



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 2020 -MARCH 2021.

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Reference and administrative details

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Objective and Activities

Bolton CDP is focused on developing capacity of members of ethnic minority in order to:

- play active roles and contribute positively to leadership opportunities at all levels of society;
- play active roles in entrepreneurship in order to develop local economy and raise local aspirations and wellbeing;
- develop confidence and access opportunities through volunteering;
- create awareness and advocacy to promote health and wellbeing of members of the ethnic minority groups.
- Enabling them to be engaged with the wider community.

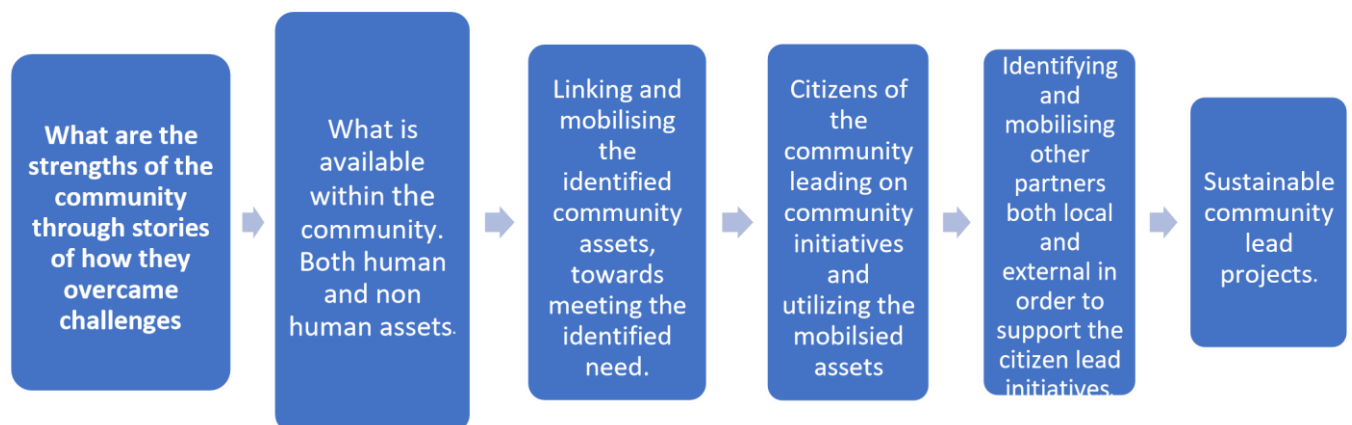
We achieve these objectives by:

- supporting members of ethnic minority to setting up and developing community groups
- Providing information, training, workshops, and advocacy
- Collaboration and partnership

When planning activities Bolton CDP had considered charity commission's guidance on public benefit.

How we do what we do:

Bolton CDP is dedicated to making sure that citizens are the center of community development. We achieve this by utilizing the principles of Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). The figure below shows how we utilize ABCD principles in carrying out our community engagement :



Utilising ABCD Principles to develop sustainable community led projects

What are the What components of community Assets



Achievement and Performance:

The year 2020 was indeed a year of enormous challenge for the whole world due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Every aspect of the society as we knew it was under threat both to lives and the means to sustain life. The world is still trying to manoeuvre her way out of the infection phase of the pandemic through lockdowns, social distancing and vaccination. After this phase will come the colossal challenge to rebuilding the lives and the economies of the world, with so many people out of jobs due to lockdowns and in some cases outright extinction of jobs requiring manual skills being replaced with artificial intelligence.

Members of the ethnic minorities in greater Manchester were worst hit by the pandemic due to the fact that majority of them were not entitled to the benefit system coupled to the lockdowns placed severe economic, social and mental health pressures on them. They did not have access to support systems that they were used to like faith groups and their nationality groups this further worsened the situation which led to increase in domestic abuses and poverty.

Bolton CDP was able to work with partner community associations and faith groups to develop projects that was designed to help reach out to members of the ethnic minority groups in order to help minimise the negative impact of the pandemic and to also give them courage to build towards post pandemic and most of all give them hope

