

Registered Charity Number 1185125

Report of the Trustees  
And  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022  
For  
WELCOME TO THE UK CIO

## **Welcome to the UK CIO**

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## **Welcome to the UK CIO**

### **Report of the Trustees for the period September 2021 to August 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended August 2022. 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 has 53 volunteers serving in various capacities and for several hours per week. All staff, trustees and some volunteers are DBS checked (if they work on their own or with children).

#### **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.
- Other providers ran informational workshops: HealthWatch, HomeStart Lady McAdden, Southend Council Education Team.
- We became Hate Crime Ambassadors in February 2022
- We responded quickly to the Ukrainian Crisis and the influx of Ukrainian Refugees.
- We met with HRH the Prince of Wales when he visited Southend and were able to talk about the important work we do at Welcome to the UK.

- In March we hosted an Event at the Park Inn for International Women's Day. It was a huge success.
- We started to host weekly Drop-in sessions for Ukrainian guests and their hosts, in partnership with Southend City Council.
- We were included in the One Southend projects and Ilda did an interview with them to tell everyone about the work Welcome to the UK does for our community.
- We organised day trips to the SeaLife Centre and the Sealife Centre
- We organised a Beach Clean
- Our Friday Friendship groups are still very popular
- We gained an additional space (hub) next door to our 2 existing hubs. This is perfect as it enables us to provide 1 to 1 support in the middle hub, whilst one hub is used for the creche and the other for lessons. We thank Southend City Council for their help and support in funding and obtaining this third hub.
- Our Albanian language project to teach 8-12 year olds the Albanian language is going well and we will add a new class in September 2022.
- We ran a 5-day ESOL workshop this summer with Ukrainian teenagers thank to a generous donation from Southend Salvation Army.
- We have started working with Wellbeing Garon Park to run Wellbeing Thursdays (dinner and a place to socialise for Ukrainians on Thursday evenings)
- We attended the High Sheriff's Summer Reception at Hyde Hall, it was a great event for us to attend, to raise the profile of Welcome to the UK.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves policy**

We intend to maintain our reserves at a level which is equivalent to 3 months from unrestricted funds, £30,000. 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, workshops and friendship group, 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.
- Add more ESOL classes to alleviate the ever-growing waiting list.
- Continue working in partnership with Garon Park, to support Ukrainians but also our existing services users or various nationalities.

- Try to cater more towards older service users (maybe a friendship group just for them)
- Try to cater more towards much younger service users, since the summer workshop for teens was such a success.
- 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.
- Focus on fundraising and keep applying for funding to enable us to support our service users better and to grow in line with the rising demand for our services.

## **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**

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Chartwell Square,  
Southend-on-Sea,  
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#### Trustees

A Clayson Chairperson (appointed 2.9.19)

L Cenka (appointed 2.9.19)

O Miguel (appointed 9.7.21)

M Borrowska (appointed 29.11.21)

K Donati (appointed 21.04.22)

#### Independent examiner

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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.

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*LAC Aline Clayson*

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

#### 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:-

Accounting records were not kept in respect of the trust as required by section 130 of the Act or

The Accounts do not accord with those records, or

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 requirements 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 2022**

				Year Ended 31.08.22	Year Ended 31.08.2021
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Income and Endowments from</b>					
Donations and legacies		596	-	596	713
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		19,744	111,453	131,197	51,577
<b>Total</b>		20,340	111,453	131,793	52,290
<b>Expenditure on</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Charitable activities		5,396	90,815	96,211	47,412
<b>Net Income</b>		14,944	20,638	35,582	4,878
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		9,964	16,504	26,468	21,590
Total funds carried forward		24,908	37,142	62,050	26,468



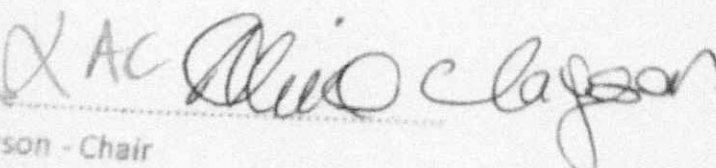
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Balance Sheet  
31st August 2022

				Year Ended 31.08.22	Year ended 31.08.2021
	Notes	Funds £	Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Net Book value	4	-	2,350	2,350	-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand		2,910	65,291	68,201	27,608
		2,910	67,641	70,551	27,608
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	-	2,965	2,965	1,140
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		2,910	64,676	67,586	26,468
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		2,910	64,676	67,586	26,468
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		2,910	64,676	67,586	26,468
<b>FUNDS</b>	7				
Unrestricted funds				2,910	16,082
Restricted funds				64,676	10,386
				67,586	26,468

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

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

  
yson - Chair

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31st August 2022**

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**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.

