

**ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

VOICES OF HOPE

(Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

CHARITY REGISTRATION No: 1187454

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1187454
DATE OF REGISTRATION	20th January 2020
START OF FINANCIAL YEAR	1st April 2022
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR	31st March 2023
TRUSTEES AT 31ST MARCH 2023	Jeevan Mahesan Nicola Watt Alison Henri Carlene Stanislaus Soon Lee Elisabeth Vernon (Appointed 13th February 2023)

LEGAL STATUS Charitable Incorporated Organisation

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT CIO - Foundation Registered 20th January 2020

OBJECTS

1. The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, including social disadvantage. 2. To advance education of the public in arts, in particular but not exclusively in the art of music, by the presentation of recitals, concerts and other activities as the Trustees shall decide.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Summary of the Purposes

- The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, including social disadvantage.
- To advance education of the public in the arts, in particular but not exclusively in the art of music, by the presentation of recitals, concerts and other activities as the trustees shall decide.

Summary of the Main Activities

Creative Arts Projects:

- Choral Activities - provision of musical education and opportunities to participate in concerts, together with social support and reintegration for those in need, including the vulnerable, elderly and those on low incomes.
- Active Breathing Course (ABC) - provision of courses composed of breathing and singing exercises to help improve breathing and lung function. People are referred or self-refer onto the course. VoH works with GPs, social prescribers and LAs to take referrals from those struggling with long-Covid or other long-term respiratory conditions.

Food Projects:

- BRITE Box - provision of healthy meal kits (inclusive of food and illustrated recipes) to families in need to help build resilience through teaching cooking skills and providing healthy food free of charge.
- The Good Food Co-op - a not-for-profit enterprise providing highly subsidised fruit and vegetables for those unable to afford healthy food. Food is acquired on a not-for-profit basis, packed by volunteers and subsidised by full paying customer purchases.
- Cooking courses - in-person courses for young people building skills, providing mentoring and giving free access and support to achieve a level 1 Health & Hygiene qualification.
- The Community Pantry - we provide a space on site where we store fresh, packaged and frozen food for local people who cannot afford to buy food or who are struggling with the increasing cost of living. It is a great initiative that receives food donations from local suppliers/sources; this includes surplus from supermarkets, local food businesses, producers and households.

Women's Projects:

- The Kingston Women's Hub - a partnership of organisations providing holistic support to enable women to thrive after experiencing domestic violence, the criminal justice system, abuse, or multiple disadvantages. The partnership offers: crisis support from specialist professional services, individual support through peer mentoring and practical provision to enable healthy living, childcare and parenting support, community support through women's-only activities (with a focus of empowering women, within the context of community, building self esteem, confidence, new skills and hobbies and onward referrals and signposting to additional services across the Borough), Survivor Forums and preventative projects in partnership with the council to collaboratively identify issues, solutions and good practice to be used in training for the relevant services, thus impacting the larger system and culture across our community and Borough.
- Other - provision of regular community activities for those in need - including the socially disadvantaged, the vulnerable, those suffering financial hardship, mental and/or physical ill-health and/or disability and young people at risk socially or at risk of exploitation - with provision of support and opportunity to engage with other support services.

The trustees of VoH have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding the activities that the organisation undertook during the year.

Contribution made by Volunteers

The Trustees and Director of VoH would like to record their sincere appreciation to the many volunteers who have helped during this year. Volunteers have given their time to help in many different ways such as catering, hospitality, sound & PA, administration, food distribution and supporting women and young people in the community through various activities and events.

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Summary of the Main Achievements

We have continued to run the many projects that VoH set up during and after the pandemic as well as starting a few new initiatives, especially in the areas of helping disadvantaged women and those who are struggling with food scarcity and the growing cost of living within the local community. We continue to partner with Kingston Borough Council and Kingston Voluntary Action and a number of other local organisations to help those in need. A summary of what was achieved is given below:

The Kingston Women's Hub

The Kingston Women's Hub has enabled a coordinated response in the community via a balance between crisis intervention and long term support and recovery.