Skills for Life Project

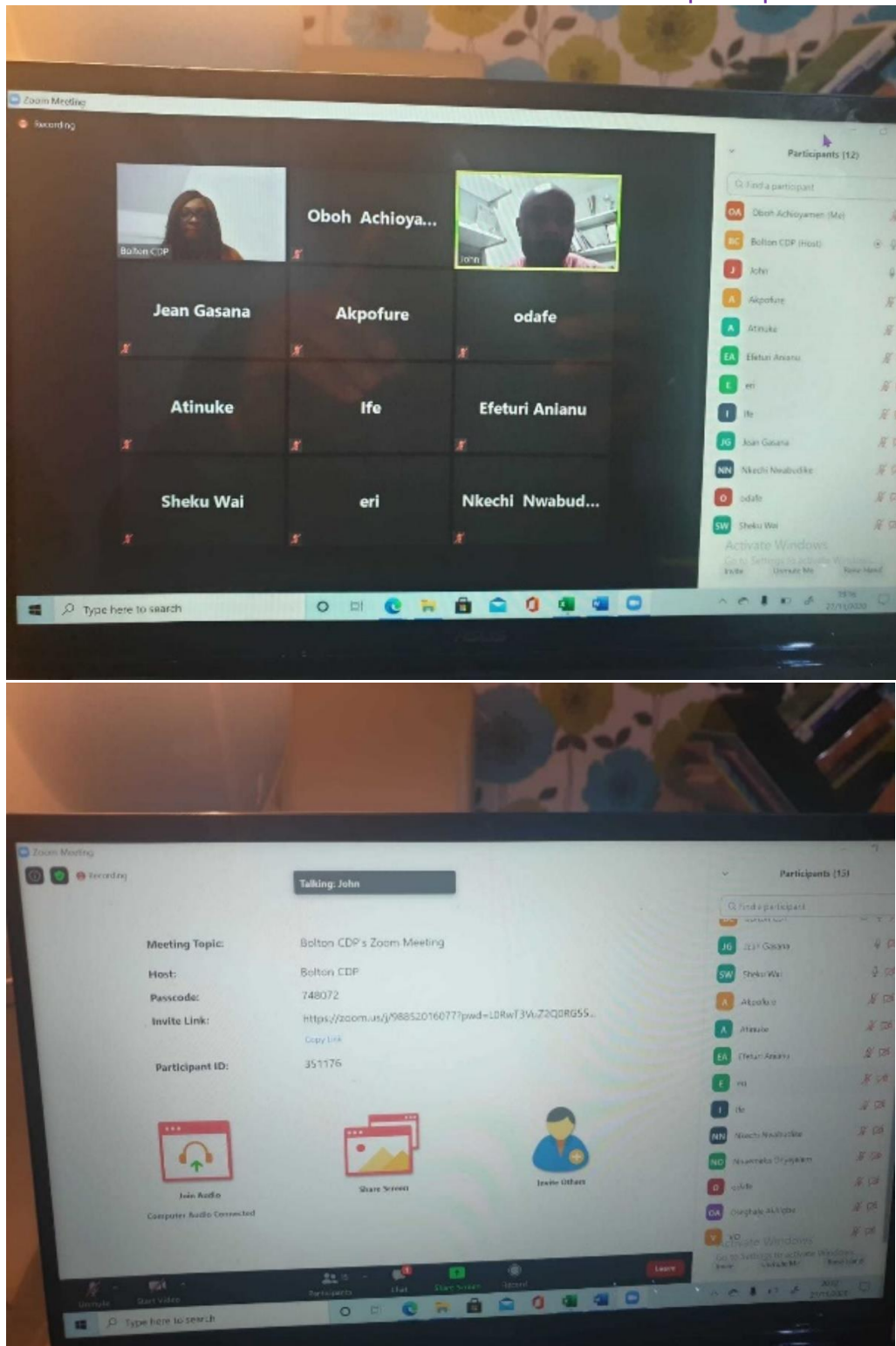
This project is aimed at the need for new migrants coming into Bolton, to learn new skills, to build their confidence and enable them to integrate into their new community. This project has been crucial during the pandemic because so many members of the community lost their jobs and some of them needed to learn new skills in order for them to get jobs that would enable them work from home so that they can be able to provide for their families.

Some of the projects done under the Skill for Life are:

1. Business Analysis Training Session for Self-Employment:

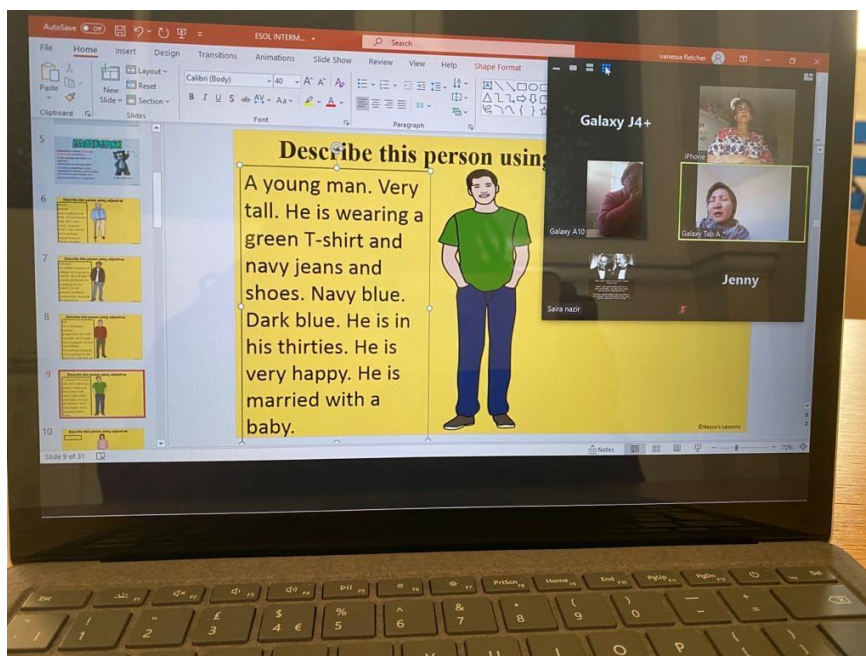
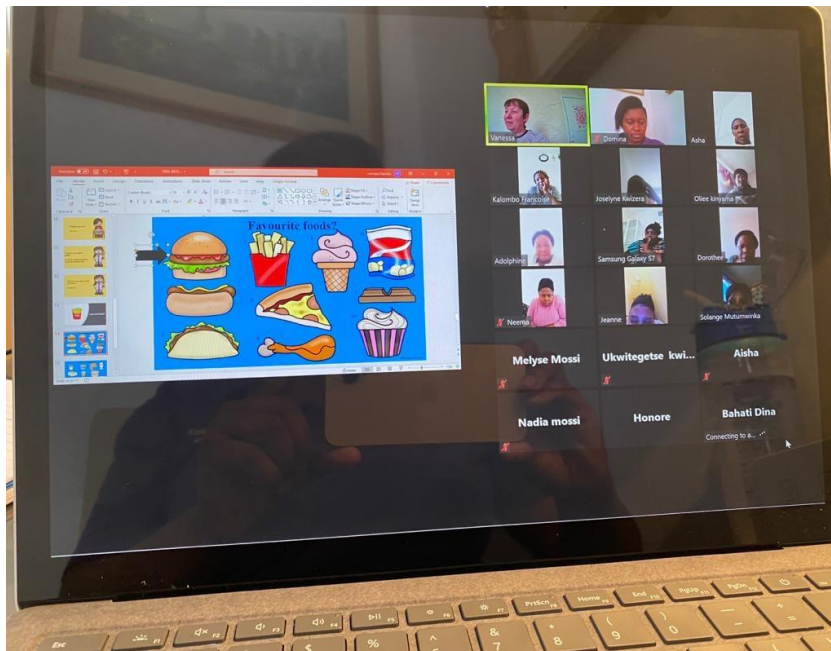
As a step to help retool members of the community so they can be able to learn new skills, Bolton CDP has been organising series of training sessions that will help residents acquire new skills like Business Analysis, Cyber security, Coding etc. It has been a richly rewarding sessions and participants have been very happy and are currently using their new skills to secure new jobs and most especially being self-employed.

We are most grateful to our partners especially the Community Fund for their support to making this a reality.



2. **ESOL and Spoken English sessions:** During the lockdowns as part of the skills for life project, Bolton CDP collaborated with other organisations to organise ESOL and Spoken English sessions for members of the ethnic minority groups who wanted to be able to speak English. They were mainly from refugee and asylum seekers background. These sessions were organised

online. We are grateful to Precious Gems Charity and the Bolton College for the collaboration.



Youth mentorship program

Bolton CDP is focused on youth capacity development especially during the multiple lockdowns as a result of the current pandemic. The youth from our communities are very energetic and passionate to make a difference. We were able to engage them in our Youth Mentorship Program where they have had mentorship classes and also, they have access to mentors for one-to-one counselling and guidance.

This program has been very helpful in preventing the youths from engaging in negative vices due to a lack of productive activities to engage them.

We are grateful to our partners especially The Love world Bolton and the Community fund for their encouraging support and helping to make a difference in the lives of the participants.