**Depreciation**

Tangible Assets are measured at Cost less accumulated Depreciation, at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Computer and Office Equipment      -      15% Reducing Balance Basis

**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 2022

#### 2 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st August 2022 nor for the year ended 31st August 2021.

##### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st August 2022 nor for the year ended 31st August 2021.

#### 3 STAFF COSTS

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

	Year Ended 31.08.22	Year ended 31.08.2021
Employees	4	3

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

#### 4 Fixed Assets

##### Cost

Additions	2,765
As at 31st August 2022	2,765

##### Depreciation

Provided for year	415
As at 31st August 2022	415

##### Net Book Value

As at 31st August 2022	2,350
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for the year ended 31st August 2022

5 COMPARITIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	713	-	713
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	11,572	40,005	51,577
<b>Total</b>	12,285	40,005	52,290
<b>Expenditure on</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Charitable activities	9,358	38,054	47,412
<b>Net Income</b>	2,927	1,951	4,878
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	7,037	14,553	21,590
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	9,964	16,504	26,468

6 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Year Ended 31.08.22	Year ended 31.08.2021
	£	£
Other creditors	2,965	1,140

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2022

### 7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	31.08.2021	Movement	At 31.08.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	16,082	6,844	22,926
Salvation Army	-	1,013	1,013
ROSCA	-	4,140	4,140
	<u>16,082</u>	<u>11,997</u>	<u>28,079</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Essex Community Funds	2,098	- 590	1,508
Citizens Advice	- 2,646	1,101	- 1,545
Big Lottery COVID-19	10,734	- 10,589	145
Shared Space	200	482	682
NC Lottery		28,142	28,142
SAV Community Investment		8,609	8,609
SOS Emergency Fund	-	1,966	1,966
	<u>26,468</u>	<u>41,118</u>	<u>67,586</u>

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

	resources	expended	in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	8,630	1,786	6,844
Salvation Army	1,013		1,013
ROSCA	7,750	3,610	4,140
	<u>17,393</u>	<u>5,396</u>	<u>11,997</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Essex Community Funds	6,100	6,690	- 590
Citizens Advice	1,500	399	1,101
Big Lottery COVID-19	-	10,589	- 10,589
Shared Space	482		482
NC Lottery	91,452	63,310	28,142
SAV Community Investment	10,000	1,391	8,609
SOS Emergency Fund	4,972	3,006	1,966
	<u>114,506</u>	<u>85,385</u>	<u>29,121</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>131,899</u>	<u>90,781</u>	<u>41,118</u>

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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2022

### 7 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

#### Comparatives for movement in funds

	31.08.2020	Movement	At 31.08.21
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	4,522	11,560	16,082
ROSCA	2,515 -	2,515	-
	<u>7,037</u>	<u>9,045</u>	<u>16,082</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
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	-
	<u>14,553 -</u>	<u>4,167</u>	<u>10,386</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>21,590</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>26,468</b>

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

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

### 8 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st August 2022

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31st August 2022**

	<b>31.08.22</b>	<b>31.08.2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations and legacies	596	713
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Grants	131,197	51,577
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<u>131,793</u>	<u>52,290</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	58,369	33,196
Employee costs	165	-
Pension costs	1,696	-
Postage and stationery	113	1,216
Advertising and Website	399	205
Events	1,222	-
Volunteer expenses	72	891
Venue hire	6,453	1,503
Light and heat	1,540	-
Office costs	1,200	-
Repairs and Maintenance	1,919	-
Refreshments	-	147
Travel expenses	1,360	761
Telephone and internet	1,931	1,421
Bank Charges	8	-
Business Support	5,000	-
IT Support and software	3,963	-
Entertaining: Christmas Social	145	-
Sundry	247	-
Depreciation	415	-
Insurance	721	187
Activity costs	2,236	2,464
Independent examination	1,799	701
Donations	2,940	4,720
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<u>93,913</u>	<u>47,412</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>37,880</u></u>	<u><u>4,878</u></u>