New Activities:

- Body & Soul is run by Candice Roggeveen and is a class for ladies to help activate bodies with stretching and movement, reduce anxiety with intentional breathing, and rejuvenate souls with moments of reflective relaxation.
- Outreach Support Worker - supports women with complex needs to navigate access to benefits, practical support to enable healthy living (eg. access to free healthy food and hygiene items) and signposting and support to access specialist services.
- Survivor's Forum - due to the outstanding partnership of organisations in the Women's Hub, we have been able to form a Survivor's Forum; the first of its kind in Kingston - ensuring that the voices of survivors are heard loud and clear and are incorporated into system and culture change within the local partnership.
- Pearl Project - we have supported and provided an outlet for survivors of abuse within our community by breaking the associated shame and stigma surrounding this and inspiring others through stories of survival, restoration and triumph. Working with professional writers, photographers and film producers, we have shone a light on women's stories through photography, a published book and documentaries at a live event in Kingston leading into the 10 days of Activism for Violence Against Women and Girls.
- Inspiring Young Adults to Lead - as part of our preventative work at the Women's Hub, and with funding from the Safer Streets HMRC grant, we have developed a programme for boys seeking to address behaviours and attitudes that perpetuate a culture where violence towards women and girls is acceptable. This programme has recently been piloted in its first school with excellent feedback from staff and students. It will continue to be piloted over the next year and we will assess its effectiveness with the view to expanding its reach across the borough.
- Faith Communities Outreach Work - gender based violence towards women and girls often hides within the context of faith communities. This project works with local faith leaders to challenge, inspire and equip them to effectively lead within their community to make it a safe space for women and girls. It involves signposting to initiatives such as White Ribbon Ambassadors, Bystander training, Domestic Violence training, effective safeguarding.

Continuing Activities:

- The Charis Team is run by a wonderful team of women who have come through some of our other initiatives, experienced domestic violence/abuse themselves, and are now in a place where they want to encourage and inspire other women. Referred into from professional agencies, and with the support of the council, they offer peer mentoring support, access to practical help and signposting to additional services.
- Sisterhood Sanctuary - providing regular community activities for those in need - including the socially disadvantaged, the vulnerable and those suffering financial hardship, mental and / or physical ill-health and / or disability - with provision of support and opportunity to engage with other support services.

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The BRITE Box Project

Having been in discussions about food insecurity and food hunger clubs with Kingston Council and Achieving for Children, VoH came up with the idea of the BRITE Box - Building Resilience In Today's Environment. The boxes are provided to vulnerable families across Richmond and Kingston. The weekly Family Meal BRITE Box has all the ingredients for a recipe, together with a printed recipe guide with photos illustrating step by step how to cook a healthy meal together as a family. Through our partnership with Achieving for Children, and together with local charities (Growbaby, Man & Boy, Anstee Bridge, Kingston Carers, CiC Balance, AFC youth plus others), VoH has been supporting nearly 500 families with healthy meal recipe kits and have sent out over 24,000 boxes since May 2020 throughout Kingston & Richmond, Southwark and Elmbridge

The Good Food Co-op

The Good Food Co-op was a great initiative, ensuring healthy food was made accessible to those in need by providing highly subsidised fruit and vegetable boxes. From November 2020, VoH has run a weekly pre-order veg and fruit box system, where those unable to afford healthy food can place orders at less than a third of the standard price for such a box. During the course of the year, it was decided to close the Good Food Co-op in Dec 2022 due to the lack of a sufficient target market generating enough income to sustain low-income referrals. The complexities of the increased cost of living impacting both the income generating market and the cost of veg and fruit made the co-op unsustainable and no longer the most effective way to support those in need. We decided to focus on our other food projects where the impact is far greater.

