

The Article 11 Trust

Charity No : 1185631

Trustees Report & Account For the year ended 31 March 2025

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Receipts & Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2025

Trust Information :

Management Committee:

Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)
Annu Mayor (Trustee)
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Tyrone Scott (Trustee)
Thomas Barns (Trustee)
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Trustee's Report

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

The Article 11 Trust is registered with the Charity Commission as a CIO with registration number 1185631.

Founded in 2019 and becoming active in 2020, the Article 11 Trust is dedicated to defending the right of assembly as guaranteed by Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

We recognise that much of the most important work in this cause is carried out by grass roots organisations, working directly with those who exercise their rights. However, these groups have found it increasingly hard to access the resources they need to undertake their vital work.

As such, the Article 11 Trust seeks to identify and work closely with these groups, securing funding for their charitable endeavours and promoting their work. This includes research and education into issues surrounding the right to protest, as well as direct legal guidance and training to people who attend protests

Charitable Objectives

Our Charitable Purpose as set out in our governing documents is:

The advancement of human rights for the benefit of the public in the UK with a particular emphasis on rights to freedom of assembly and association under Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, in all or any of the following ways:

- a) Monitoring and reporting of breaches of obligations to protect the human right to freedom of assembly and association;
- b) Promoting effective redress following any breach
- c) Disseminating information, organising events and commissioning and publishing research on the exercise of human rights to freedom of assembly and association and the obligations and duties of UK public servants
- d) Providing technical advice to government and others on human rights matters
- e) Contributing to the sound administration of human rights law
- f) Commenting on proposed UK human rights legislation
- g) Raising public awareness of human rights issues, in particular rights to freedom of assembly and association
- h) Promoting public support for protecting rights to freedom of assembly and association

In furtherance of this objective but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power to engage in political activity, provided that the trustees are satisfied that the proposed activities will further the purposes of the charity to an extent justified by the resources committed and the activity is not the dominant means by which the charity carries out its activities.

Evaluation Summary

2024 – 2025 was a successful year for The Article 11 Trust in which it continued to expand its Small Grants Programme and were able to support eleven grantees to launch projects that meet its charitable aims.

The Article 11 Trust continued its partnerships with Netpol and Green and Black Cross to research and document infringements on the right to protest.

In terms of administration, The Article 11 Trust recruited one new trustee to our board who added to its fundraising capacity and developed a five-year strategy plan to increase the capacity of the organisation to support protest rights across the UK.

Charitable Activities

Small Grants Programme

Activities funded by these grants directly counter the chilling effect of protest laws in three principal ways. Firstly, they enable activists to access training in their rights, demystifying new legislation and allowing them to take informed decisions when deciding to engage in protest. Secondly, they fund practical support during and immediately after protests take place. This support is not prescriptive but is determined by the groups concerned. It may include, for example, training and equipment for legal observers, police station support for protesters who have been arrested, or software to enable back-office connections. Thirdly it supports longer term needs of protesters, for example court support, which is invaluable to those who become caught up in the criminal justice system.

The Article 11 Trust provided funding for eleven grassroots groups who carried out a range of projects. Much of the funding for the Small Grants Programme came from a grant from Lankelly Chase. Funding received from The Oak Foundation was allotted to its small grants programme and its administration costs. Several Know Your Rights trainings were funded, including train the trainer sessions which will greatly increase the capacity to share knowledge of protest rights across Britain.

The Article 11 Trust received closing grant reports from eleven grantees funded from 2023 – 2024. Notably these included funding to LGBT+ Migrants Rise who reached over 400 people at events, providing people affected by racism, transphobia and homophobia with education on their protest rights. The Article 11 Trust has continued to provide core funding for groups that support protestors to enact their article 11 rights such as Climate Action Support Pathway who have supported 400 people with legal support. The Article 11 Trust remains uniquely placed to support frontline organisations to provide expert support to protesters.