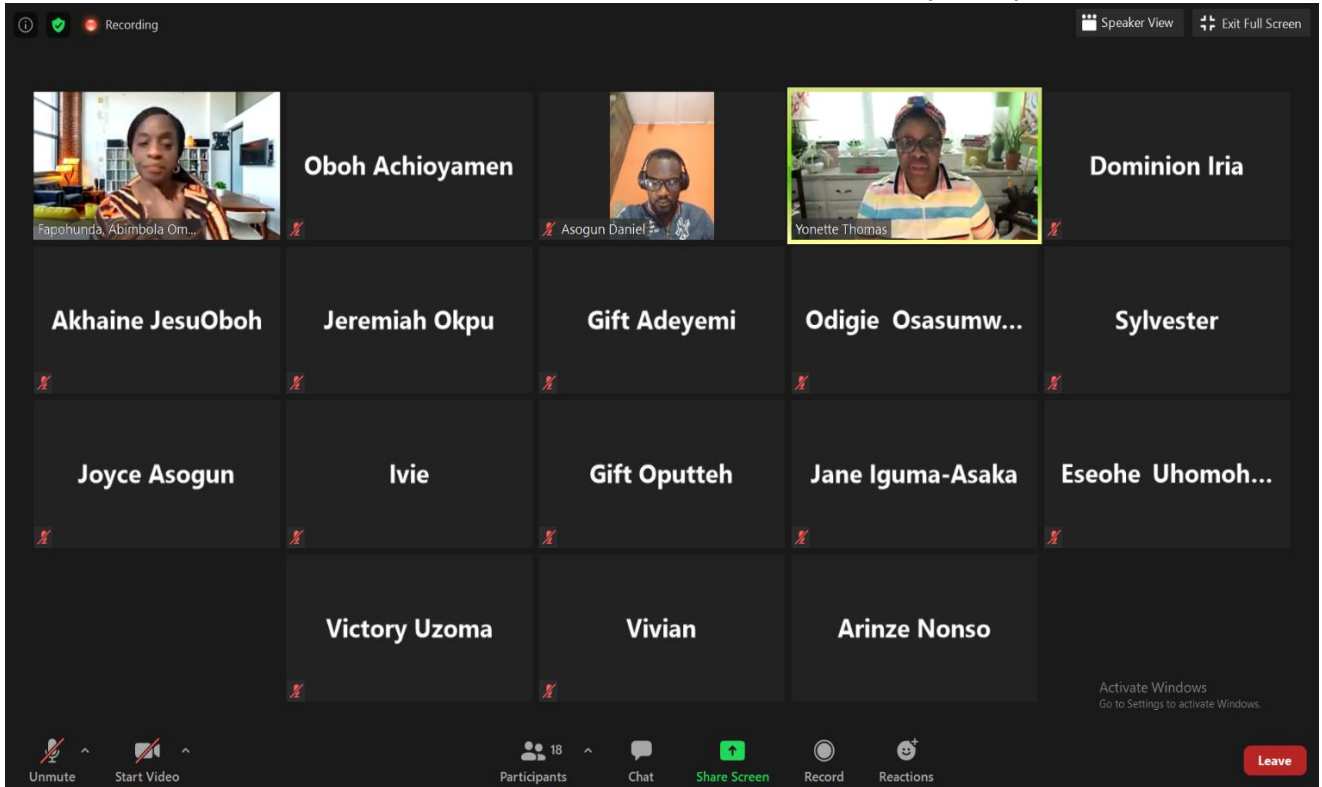


Young professionals' program

Bolton CDP has been working with various ethnic minority groups especially with the young people and one of the recurrent challenges they face was ability to access opportunities in leadership and also access to global organisations like the United Nation, World health and other global bodies. They feel they don't have the right connections and opportunities to access these places. So, Bolton CDP collaborated Dr Yonette Thomas, who is a renowned global health specialist with a strong history with global organisations mentioned above. She is also the founder and executive director of Urban Health 360 and global platform working with community organisation across the world also she is the executive director of Strategic Transition, an organisation aimed at mentoring executives for high level positions like university vice chancellors and other positions of leadership.

Although the pandemic led to lockdowns but it also gave people opportunity to connect globally through Zoom and other social media platforms. Bolton CDP collaborated with Strategic Transitions to organise an incubator program aimed at identifying young people aspiring not just to be professionals but also to be able to access these global organisations. This program is the initial pilot and it is a one-year program and will be ending December 2021. Currently we have a cohort of 18 young people actively involved in the program. They are given the opportunity to be taught and mentored by accomplished men and women in their various fields from Vice chancellor of an American university to people currently serving in the United nation. It has been a very exciting journey so far and we are looking forward to the young people demonstrating what they have learnt through their community-based projects they will be leading on.

