



Charity Commission Annual Return 2021

WELCOME TO THE UK

Charity registration number: 1185125

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This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2021.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

02/09/2020

Financial period end date

01/09/2021

Income and spending

Income £

£ 52,290

Spending £

£ 47,412

Serious Incidents

For the period of this return, were there any serious incidents in your charity that have not been reported to the Charity Commission?

No

Fundraising - professional fundraiser

Did your charity raise funds from the public?

Yes

Did the charity work with any professional fundraisers?

No

Fundraising - commercial participator

Did your charity work with any commercial participators?

No

Government contracts

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from contracts (other than grant agreements) with central government or local authorities?

No

Government grants

During the financial period for this annual return, did the charity receive income from grants from central government or local authorities?

Yes

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or local authorities?

6

What was the total value of these grants?

£ 42,577

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside the UK ?

Spending outside England & Wales

Did your charity operate outside England and Wales?

Total Spending outside England & Wales

Trading subsidiaries

Did the charity have any subsidiaries?

Trustee payments

Did any of the trustees receive any remuneration, payments or benefits from the charity other than refunds of legitimate trustee expenses?

Did any of the trustees resign and then take up employment with the charity?

Employees' salaries

Did any of your charity's staff receive total employee benefits of £60,000 or more? Select No if your charity does not have any staff or does not pay any staff.

For your highest paid member of staff only, what was the total value of their employee benefits?

(For example if your highest paid member of staff received £35,000 enter 35000). If you do not have any staff or did not pay any staff, enter 0 (zero)

Volunteers

How many UK volunteers, excluding trustees, did the charity have during the financial period?

45

Financial controls

Did your charity review its internal financial controls?

Yes

Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or
- we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- we can lawfully do so; and
- we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made

Registered Charity Number: 1185125

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st August 2021**

for

WELCOME TO THE UK CIO

Welcome To The UK CIO

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for the year ended 31st August 2021**

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Welcome To The UK CIO

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st August 2021

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions contained within section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 to prepare receipts and payments accounts.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity is to support families from overseas who have recently arrived in the UK to positively engage in Southend-on-Sea.

Significant activities

In fulfilling its primary objective the charity undertakes a number of significant activities including providing English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) support to families, and supporting them through a variety of projects and workshops.

Public benefit

The trustees have had consideration for the Charity Commission requirements that charities have due consideration of the public benefit they provide. The trustees are satisfied that they meet this criteria.

Volunteers

The charity is grateful to all individuals and organisations who have contributed to the overall income and success of the projects undertaken. The charity had 45 volunteers serving in various capacities and for several hours per week. All staff, trustees and volunteers are DBS checked.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Providing free ESOL classes, which are fully booked every week with a long waiting list for all levels of classes. We now have referrals coming to us from other partner charities, social workers, schools and local NHS services.

Christmas gifts for children which were delivered to our most vulnerable families.

We successfully celebrated Chinese New Year with our families learning about Chinese culture, food, traditions and heritage.

Celebrated International Women's Day 2021 whilst adhering to Covid-19 restrictions.

Workshops to teach members about the NHS, how to access health and social care service, advice on jobs and much more.

Opened our own premises so we could be more accessible to our members, run ESOL classes, workshops, friendship group and creche.

Albanian language project to teach 8-12 year olds the Albanian language, customs and traditions.

Resilience and agility during the Covid-19 pandemic. We are proud of our volunteers and staff for their resilience and adaptability during this time. With the pandemic affecting most face to face interaction with our members, we found innovative ways to continue to engage with our families holding regular Zoom sessions and meeting in the park (socially distanced) for our friendship groups as and when Covid restrictions permitted. With the support from grants, we were also able to support families who needed tablets for their children for school curriculum activities by purchasing new tablets for them and supporting them with printing worksheets etc.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

We intend to maintain our reserves at a level which is equivalent to 3 months from unrestricted funds, £10,000. We intend to use the reserves for the hub running costs and wages.

FUTURE PLANS

In addition to continuing our current schedule of activities including ESOL classes, and IT classes, we plan to do the following as well:

Open a new hub in Thurrock as there is a huge demand for a service like ours in the community there.

Follow on from the success of our last AGM and plan an even bigger and better one.

Attend various community events to raise awareness about our services. In June, we will be running a stand at the Queen's Jubilee Event at Garon's Park. We plan to get involved and support more events like this around Southend.

Give back to the community by taking part in litter picking.

Ongoing personalised support for the Ukrainian families that come to us whether this is through ESOL lessons, coming to our friendship group, finding work and much more.

Provide more informative and professional workshops to educate and empower our members.

Arrange Christmas activities for our families and children.

Host another inspirational event for International Women's Day.

Continue to support the wellbeing of vulnerable adults and children.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Decision making

Day to day operation of the charity is delegated to the Founder & Coordinator, Ilda Stafa, supported by volunteers and three staff members.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity number

1185125

Principal address

1st Floor, Unit F39 & F40,
Victoria Shopping Centre,
Chartwell Square,
Southend-on-Sea,
Essex SS2 5SP

Trustees

E Nathan (appointed 26.05.20)
A Clayson Chairperson (appointed 2.9.19)
L Censka (appointed 2.9.19)
O Miguel (appointed 9.7.21)
M Borrowaska (appointed 29.11.21)
K Donati (appointed 21.04.22)

Independent examiner

Carmar Accountancy & Bookkeeping
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COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The charity was incorporated on 2 September 2019 having previously been established as the small charity Welcome to the UK. A transfer of assets resolution was approved by the trustees and at the point of CIO was registered, all assets were transferred to the CIO.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Welcome To The UK CIO**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Welcome To The UK CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Welcome To The UK CIO (the Trust) for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 material 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 trust as required by section 130 of the Act;
 or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records;
 or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

Julia Tween

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Date.....

