



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: 27.09.2019

To: 30.09.2020

Charity name: Rainbow Foundation Sunderland

Charity registration number: 1185537

Company number:

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The organisation was founded in 2016 as a voluntary organisation, to support the LGBT+ community in Sunderland, in 2019 we were awarded charitable status, and have since focussed on providing information, advice and support to members of the LGBT+ community in the North East of England, as a region.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The organisation over the last year has focussed working closely with members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT+) community in the North East of England.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees of the organisation have produced a visual annual report which will be shared with stakeholders demonstrating the impact the organisation has provided to members of the LGBT+ community in the North East of England. The trustees have clear impact reporting procedures in place.

Additional information

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers have had a huge impact on the way in which we have been able to deliver our work over the last twelve months, and the trustees pass on their thanks to all of the volunteers that have donated hours and hours of service to support others.
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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The organisation once again received a nomination in the National Diversity Awards. The organisation also received a nomination in the Best of Wearside Awards in 2020, but these have since been postponed until 2021 due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.
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Additional information

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The organisation has improved its final position, above what was initially planned and despite the ongoing uncertainty within the third sector, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising performance has been poor this year, mainly due to the fact that fundraising events had to be cancelled and postponed due to the ongoing pandemic.

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position at the end of the year is healthy. A healthy unrestricted reserves amount will be carried forward by the trustees into the new financial year, and this amount of money will enable the organisation to expand services, and to make improvements to current service provisions.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Unrestricted financial reserves are held to ensure that the organisation is able to continue with its work in times of uncertainty, particularly shown through the Covid-19 pandemic.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the organisations first financial year as a CIO, the organisation will move into the new financial year with a reserve amount of £8,119.37, of which £6,942.29 is restricted expenditure, and £1,177.08 is unrestricted reserves.

Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principal source of funding for the organisation over the last year has been grant funding. We were provided with a £5,000 grant from Gateshead Council as part of the national roll-out of funding to businesses that were impacted by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. This funding was used to secure our office base at the Pride Media Centre, and to make IT upgrades to enable home working and remote-service delivery.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risks facing the charity moving forward continues to be the impact of Covid-19 on service delivery and the limited opportunities for face-to-face contact with service users.

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	The organisation is governed by its Articles of Associations. There are no recommendations to change the Articles of Association at this time.
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company , unincorporated association , CIO	Para 1.25	Rainbow Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Rainbow Foundation Sunderland
Other name the charity uses	Rainbow Foundation
Registered charity number	1185537
Charity's principal address	Pride Media Centre, Stonehills, Gateshead, NE10 0HW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity


	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ryan Houston		2019-2020	
2	Jack Wilson		2019-2020	
3	Ash Johns		2019-2020	
4	Laura Wilmott		2019-2020	
5	James Davidson		2019-2020	
6	Robert Ruttley		2019-2020	
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Declarations

The company has taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

	Signature(s)		<i>A Johns</i>
	Full name(s)	Ryan Houston	Ash Johns
	Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Director
	Date	5/11/2020	4/11/2020

Balance Sheet

Rainbow Foundation CIO (As of 27/09/19)

Income

	2020
C/F	348.41
Grants	
National Lottery	7,180.00
Community Foundation Tyne & Wear	8,180.00
Gentoo	210.00
Community Foundation Durham	1,000.00
Tees Valley Community Foundation	1,000.00
Comic Relief	300.00
Sunderland City Council	1,000.00
Gateshead Council	5,000.00
Other Grants	2,190.00
General	
Fundraising & Donations	778.83
Membership	9.00
Lottery	35.62
Events	
Sponsorship	1,700.00
LGBTQ North East Awards	
Total income	28,583.45

Expenditure

Outgoings	
Marketing	1,373.33
Website Development Costs	601.59
Room Hire	5,706.31
Volunteer Expenses	2,695.90
Professional Fees	945.40
Specialist Projects	
Project Costs (Inc Engagement)	3,635.53
- Hardship	283.03
- Sexual Health	54.07
Resarch + Evaluation Costs	592.31
Organisation Development	
Computer Equipment	1,304.56
Fundraising	68.77

Training	705.90
Resources	1,621.60

LGBTQ North East Awards

Resources	1,224.19
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<i>Total expenditure</i>	£20,812.49
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<i>Closing Bank Balance (to be C/F)</i>	£8,119.37
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Of which is Restricted	£6,942.29
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Of which is Unrestricted Reserves	£1,177.08
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Balance check (should be Zero)	£0.00
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Wednesday 3rd of November

I confirm receipt of accounts prepared by Rainbow Foundation for independent examination.

I can confirm, having examined the documents presented the following:

Income:

£28,812.49

Expenditure:

£20,812.49

Carrying forward the amount of:

£8119.37

Of which

£6942.29 is restricted to be spent as part of funded project work.

Receipts and evidence of expenditure were reviewed, and I confirm that I have no concerns regarding the expenditure of the organisation, and it is my independent view that the organisation has clear and concise management processes of managing money, both from the public and provided by grant funders, as well as well-rounded processes on reporting impact of work.

Independently Examined by A. Olsen, as appointed by attendees of the Annual General Meeting in 2019.