The Community Pantry

The Community Pantry was set up in October 2022 to reduce surplus waste and supply fresh, packaged and frozen food for local people who cannot afford to buy food or who are struggling with the increasing cost of living. Thanks to a grant, we were able to purchase a new stand alone fridge and a separate freezer to store all of the food donations from local suppliers/sources received on a weekly basis. Many of our ladies who come along for the Women's Hub activities benefit hugely from this initiative.

The Active Breathing Course (ABC)

The Active Breathing Course is designed for those whose breathing is impaired after suffering Covid pneumonia or other long term respiratory conditions. Its purpose is to restore, improve and strengthen lung capacity to build resilience and increase fitness.

With the severity of Covid pneumonia, many people are facing a long recovery process that is unfamiliar to them. Activities such as walking any distance or engaging with even beginner physical activity classes are not in reach because of the impact of Covid pneumonia on the lungs. Given our previous experience of, and knowledge relating to, running elderly choirs that have a significant focus on helping to restore and strengthens lungs, VoH has written the Active Breathing Course (ABC), a six week course to specifically help people to recover from the impact of Covid and other respiratory conditions. ABC has four main teaching blocks each week: Diaphragmatic Breathing, Strength Building by Resistance, Singing for Life, and Creativity and Recovery. The course was funded by the NHS for Kingston and Richmond residents due to its proven effectiveness. Along with funding from grants and individual donations, we ran approximately 20 ABCs online in 2022.

Musical Activities

VoH has sought to provide musical education, support, social reintegration and opportunities to participate in concerts for those in need, including the elderly, unwell and those on low incomes. It has done this by continuing with the following groups:

- Sisterhood Choir - providing musical education and opportunities and social support for women who have experienced domestic violence, abuse or long term physical and / or mental health issues.
- Five choirs for the elderly / those with dementia - at Raleigh Staywell Centre, Coxhill Manor, Galsworthy House, Whiteley Village, Sherwood Grange - providing musical education and opportunities to perform in concerts for the elderly, unwell and mentally disadvantaged, promoting greater mental and physical well-being.
- Kingston Voices Choir - providing education in music and a sense of wellbeing by being part of a community.

And we have also set up 2 additional choirs in the Elmbridge Borough:

- Cobham Voices - providing education in music and a sense of wellbeing by being part of a community.
- Link Voices - providing education in music for those with physical and mental disabilities.

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As a result of all of these activities, participants and beneficiaries have experienced greater physical and mental well-being, overcome social disadvantage, received education in music and participated in concerts as performers or audience members.

Employability

A key aim in everything we do is to support people to thrive; to help them at a point of need but afterwards be a source of hope and practical support to empower them to move forward in their lives. This happens by providing safe spaces where people can rebuild trust, develop meaningful relationships, regain confidence and be given opportunities to contribute, volunteer and be helped into employment as appropriate. We consistently provide volunteering and employment opportunities for those we reach (service users and volunteers) by:

Youth/Students

- Running volunteer sessions for young people with special educational needs (SEN) / at risk of social exclusion and for the government's Head2work scheme.
- Upskilling youth on our 3D cooking courses with health & hygiene certificates and employment skill sessions.
- Training and employing University graduates to run our Active Breathing Course.
- Providing placements for Kingston University students as part of their course requirements.

Volunteers

- Upskilling our adult volunteers with health & hygiene certificates and community training.
- Providing 1-1 support to find new employment.
- Providing employment opportunities through our projects.

Women's Hub

- Training and employing women who have come through our projects to run choir sessions in the community.
- Training and employing women to run our Active Breathing Course.
- Providing volunteer placements for women referred from Workingwell - a local organisation supporting people with additional needs into work.
- Providing upskilling through our community training and employment skills sessions.

Financial Review

In 2022-23 the organisation had a total income of £380,603 with a net surplus of £10,036. As at 31 March 2023, its net current assets were £106,178, which included a cash balance (deposited and undeposited) of £200,640.

Reserves Policy

The organisation has a reserves policy with an understanding that cash reserves of £20,000 be held at any given time.

Restricted Reserves – Funds linked directly to carried surpluses of individual projects.