Documenting the use of powers to restrict protests

The Article 11 Trust funded several reports into the restriction of protests, including a report on the use of safeguarding powers to restrict article 11 rights in Wales and England, looking specifically at how families and young people have been targeted. In March 2025, Netpol published the State of Protest Policing Report 2024 which was funded by the Barry Amiel & Norman Melburn Trust in partnership with Article 11 Trust. In conjunction with the report launch, an event was held in-person in London with 120 attendees. This provided activists, journalists and law makers with an in-depth review of the ways in which article 11 rights have been restricted in Britain.

Governance and Administration

During the reporting period two trustees stepped down, and three new trustees joined the board of trustees to support the trust's fundraising activities. The Article 11 Trust received funding from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) who's funding contributed towards the administrative costs of running The Article 11 Trust. Trustees oversaw a review of The Article 11 Trust's financial procedures to ensure that they conform to best practices. The administration consultant subsequently reviewed and enhanced the grant giving process of the organisation, to optimise the process for both grantees and the trust. They also supported the trustees in the Fundraising and Grant Giving Committees to carry out their roles of managing relationships and reporting to funders, and of approving grant-outs to recipients, respectively

Responsibilities of the Trustees

The Trustees have responsibilities to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue on that basis.
- The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charity Law. Trustees 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

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)

Date 29 January 2026...

Independent Examiners Report to the Members of The Article 11 Trust

I report on the attached Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set on pages 6 to 8 and have been prepared on an accrual basis.

Respective responsibilities of Management Committee and Examiner:

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement:

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement:

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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



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Date: 29/01/26

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Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2025

<u>Receipts</u>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Donations / Other	507	-	507	135
Grants	19,750	207,525	227,275	152,644
Gift Aid	-	-	-	6,235
Total Receipts	20,257	207,525	227,782	159,014

<u>Payments</u>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
IT software /Website design & Developm	-	1,763	1,763	1,301
Consulting /Recruitment / Staff Training	-	19,696	19,696	18,600
Office equipment	-	-	-	90
General expenses	-	876	876	168
Grants to Beneficiaries	-	186,780	186,780	125,043
Insurance	-	839	839	755
Depreciation expenses	176	-	176	176
Accountancy fees	500	-	500	500
Bank charges	95	-	95	72
Total Payments	771	209,954	210,726	146,705
Net Receipts /(Payments)	19,485	(2,429)	17,056	12,309
Funds brought forward	15,272	183,105	198,377	186,068
Funds carried forward	34,757	180,676	215,433	198,377

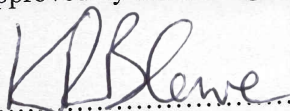
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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<u>Tangible Assets</u>			
Fixed Assets		-	176
 <u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash at Bank / in hand		215,933	198,791
 <u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditor & Accruals (amounts falling due within one year)	2	(500)	(590)
Net Current Assets		215,433	198,201
Net Assets		215,433	198,377
 <u>Funds & Reserve</u>			
Unrestricted funds		34,757	15,272
Restricted funds		180,676	183,104
Total		215,433	198,376

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf by:



 Kevin Robert Blowe (Trustee)

Date...29 January 2026

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Notes of the Receipts and Payments Account For the year ended 31 March 2025

1.a) Accounting Policies

This financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and the Charities Act 2011 and applicable regulations.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

b) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are receipts generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their payments imposed by the funder or through the terms of an appeal.

c) **Receipts** : All receipts are included in the Receipts and Payments Account which are received during the year.

d) **Payments**: All payments are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Some of the expenses incurred this year but spent from last year restricted funds.

e) **Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**: Any Assets more than £200.00 will be count as an fixed assets. Depreciation is provided to write off the assets in equal instalments over their useful lives.

Fixtures & Fittings
Computer

20% straight line method
25% straight line method

2. Creditors & Accruals

Accountancy fee
Other Creditors
Total

2025	2024
£	£
500	500
-	90
<u>500</u>	<u>590</u>

3. Fixed Assets

Cost
Depreciation
As at 31.03.2024
Charge for the Year
As at 31.03.2025

2025	2024
£	£
705	705
529	353
176	176
<u>705</u>	<u>529</u>
-	176

Net Book value 31.03.2025