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st August 2021

				Period
			Year Ended	02.09.19 to
			31.08.21	31.08.20
	Notes	Funds £	Funds £	Total Funds £
Income and Endowments from				
Donations and legacies		713	-	713
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities		11,572	40,005	51,577
Total		12,285	40,005	52,290
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities		9,358	38,054	47,412
Net Income		2,927	1,951	4,878
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total funds brought forward		7,037	14,553	21,590
Total funds carried forward		9,964	16,504	26,468

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Balance Sheet
31st August 2021

				Year Ended 31.08.21	Period 02.09.19 to 31.08.20
	Notes	Funds £	Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		17,222	10,386	27,608	22,070
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	5	- 1,140	- -	1,140	- 480
NET CURRENT ASSETS		16,082	10,386	26,468	21,590
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		16,082	10,386	26,468	21,590
NET ASSETS		16,082	10,386	26,468	21,590
FUNDS	6				
Unrestricted funds				16,082	7,037
Restricted funds				10,386	14,553
				26,468	21,590

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on

..... and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee.....

A. Clayson - Chair

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st August 2021**

2 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2021 nor for the year ended 31st August 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2021 nor for the year ended 31st August 2020.

3 STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	Year Ended 31.08.21	Period 02.09.19 to 31.08.20
Employees	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

4 COMPARITIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Funds £	Funds £	Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	230	-	230
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>8,415</u>	<u>27,177</u>	<u>35,592</u>
Total	8,645	27,177	35,822
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>5,542</u>	<u>16,927</u>	<u>22,469</u>
Net Income	3,103	10,250	13,353
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total funds brought forward	<u>3,934</u>	<u>4,303</u>	<u>8,237</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>7,037</u>	<u>14,553</u>	<u>21,590</u>

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for the year ended 31st August 2021

5 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Year Ended 31.08.21	Period 02.09.19 to 31.08.20
	£	£
Other creditors	1,140	480

6 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 31.08.2020	Net Movement in funds	At 31.08.21
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,522	11,560	16,082
ROSCA	2,515 -	2,515	-
	7,037	9,045	16,082
Restricted funds			
Essex Community Funds	-	2,098	2,098
Citizens Advice	- -	2,646 -	2,646
Big Lottery COVID-19	3,333	7,401	10,734
Shared Space		200	200
Big Lottery Access For All	11,220 -	11,220	-
TOTAL FUNDS	21,590	4,878	26,468

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	resources £	expended £	in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	11,560		11,560
ROSCA	-	2,515 -	2,515
	11,560 -	2,515	9,045
Restricted funds			
Shared Space	200	-	200
Essex Community Funds	2,098		2,098
Citizens Advice	-	2,646 -	2,646
Big Lottery COVID-19	10,734 -	3,333	7,401
ECF Emergency Funds			
Big Lottery Access For All	-	11,220 -	11,220
	13,032 -	17,199 -	4,167
TOTAL FUNDS	24,592 -	19,714	4,878

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6 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 31.08.2019 £	Net Movement in funds £	At 31.08.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3,934	588	4,522
ROSCA	-	2,515	2,515
	3,934	3,103	7,037
Restricted funds			
Essex Community Funds	2,333 -	2,333	-
SBC Grant	1,970 -	1,970	-
Big Lottery COVID-19	-	3,333	3,333
Big Lottery Access For All	-	11,220	11,220
	4,303	10,250	14,553
TOTAL FUNDS	8,237	13,353	21,590

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	resources £	expended £	in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,045 -	5,457	588
ROSCA	2,600 -	85	2,515
	8,645 -	5,542	3,103
Restricted funds			
Cultural Wellbeing	1,986 -	1,986	-
Essex Community Funds	- -	2,333 -	2,333
SBC Grant	- -	1,970 -	1,970
Big Lottery COVID-19	9,971 -	6,638	3,333
ECF Emergency Funds	4,000 -	4,000	-
Big Lottery Access For All	11,220	-	11,220
	27,177 -	16,927	10,250
TOTAL FUNDS	35,822 -	22,469	13,353

7 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st August 2021.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st August 2021

	Year Ended 31.08.21 £	Period 02.09.19 to 31.08.20 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and legacies	713	230
Charitable activities		
Grants	51,577	35,592
Total incoming resources	52,290	35,822
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	33,196	13,527
Postage and stationery	1,216	179
Advertising	205	926
Volunteer training	-	300
Volunteer expenses	891	808
Venue hire	1,503	2,042
Refreshments	147	587
Travel expenses	761	431
Telephone and internet	1,421	842
Insurance	187	40
Activity costs	2,464	2,307
Independent examination	701	480
Donations	4,720	-
	47,412	22,469
Total resources expended	47,412	22,469
Net income	4,878	13,353

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