



## **Annual Report and Accounts of Women with Hope for the Year 2023**

An asylum seeker is a person who flees their home country, enters another country and applies for the right to stay in that country. In the UK, asylum seekers are not allowed to work, and must rely on state support. Housing is provided, but asylum seekers cannot choose where it is. Some of the women in our group have been waiting over 5 years for their asylum claim to process. The wait means that individuals struggle with their mental wellbeing and suffers from depression and anxiety.

Our work to support women in Birmingham who are seeking refugee whilst going through the asylum process is one that is valued by those who access our charity. We strive as a charity to provide a safe space for women to meet and relax. Our membership has grown where we now have on average 25 women attending our weekly sessions.

The Rwanda Plan dominated the media throughout 2023, which causes anxiety to many who sought refuge in the UK. *The work that we do for our members is one that is still needed in the current political climate, where our members are still faced with detention and removal by the Home Office. Our members are resilient to survive and get to learn the new language and culture and secure settled residents of this country.*

*We are rightly concerned for the millions of people being violently displaced or taking great risk to seek refuge: their situation exposes the inherent generosity of people in this and other countries. Let us continue to remember that there are people seeking asylum here and now in and near to our communities to whom we can extend a hand of practical friendship and welcome.*

### **Eunice Barnes Chair WwH**

Women with Hope entered 2023 in excellent financial position. The trustee continues to work to support women to meet in a safe environment at Selly Oak Quaker

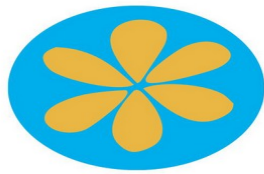


Meeting house, on a weekly basis. Many of the women who join our weekly sessions comes to the sessions to gain new skills such as practising speaking English, arts and crafts as well as relaxation sessions to support their mental wellbeing. Also an opportunity to gain information from guest speakers on immigration process. Some of the women have been worried about the government announcement regarding removals and reopening of detention centres. The meeting is an opportunity for sharing and moral support.

The group has grown in 2023 with more women joining our weekly sessions for support, friendship and sign posting. Fifty of our women and their children travelled by coach for a day trip to the seaside town of Llandudno in North Wales. Where they enjoyed strolling on the beach and the attractions on offer. For some this was their first experience of English seaside.







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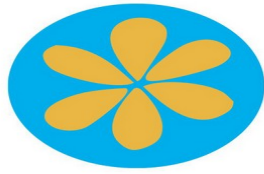


Our meetings provide workshops on health, mental and physical. We spent time sharing stories, celebrating successes and learning about each other's culture. We have had workshops on housing policy; changes in immigration and help whilst in the asylum system.



We shared with Lichfield Friends a memorial celebration to celebrate WwH founder Rosemary Crawley. Were many Friends from across the country alongside Rosemary family and the WwH shared their reflection, love and appreciation to a wonderful and kind person who had touched so many lives. (31.03.1944 – 17.01.2022)