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Food Bank for The Community

During this pandemic we have witnessed families facing a lot of challenges from mental health issues to access to food because of loss of jobs or not being able to access benefits. Bolton CDP has set up a regular food bank program that helps to reach out to individuals and families within the community, so they can have access to at least a week's worth of shopping for them.

This has gone a long way to help alleviate the pressures they are experiencing. We would like to thank our partners, NCC Bolton and The Community fund for their support.



**AGAPE
REACH**

FREE non-perishable
grocery items
FREE drinks in a covid
secure & welcoming
environment



13th March 2020 12:00 - 14:30PM
Address: Brownlow Way BL1 3UB

In Partnership With:



Hot Meals for The Community

As part of our reaching out to members of the community during the lock down, we realised there were some members of the community that needed immediate hot meals and non-perishable foods. We made sure they got hot meals and supported them with non-perishables from our food bank. This made a huge difference to the recipients. We could not show pictures of the recipient due to privacy.

We want to thank the Community Fund for their continuous support.



Testimonies

Bolton CDP could not have been able to reach out and achieve her objectives without support of the community members. We work closely with other organisations, which is one of our key objectives. Below are some of testimonies of our work with the community of Bolton.





Volunteering

In the year 2020 Bolton CDP have been able to achieve its pillars of engaging the ethnic minority groups through leadership development, entrepreneurship and volunteering. Bolton CDP has had the privilege to work with dedicated and passionate volunteers to help make it all happen. We have had more than 100 volunteers to support with all the during the year.

Partnership and Collaboration

A big thank you to friends and partners of Bolton CDP for their generous and continued support. Together we are reaching hard to reach communities.

Our current partners are:

Bolton Council
Bolton CVS
University Of Manchester
Halliwell UCAN centre
Precious Gems
African Council UK
Pentecost Community Association
Big Lottery
Urban health 360
Strategic Transitions
Christ Embassy Bolton
New Covenant church Bolton
Forever Manchester
Manchester Council
Barrow Cadbury Trust
National Lottery Community Fund.
Ground Works
GMCVO
Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA)

Bolton CDP

INCOME (A)	2019/2020			
	£ Restricted Funds	£ Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019/2020	Total Funds 2018/2019
Grants	25,875.00	26520	52,395.00	11,745.61
Donations	0	369.64	369.64	1,129.53
TOTAL INCOME (A)	25,875.00	26,889.64	52,764.64	12,875.14
EXPENDITURE (B)				
Rent and Rates	5,280.00		5,280.00	1,000.00
Workshops	3,850.00		3,850.00	2,420.00
Sessional workers	£3,000.00		3,000.00	4,880.00
Volunteers' expenses	2,150.00		2,150.00	1,212.31
Food Parcel Support	£3,200.00	12000	15,200.00	
Youth programme activities	£3,000.00	9800	12,800.00	2,000.00
Volunteers' expenses	£1,000.00	1655.45	2,655.45	
Insurance	£200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Consultancy	2500	3,500.00	6,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	24,180.00	26,955.45	51,135.45	12,712.31
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	1,695.00	-65.81	1,629.19	162.83
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-		-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR YEAR	1,695.00	-65.81	1,629.19	162.83
TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF YEAR	162.83	0.00	162.83	0.00
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	2,070.00	1,250.00	3,320.00	162.83

BALANCE SHEET END OF MARCH 2020

	2020	2020	2019	2019
			£0'000	£0'000
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Fixed Assets		0		0
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors	650		0.00	
Cash in Hand and at Bank	0	1695	162.83	
		2345	162.83	
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	720		0.00	
Net Current Assets	1625		162.83	
Net Assets		3320	162.83	
Accumalated Funds				
Unrestricted	2070		0.00	162.83
Restricted	1250			0.00
	3320		162.83	

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Basis of independent examiner's report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



. 27/08/2021

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020

1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The Financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention and include the results of the Charity's operations which are described in the Trustee's Report and all of which are continuing.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the statement of recommended practice for Charity Accounts:

a. Change in basis of accounting: Grants Receivable

Grants for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable.

Grants received for specific purposes are treated as restricted funds.

Grants restricted to future accounting periods are deferred and recognised in those periods.

2. Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The standard constitution of the Charity requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the surplus or deficit for the period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity.

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.

3. Grants received are recorded as restricted fund. The Charity received funding from:

The National Lottery: £10.000

Forever Manchester: £10.000

Groundwork/Comic Relief: £4000

Barrow Cadbury Trust: £3200

Local Giving: £500

Power for Change: £9175

GMCA: £12520

GMCVO: £3000