050)
<i>Total funds carried forward</i>	3,728	3,728	34,744



Section B

Balance sheet

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	Unrestricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	-	-	3,000
Cash at bank and in hand	5,828	5,828	42,795
Total current assets	5,828	5,828	45,795
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(2,100)	(2,100)	(11,051)
Net current assets/(liabilities)	3,728	3,728	34,744
Total assets less current liabilities	3,728	3,728	34,744
Total net assets or liabilities	3,728	3,728	34,744
Funds of the Charity			
Funds brought forward	34,744	34,744	(1,050)
Unrestricted funds	(31,015)	(31,015)	35,794
Total funds	3,728	3,728	34,744

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 1st October 2025 and were signed below on its behalf by:

Dr. Saeed Al-Ghadi

1st October 2025

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Accounts

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) – (Charities SORP 2015 (Second Edition, effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Connections of Hope Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going Concern

The trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties which suggest the charity cannot continue as a going concern. The accounting policies have been consistently applied for all material items.

a) Incoming resources

Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when West London Islamic Cultural Centre is entitled to the funds, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured.

All income is accounted for when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, the amount can be quantified, and receipt of the funds is probable. Where income is received in advance of providing goods and/or services, it is deferred until the charity becomes entitled to that income.

b) Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised on an accrual's basis.

Fundraising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Support costs are those costs incurred indirectly in support of expenditure on the programmes of the Charity. Allocation of support costs and staff costs have been proportionated to the total of programme costs and corresponding thematic programme area.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. They include legal advice for trustees, cost of trustees' meetings, audit fee and internal audit costs. These costs are allocated in the same way as other support costs.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which include buildings and equipment necessary for the proper functioning of the Charity and other funds available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Charity's objectives.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are subject to specific restrictions as imposed by the donor or nature of the appeal.

Taxation

As a registered charity, West London Islamic Cultural Centre is exempt from taxation of income and gains to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only.

Key judgements and estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires the Trustees to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements. If in the future such estimates and assumptions, which are based on the Trustees' best judgment at the date of the financial statements, deviate from the actual circumstances, the original estimates and assumptions will be modified as appropriate in the year in which the circumstances change. The Trustees' do not believe that there are any significant areas of estimation uncertainty that need to be disclosed.

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Note 3

Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	£	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Donations received in the UK	156,400	156,400	178,000
	156,400	156,400	178,000

Note 4

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expenditures		
Governance Costs	20,170	8,791
Support Costs	14,065	12,938
Professional fees	153,181	118,401
	187,416	140,129
	2024	2023
	£	£
Governance Costs		
Audit and accountancy Fees	750	2,113
Trustees meeting expenses	19,420	3,678
Legal fees	-	2,999
	20,170	8,791

Note 5 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank	5,828	42,795
Total	5,828	42,795

Note 6 Debtors and Prepayments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	-	3,000
Total	-	3,000

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Note 7 Charity funds

Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Total Funds

Unrestricted Funds	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund balances carried forward £
	U	N/A	34,744	156,400	187,416	3,728

Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted Funds	U	N/A	(1,050)	178,000	142,206	34,744

Note 8

Staff Costs

The average number of employees for the year were – None

The trustees are deemed to be the key management personnel and are not remunerated for their services to the charity.

Note 9

STATUS

The entity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales on 21st February 2019.

Note 10

RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS AND TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions to report.

Note 11

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

No post balance sheet events