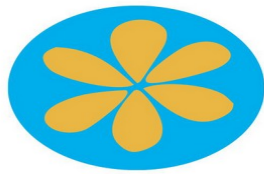




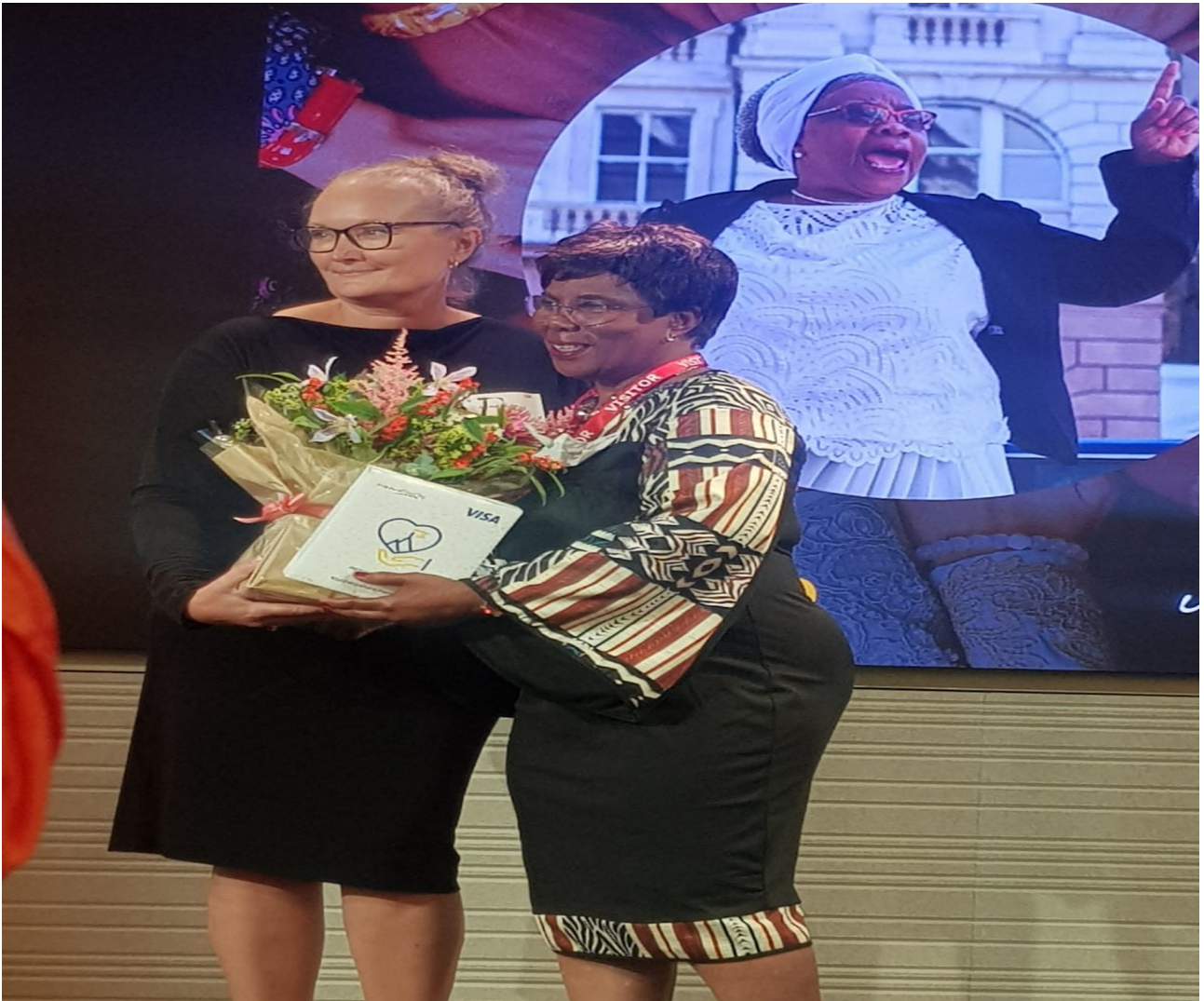
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Agnes one of the women who joined the group when it first started and was a trustee for some years was celebrated for her pioneering work for asylum seekers in September 2023.



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The trustees and members would like to thank our volunteers who have worked so hard to ensure the coordination of weekly activities. Our appreciation to Bridget, Dee, Beauty, Margaret, Veronica & Monisola



**Our thanks goes to:**

Brian Homer for all of his ongoing help and support with the website  
Barrow Cadbury Charitable Trust for financial support  
Liz Clegg & Meena Centre for continued financial support  
Claire Peat Selly Oak Quakers & Friends for their donations  
Lichfield Hope Support Group for continuing financial support  
Women for Refugee Women for all of their ongoing support both financial and practical  
Right to Remain continuing support and providing training  
The children of St. Joseph Catholic School for their generosity for Christmas bags and gifts  
Sarah Taal Baobab Women Project for ongoing support  
Barbara Forbes continuing support  
The Roughley Trust and AW60 for their generous funding awards  
Rhoda Wharton for generously acting as independent examiner of our accounts

**Charity Information**

Our charity trustees include women who have had direct experience of the UK asylum system.

Eunice Barnes (Chair), Senait Jones (Treasurer), Bridget Obi, Claire Peat, Dorrell Townsend, Anthony Wilson (Advisor),

Registered Office: C/o 4 Autumn Drive, Lichfield, Staffordshire, Charity Number; 1186078

Website: <https://womenwithhope.org.uk>

1 January – 31 December 2023

<b>Income and expenditure statement 2021</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Current Assets	£	£	£
Cash	0	0	0
Bank	16317	16799.15	13704.93
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>16317</b>	<b>16799.15</b>	<b>13704.93</b>
Creditors		0	0
Net Assets		16799.15	13704.93
Fund 1.1.23 brt fwd	16799	13704.93	14219.69
Cashbook totals			
Total Income	9523	7267.60	11560.33
Total Expenditure	<b>10005</b>	<b>4173.38</b>	<b>12075.09</b>
	-482	3094.22	-514.76
Fund c/fwd 31/12/23	<b>16317</b>	<b>16799.15</b>	<b>13704.93</b>
Held in current account	10244	13779.05	10,696.28
Held in deposit account	6074	3020.10	3008.65
Cash	0	0	0
Details of Income			
Grants	8000	6000	9800.00
Donations	1470	1027.88	1481.81
Interest	54	11.45	8.52
Other		228.27	270.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>9523</b>	<b>7267.60</b>	<b>11560.33</b>
<b>Details of expenditure</b>			
Travel/Top up	)	1512.75	7286.10
Refreshments	)7089	497.95	403.56
Volunteers expenditure	1215	470	1015.00
Rent & Admin	1277	919.7	2002.55
Entertainment	)	0	365.00
Bank charges	94	87.55	58.48





*Miscellaneous		233.54	944.40
Web & Zoom	331		
Total	<b>10005</b>	<b>4173.38</b>	<b>12075.09</b>

**\*Break down of miscellaneous expenditure for WwH  
- 2022**

Additional support cost	£5.27
	£228.
Christmas expenses	27
	£233.
Total	54