

Charity registration number: 1185902

African Rainbow Family

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 September 2021



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Reference and Administrative Details

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Trustees' Report

For the year ended 30th September 2021

Introduction

Meet African Rainbow Family African Rainbow Family (ARF) is a grassroots group set up by, for and run by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender intersexual and queer (LGBTIQ) refugees and people seeking asylum. Following identified gaps and needs for an inclusive support especially, in the wake of the growing toxic antigay persecutions they face for their sexuality such as constant harassment, hate crimes and discrimination.

ARF was formally registered as a Charity (Reg. Number: 1185902) in October 2019 and supports (LGBTIQ) refugees and those seeking asylum. This includes people of African heritage, the wider Black Asian Minority Ethnic groups and anyone that identifies as an LGBTIQ refugee and or seeking asylum. ARF evolved out of our community needs and led by people affected by the issues affecting us. It was started by a lesbian refugee in July 2014 as a safe space for LGBTIQ people fleeing persecution from their countries of origin to support each other and just tell each other 'It's OK to be different' following their own personal lived experiences as a result of rejections they face.

ARF provides peer support, advocacy, advice, information and counselling support for LGBTIQ community and refugees. We offer integration and welcoming activities to vulnerable LGBTIQ refugees and those seeking asylum due to an increase in the demand for our services. We raise awareness of the rights of LGBTIQ people seeking asylum and refugees of African heritage in the UK immigration system.

From nothing and with no money African Rainbow Family has developed a national network of over 600 people with centres in Manchester, Birmingham, London, Leeds and Cardiff. We have supported over 350 LGBTIQ people seeking asylum to get refugee status and be safe in the UK.

We have membership representation of communities directly affected by inequality and injustice. Therefore, amongst our membership are disabled people, people of African and Asian heritage who identify as LGBTIQ.

We rely heavily on volunteers.

ARF is a unique member led group that offer activities that complement statutory services because we have the flexibility to meet specific needs and can work holistically with groups of people or our whole communities. We move in to fill the gaps which others would struggle to reach. We offer support on trust, build our activities from first-hand experiences and maximise the local knowledge and connections available at our fingertips.

Our Vision: A World Without Prejudice.

Our Mission: Building A Supportive Community

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What We Do

Although a person's sexual orientation or gender identity may not be a source of distress, our members and service users who identify as LGBTIQ or any other type of non-conforming sexual or gender identity have expressed that they find the social stigma and discrimination of living as a sexual minority a source of stress or anxiety. This is more expressed by BAMEs and people seeking asylum whom have lived in the closet for long and forced to shield their sexuality whilst in their countries of origin in order to conform to societal norms where homosexuality is criminalised and sometimes met with death sentence. Our services include:

- i) The Advancement of Health or Saving of Lives
- ii) Disability
- iii) The Prevention or Relief of Poverty
- iv) Economic/Community Development/Employment
- v) Human Rights or Racial Harmony/equality and Diversity

Plans for the Year Ahead

We aim to be able to offer support to more LGBTIQ people seeking asylum, reach more members of the public to garner solidarity through new and exciting projects, workshops, seminars, newsletters, press releases etc. Our main focus is to apply for more funding in order to be able to sustain our project. We remain grateful to all our funders including those who donate and fundraise for us.

Organisation

Board of trustees:

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The trustees are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Charity and its beneficiaries including how the funds are spent. Wider management of the Charity is assisted by members of the Charity, Staff, Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators.

The Charity supports, develops and delivers various programmes and services to members and service users whilst maintaining links with existing community initiatives and work with the public to encourage greater participation.

Contact

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Independent Examiners Report

For the year ended 30th September 2021

Report to the trustees/members of the African Rainbow Family on the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the 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.

Signed:



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Date: 30/7/2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 30th September 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
INCOME FROM:				
Donations, Grants & Legacies	62,755	175,128	237,883	135,823
Other Income	3,750		3,750	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	66,505	175,128	241,633	135,823
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable Activities	3,903	151,231	155,134	67,270
Governance Costs			-	780
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENSES	3,903	151,231	155,134	68,050
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES	62,602	23,897	86,499	67,773
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total Funds Brought Forward	32,656	46,336	78,992	-
Total Funds Carried Forward	95,258	70,233	165,491	78,992

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Balance Sheet

As At 30th September 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Accrued income			
Prepayments			
Cash at bank and in hand	95,258	70,233	165,491
	<u>95,258</u>	<u>70,233</u>	<u>165,491</u>
CREDITORS:			
amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>95,258</u>	<u>70,233</u>	<u>165,491</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>95,258</u>	<u>70,233</u>	<u>165,491</u>
CHARITY FUNDS			
General Funds	95,258		95,258
Restricted Funds		70,233	70,233
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>95,258</u>	<u>70,233</u>	<u>165,491</u>