Designated Reserves – The reserves built up to the Trustee £20K policy reserve.

Unrestricted Reserves – Surplus funds which could be used for any general purpose within the CIO.

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Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO and of the surplus of the CIO for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 16th November 2023

Signed on their behalf by Trustee J. Mahesan

Printed Name:

JEEVAN MAHESAN

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds						
Donations, Grants & Legacies	3a	13,832	-	280,822	294,654	190,262
Charitable Activities	3b	13,472	-	41,988	55,460	93,714
Investment Income	3c	35	-	-	35	1
Activities for Generating Funds	3d	-	-	4,336	4,336	3,465
Other Incoming Resources	3e	-	-	22	22	259
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		27,339	-	327,168	354,507	287,700
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of Generating Funds						
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	37,571	-	299,931	337,502	260,791
Governance Costs	4b	1,400	-	5,569	6,969	13,682
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		38,971	-	305,500	344,471	274,473
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCES		(11,632)	-	21,668	10,036	13,227
Funds Brought Forward		13,504	-	82,638	96,142	82,915
Transfer Between Funds	5 & 6	15,087	17,858	(32,945)	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		16,959	17,858	71,361	106,178	96,142

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	2	-	-	-	-
Investments	7	-	-	-	-
Total Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	9	3,866	96,345	100,211	27,302
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8	97,976	102,664	200,640	96,397
Total Current Assets		101,842	199,009	300,851	123,699
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	17,024	-	17,024	9,004
Deferred Income: Grants and donations received in advance	11	50,000	127,648	177,648	18,552
NET CURRENT ASSETS		34,817	71,361	106,178	96,142
TOTAL ASSETS less current liabilities		34,817	71,361	106,178	96,142
Creditors: Amounts falling due in more than one year	12	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS		34,817	71,361	106,178	96,142
Funds of the Charity					
General Funds		16,959	-	16,959	13,504
Designated Funds	6	17,858	-	17,858	-
Restricted Funds	5	-	71,361	71,361	82,638
Total Funds		34,817	71,361	106,178	96,142

Approved by the Trustees on 16th November 2023

Signed on their behalf by Trustee J. Mahesan

Printed Name: JEEVAN MAHESAN

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation & Assessment of Going Concern

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Incoming Resources with Related Expenditure

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resource and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.

Grants and Donations

Grants and Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SOFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Contractual Income and Performance Related Grants

This is only included in the SOFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SOFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Investment Gains and Losses

This included any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenditure and Liabilities

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to a grant which remain in control of the charity.

Investments

Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.

Unrestricted funds

These funds can be used for the general objectives of the charity as set out in the trustees report. The movements of the unrestricted funds are given in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Restricted funds

These funds are where the donor has specified a purpose for the donation made. These restrictions often arise as a result of appeals for special offerings for specific purposes.

Designated funds

These funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for particular purposes or projects.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation Expense

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied are as follows:

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment

25% - Straight Line Basis

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The CIO held no fixed assets during this or the previous financial period.

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases and capital commitments are as follows:

31st March 2023 : None

31st March 2022 : None

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3. INCOMING RESOURCES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
a) Donations, Grants & Legacies					
Gift Aid Donations	8,350	-	430	8,780	13,500
Gift Aid Tax	335	-	2,098	2,433	1,291
Gifts & Donations	4,147	-	50,070	54,217	38,533
Grants Received	1,000	-	228,224	229,224	136,938
	13,832	-	280,822	294,654	190,262
b) Charitable Activities					
Activities & Projects	1,125	-	1,325	2,450	844
Core Cost Recovery	-	-	-	-	24,536
Course & Session Fees	60	-	16,724	16,784	9,352
Food Products	417	-	18,704	19,121	58,982
Management Income Fees	11,870	-	5,235	17,105	-
	13,472	-	41,988	55,460	93,714
c) Investment Income					
Interest	35	-	-	35	1
	35	-	-	35	1
d) Activities for Generating Funds					
Fundraising Income	-	-	4,336	4,336	3,465
	-	-	4,336	4,336	3,465
e) Other Incoming Resources					
Sundry Income	-	-	22	22	259
	-	-	22	22	259

