

Refugee Roots
(Registered charity, number 1184098)
Financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

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**Refugee Roots
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

Full name Refugee Roots

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1184098

Principal address

The Vine Community Centre, Bobbers Mill Road, Nottingham NG7 5GZ

Trustees

R Rattigan

C Parker

P Wenham

Tim Pickup from 3/11/2021

Rev P Thipa

Rev C Burrows until 16/2/21

Roda Madziva from 3/11/2021

Helen Whitton from 3/11/2021

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2, North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The CIO association is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 25 June 2019.

Recruitment of trustees is from those with an existing interest and involvement in working with refugees and asylum seekers and in sympathy with the aims of Refugee Roots, with an intention to maintain a balanced group of trustees, in terms of skills and experience, ethnicity, gender and age.

Appointment is by the existing membership and trustees following an interview, references and safer recruitment measures such as DBS Checks being met and are arranged by the trustees.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO, which are to be carried out in accordance with Christian principles within the wider communities of Nottingham and the County of Nottinghamshire and the surrounding areas, are:

1. The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit among people who are asylum seekers and refugees who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, in particular but not exclusively by:
 - a) Providing volunteer befrienders/mentors who will assist asylum seekers and refugees with their integration into the community by providing activities, information, advocacy services, advice and support;

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- b) Relieving or preventing poverty among asylum seekers and refugees by providing grants of financial assistance, essential equipment, furniture and other items as may be necessary;
 - c) Providing asylum seekers and refugees with education and training in the English language;
 - d) The provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for asylum seekers and refugees.
2. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by:
- a) The elimination of discrimination on the grounds of race or religion;
 - b) Advancing education and raising awareness in equality and diversity;
 - c) Promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds;
 - d) Cultivating a sentiment in favour of equality and diversity.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Promoting social inclusion of newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers and understanding in society as a public benefit.

- 1. Providing volunteer befrienders/mentors who will assist participants with their integration into the community by providing activities, information, advocacy, advice and support;
- 2. Relieving or preventing poverty among participants by helping them access or providing grants of financial assistance, essential equipment, clothing, furniture and other necessary items;
- 3. Providing participants with education and training in the English language;
- 4. Providing facilities for recreation or other leisure activities to promote the social well-being of participants;
- 5. Advancing awareness of the issues facing refugees and asylum seekers among the wider public with a particular emphasis in churches, fostering understanding between people from diverse backgrounds and cultivating a sentiment in favour of equality with diversity.

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

Refugee Roots has worked with **275** participants supported with the contribution and help of **115** volunteers.

- 75 participants were supported by 59 volunteer befrienders across 878 sessions;
- 39 participants were supported with telephone English lessons
- 57 participants attended online English classes with average attendance of 29 weekly;
- 50 participants engaged across 32 wellbeing activities (yoga, walking, fitness, food for thought activity);
- 19 participants attended our Women's group across 42 sessions;
- 55 participants attended in person or participated remotely in our art project;
- 195 participants supported with advice and guidance across 737 sessions.

Our services in the past year have included:

- Accompanying service for refugees and asylum seekers to appointments;
- Befriending (one to one);
- Cooking Group, Art Sessions and other confidence-building opportunities;
- Women's Group, Social Groups, Walking Group;
- Weekly English Classes;
- Appointments for Advice, Guidance, and Signposting;
- Events;
- Training and Workshops (e.g. Wellbeing).

The Sharing Table cookbook was produced by volunteers and participants. It was printed and has been raising funds for the charity. The book is a collection of stories and recipes from our participants and volunteers. Copies can be purchased on our website.

"I always feel welcomed and invited"

Joy

"I attend the women's group every Tuesday. We learn English and do lots of arts and crafts together. I really enjoy these sessions and my teacher is great! I sometimes join Art on Tuesdays as I enjoy drawing. It really helps me to join these activities."

Aya

The trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have supported us through the year. All Grants and donations however big or small are greatly appreciated.

Grants from Barrow Cadbury Trust, Communities of Identity and the Diocese of Southwell have helped enormously during the Covid crisis.

