

Umoja Arts Network
charity number: 1185676

Trust Annual Report and Accounts

for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023



Umoja Arts Network
Beech House
28-30 Wimborne road
Poole
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Introduction

Umoja Arts network became a CIO in October 2019 but had existed since 2001. objectives are to promote African & Caribbean culture & enable community development through support initiatives. Our 2013 HLF-funded project 'Carnival Connexions' around the use of masquerade during carnival enabled us to organise the first procession in Bournemouth by commissioning & working with award winning carnival company Rampage & Arts University Bournemouth to design & make innovative contemporary costumes.

Delivered a school education & community outreach program & co-designed a touring arts & heritage exhibition with Development Education in Dorset (DEED). Over 9000 people saw & took part in the successful procession, static stage & outreach program In 2016, the Lottery funded 'Celebrate' project saw us embark on cross arts activities, such as heritage quizzes, black fashion show, film screenings, contemporary debates around ethnicity and culture and visual art exhibitions. Our trustees and volunteers have a long track record of running African Caribbean arts & community projects.

Structure Governance and Management

Umoja's structure is a CIO under the terms of the Charity Corporations Act 2006 and is controlled by its governing document, Umoja's constitution. The trustees monitor aspects of business, risk, finance and operational matters and engage within the local community with partners, stakeholders, local community assets and other African and Caribbean groups. The trustees are aware and follow public benefit guidance and requirements when making decisions and running our activity. Trustees also fulfil various organising committee day-to-day or ad-hoc roles that involve eg securing grant funding, planning organising and delivering projects and activities.

In recruiting new trustees, the charity endeavours to advertise vacancies through our network of community partners, local CVS or through informal contacts and networks.

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Registered Address: Beech House, 28-30 Wimborne Rd, Poole BH15 2BU

Trustees:

Gregory O'mallo
Natasha Player
Ebi Sosseh
Louise Boston-Mammah

Charitable Objects

To provide community development support to people of african caribbean and other ethnic minority backgrounds. Provide information advice and guidance around local services that will help the community to maximise their potential for the common good .

Achievements and Performance

Umoja has always prided itself as a deliverer of first class community projects and or networking opportunities, having a community presence, partnership working, listening to our community's needs and reacting accordingly. The last 18 months have been particularly challenging for the charity and has resulted in no activities. This has been due to trustees being unwell and other work commitments which impacted o applying for funding to run problems.

Notwithstanding, the trustees (due to skillsets) were able to operate and contribute in an advisory role to local ethnically diverse groups, such as the Nigerians and Gambians in Dorset, the Community Action Network (CAN) BCP in applying for funding to deliver capacity building support to groups.

Due to capacity, Umoja delegated the flagship 'Africa Comes to Bournemouth' to other community practitioners to run and provided background advice and support. The event was very successful and attracted a footfall of nearly 4000 people to witness a showcase of African arts and culture.

Future

Umoja is in the process of incorporating two new trustees and also about to launch a business plan for 2024-2027 and have restarted the engagement with local partners to look at sustainable programmes and activities going forward including supporting the learning of local african languages and a world music festival in Bournemouth.

Section A: Receipts and Payments for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st Mar 2023

Receipts (Income)	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total for year
Grants and Awards	-	-	
Membership fees	-	-	
Donations	-	-	
Fundraising	-	-	
Sales	-	-	
Miscellany	-	-	
Subtotal receipts	-	-	
Add balance from previous year	-	-	2,219.75
Total			2,219.75
Payments			
Insurance		-	198
Subtotal payments		-	198
Total income minus expenditure	2,021.75	-	
Balance carried forward to the next year	2,021.75	-	

Section B: Statements of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Restricted	unrestricted	Total for year
Cash funds	Cash held at bank			- 2,021.75
Other monetary assets		-	-	- -
Investment assets		-	-	- -
Assets retained charity's own use		-	-	- -
Liabilities		-	-	- -
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