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4. RESOURCES EXPENDED

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
a) Cost of Charitable Activities						
Advertising & Publicity		13	-	3,459	3,472	854
Art & Craft Materials		63	-	2,791	2,854	1,486
Bank Charges		134	-	83	217	285
Cleaning Costs		34	-	44	78	212
Equipment Costs		54	-	2,993	3,047	3,263
Food Costs		1,504	-	60,807	62,311	57,033
Fundraising Costs		49	-	2,399	2,448	1,840
Gifts & Donations		3,244	-	20,014	23,258	21,587
Grants & Awards		453	-	7,210	7,663	20,077
Insurance Costs		924	-	-	924	601
Licenses & Subscriptions		926	-	1,571	2,497	1,049
Music Resources		-	-	-	-	82
Office Costs		-	-	-	-	800
Printing & Packaging		489	-	8,833	9,322	11,069
Rent & Rates		-	-	6,435	6,435	200
Repairs & Maintenance		353	-	75	428	21
Staff Costs	14	26,623	-	181,540	208,163	137,668
Sundry Expenses		562	-	-	562	78
Training Costs		715	-	426	1,141	294
Travel & Subsistence		-	-	108	108	25
Tuition Fees		-	-	-	-	993
Volunteers Costs		831	-	1,142	1,973	825
Website Costs		600	-	-	600	451
		37,571	-	299,931	337,502	260,791
b) Governance Costs						
Independent Examiners Fees	10	1,050	-	-	1,050	850
Legal & Professional Fees		350	-	5,569	5,919	12,832
		1,400	-	5,569	6,969	13,682

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL PERIOD

	Balance 01-Apr-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-23 £
Active Breathing Course	3,794	18,822	12,970	(68)	9,578
Brite Box Kingston Fund	46,550	107,778	113,858	(9,720)	30,750
Brite Box Blossom House	-	4,800	-	-	4,800
Brite Box Elmbridge	-	21,073	14,705	-	6,368
Brite Box Hounslow	-	5,000	556	-	4,444
Brite Box Social Franchise	-	20,500	17,421	-	3,079
Brite Box Trading	-	-	303	303	-
Choral Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Choirs	2,396	21,026	21,298	(539)	1,585
HAF Creative Space Trading	-	1,600	1,600	-	-
Jubilee of Meaningful Memories	-	5,040	5,000	-	40
Community Fridge	-	3,000	1,920	-	1,080
Community Garden Fund	(1,437)	6,609	1,700	(3,000)	472
Cooking Classes	3,880	79	3,244	(715)	-
Employability Fund	15,483	806	16,289	-	-
Cycle of Change	-	25	27	2	-
Dinner for Hope	-	3,575	3,825	250	-
Good Food Co-Op Fund	6,510	15,207	17,901	(3,008)	808
Growbaby (Vineyard)	-	-	952	952	-
Refugee Action Boxes	-	620	540	-	80
Body & Soul Exercise Class	-	1,101	1,132	31	-
Pearl Project	-	7,413	7,567	154	-
Preventive Works/Safer Streets	-	28,319	28,319	-	-
Sister Sanctuary	(1,009)	15,675	7,912	(1)	6,753
Survivors' Forum	-	2,282	1,208	450	1,524
Women's Hub	70	36,818	25,253	(11,635)	-
Choral Activities	1,746	-	-	(1,746)	-
Food Charity Project	15,763	-	-	(15,763)	-
Food Hub	(11,831)	-	-	11,831	-
Food Trading Project	918	-	-	(918)	-
Korean Food Hub	149	-	-	(149)	-
DofE Trading Fund	(344)	-	-	344	-
	82,638	327,168	305,500	(32,945)	71,361

During the financial period the Trustees of Voices of Hope have agreed to transfer general funds to discontinued restricted operations in order to mitigate projects losses and deficits during the financial period in order to present a true and fair view of the restricted funds held by the Charity as at the 31st March 2023.