Get the full annual report from our website www.refugeeroots.org.uk

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The charity's policy on reserves

Our principal liability is potential cost of staff redundancy in the event of loss of income.

We have estimated that £12,500 reserves should be kept, covering 3 months' expenditure.

We do not have on-going liability for rent, hire of equipment etc.

The charity's risks

Failure of grant applications, donations or fund-raising activities. Clearly we share with all charities major uncertainties about such funding in the present financial climate.

We have appropriate insurance for a charity.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed P. W. Wenham
P Wenham, Trustee

Date 8/1/22

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Refugee Roots
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Refugee Roots (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Date 10/1/22

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

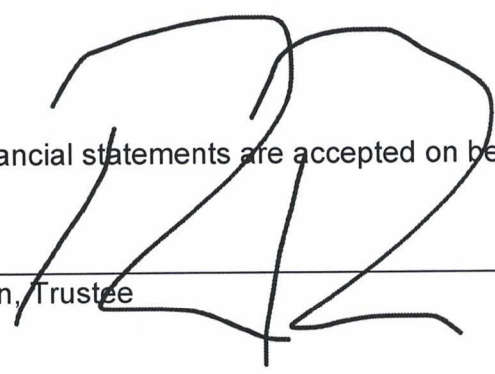
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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 30 June 2021

2020				2021
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
Receipts				
109275	Grants & donations	2 50041	36887	86928
65	Fundraising	70	-	70
-	Sales	201	-	201
-	Sundry income	258	-	258
<u>109340</u>	Total receipts	<u>50570</u>	<u>36887</u>	<u>87457</u>
Payments				
24495	Wages, NI & pension	37151	29150	66301
1029	Professional fees	3896	138	4034
855	Activities & events	2651	3197	5848
100	Donations awarded	-	-	-
1411	Equipment, repairs & renewals	4390	1010	5400
76	Fee charges	73	-	73
184	Volunteer expenses	5738	306	6044
2447	Rent & room hire	1616	242	1858
114	Hardship payments	-	486	486
598	Hospitality	1616	554	2170
138	Insurance	-	-	-
262	IT	1000	1374	2374
246	Marketing	4434	23	4457
436	Printing & stationery	1582	2754	4336
137	Sundry expenses	100	-	100
598	Telephone	285	1007	1292
360	Training	1625	18	1643
354	Travel & accomodation	-	98	98
-	Resourses & materials	-	465	465
127	Membership & subscriptions	-	-	-
<u>33967</u>	Total payments	<u>66157</u>	<u>40822</u>	<u>106979</u>
75373	Net receipts/(payments)	(15587)	(3935)	(19522)
-	Inter fund transfers	(363)	363	-
-	Cash funds at start of this period	45042	30331	75373
<u>75373</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>29092</u>	<u>26759</u>	<u>55851</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 30 June 2021

2020		2021
£		£
	Cash assets	
75284	Bank accounts	55764
89	Cash in hand	87
<u>75373</u>		<u>55851</u>
	Other monetary assets	
<u>-</u>	Debtors: HMRC	<u>718</u>
<u>-</u>		<u>718</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	General equipment.	
	Laptop purchased June 2020 at a cost of £650.	
	Liabilities: creditors	
(475)	HMRC	-
(600)	Pensions	-
<u>(564)</u>	Independent examination	<u>(564)</u>
<u>(1639)</u>		<u>(564)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  _____
R Rattigan, Trustee

Dated 8-1-2022

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 30 June 2021

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
Access	4835	6007	-	-	10842
Befriending	6000	10100	(5988)	-	10112
Cooking together	573	3273	(4044)	198	-
Covid 19 response	18034	10236	(28270)	-	-
Hardship	164	204	(533)	165	-
Tuesday group	725	407	(240)	-	892
Art group	-	6660	(1747)	-	4913
	<u>30331</u>	<u>36887</u>	<u>(40822)</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>26759</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General	45042	50570	(66157)	(363)	29092
	<u>45042</u>	<u>50570</u>	<u>(66157)</u>	<u>(363)</u>	<u>29092</u>

3. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

4. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