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5. RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)

PREVIOUS FINANCIAL PERIOD

	Balance 01-Apr-21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-22 £
Active Breathing Course	(584)	21,481	17,103	-	3,794
Brite Box Kingston Fund	13,917	136,962	104,329	-	46,550
Choral Activities	(553)	9,277	6,328	-	2,396
Choral Activities - Whiteley Fund	1,746	-	-	-	1,746
Community Garden Fund	-	4,337	5,774	-	(1,437)
Food Charity Project	15,763	-	-	-	15,763
Food Hub	(3,730)	4,654	12,755	-	(11,831)
Food Trading Project	918	-	-	-	918
Good Food Co-Op Fund	30,775	34,184	58,449	-	6,510
Korean Food Hub	149	-	-	-	149
Sister Sanctuary	2,410	-	3,419	-	(1,009)
3D Youth Cooking Classes	-	10,218	6,338	-	3,880
DofE Trading Fund	-	2,250	2,594	-	(344)
Employability Fund	-	20,000	4,517	-	15,483
Women's Hub	-	1,050	980	-	70
	60,811	244,413	222,586	-	82,638

Restricted funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

6. DESIGNATED FUNDS

CURRENT FINANCIAL PERIOD

	Balance 01-Apr-22 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance 31-Mar-23 £
Designated Reserve Fund	-	-	-	17,858	17,858
	-	-	-	17,858	17,858

Designated funds are wholly represented by the charity's cash reserves and are to be expended as specified above.

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7. INVESTMENTS

The CIO held no fixed assets investments during this or the previous financial period.

8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Cash at Bank & in Hand	97,976	102,664	200,640	96,397
	97,976	102,664	200,640	96,397

9. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Gift Aid Tax Refund	2,083	-	2,083	3,530
Sundry Debtors	1,783	96,345	98,128	23,772
	3,866	96,345	100,211	27,302

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Independent Examiners Fees	1,050	-	1,050	850
PAYE & N.I	5,217	-	5,217	4,332
Sundry Creditors	10,757	-	10,757	3,822
	17,024	-	17,024	9,004

11. DEFERRED INCOME: GRANTS AND DONATIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Grants & Donations Received in Advance	50,000	127,648	177,648	18,552
	50,000	127,648	177,648	18,552

The deferred income represent the grants and donation received by the Charity in advance and intended for future Charitable purposes. The grants and donations received in advance have therefore been carried forward for use as intended and the funds will be recognised in the Statement of Financial Activity in the coming financial period.

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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR

The CIO held no long term liabilities during this or the previous financial period.

13. NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 31-Mar-23 £	Total 31-Mar-22 £
Fixed Asset Investments	-	-	-	-
Net Current Assets	34,817	71,361	106,178	96,142
Long Term Liabilities	-	-	-	-
	34,817	71,361	106,178	96,142

14. STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS

	TOTAL 2022/23 £	TOTAL 2021/22 £
Gross Wages, Salaries & Fees	191,422	124,675
Employer's National Insurance Costs	7,797	5,986
Pension Contributions	8,944	7,007
	208,163	137,668

Employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	TOTAL 2022/23	TOTAL 2021/22
Charitable Activities	10	7

The Charity operates a PAYE scheme to pay all members of employed staff and no employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

15. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

The only payments made to the Trustees consisted of reimbursements of expenses incurred in furthering the Charity's objects and no direct benefits were received by the Trustees or any related parties during the financial period.

No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the organisation and a trustee or any person connected with them.

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16. RISK ASSESSMENT

The Trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the unrestricted reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

17. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the CIO's needs. This is based on the CIO's size and the level of financial commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the CIO will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The Trustees will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

18. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the CIO has achieved this are provided in the Trustees report. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/ members of Voices of Hope on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 9 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees 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,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- 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 matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 23rd November 2023