

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)

England & Wales · Charity number 1187744

Details

Other names	ACE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	09792264
Registered	2020-02-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	36 Marlborough Road Tuebrook Liverpool L13 8AX
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Website	empowermentace.org

Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT OF IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY ENGLISH, MATHS, SCIENCE, CV WRITING AND READING AND WRITING SKILLS.

Activities: ACE is committed to empowering women (and men) and their communities to participate fully in economic and civic life across all sectors as essential to building stronger communities. We work with disadvantaged wo/men, and young adults to help them to improve the quality of life and become more sustainable through our delivery of creative and innovative inclusion and diversity education programmes.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes

Geography

- Knowsley
- Liverpool City
- Sefton
- Wirral

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£37,267	£47,233	-	-
2024-09-30	£95,783	£91,184	-	-
2023-09-30	£105,418	£112,144	-	-
2022-09-30	£80,981	£67,588	-	-
2021-09-30	£80,206	£78,552	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Azarias Luke MORRIS		2017-03-22
Esra MOHAMMEDALI		2022-05-31
Marlena Magda YOUSAF		2024-03-03
Moses Uwaomah NDUKWE		2015-09-23
Nuha ABDALLA		2022-05-31

Accounts

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)
(Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee
without share capital)

ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended
30th September 2025

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ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

(Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the

Year ended 30th September 2025

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Bankers:	Barclays Bank Liverpool South Branch 164 Allerton Road Liverpool L18 2DH
Independent Examiner:	Jan Brooker CDC Finance Services 40 Arundel Avenue Liverpool L17 2AU

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year ended 30th September 2025

The Charity's Trustees, who are also Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their fourth Annual Report and Financial Statements, for the financial year ended 30th September 2025.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Governing Instrument

The Company is constituted as a charitable company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and is governed by Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Acronym Community Empowerment [ACE] is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charity, and at the time of writing has an application into them to become a CIO [Charitable Incorporated Organisation]

Membership

Membership is open to interested individuals interested in promoting the Objects of the Charity and accepted into membership by the Trustees.

Trustees/Directors

The Company's day-to-day work is delegated by the members, to a Board of Directors – who are also the charity's Trustees, who are elected by, and report to, an Annual General Meeting [AGM], that receives an Annual Report and the Financial Statements [Accounts] of the organisation.

One third of the Directors/Trustees stand down at each AGM, in rotation, by length of service, but are eligible for re-election. The Trustees meet as required to manage the business of the Company.

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Having reached the income and expenditure level required in the previous financial year, for charitable registration, the company successfully applied for charitable status.

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Board of Directors / Trustees

There were no changes to the Board during the financial year.

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year ended 30th September 2025

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Projects carried out in this period

Our initiatives have assisted the most disadvantaged children, young people, women, and families — especially those from newly settled migrant communities — in accessing a variety of services designed to improve health, wellbeing, and educational outcomes. We have provided support to children, women, and families from Ukraine, Roma, Kurdish, Libya, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Sudan, Hong Kong, Iran, Pakistan and other nationalities.

Thanks to ongoing support from MPAC & Sutton Croft and Liverpool City Council, we offer free holiday clubs—an initiative we've run for five years—for children and young people who qualify for free school meals. Most of our participants come from single-parent families, predominantly single mothers who are either unemployed or earn below the minimum wage and receive income-related benefits.

Our activities cover essential life skills like cooking and gardening, along with sports, outings, performing arts, crafts, and personal development /empowerment sessions. We provide nutritious free meals and encourage children to adopt healthier eating habits and active lifestyles during the holidays. By engaging in enriching activities, they are safe from social isolation, build friendships, enhance their confidence and self-esteem, improve their engagement at school, and become more involved in youth events.

More children with SEN needs are using the holiday scheme and our offer reflects the changing diverse needs and challenging demands we face to ensure appropriate care and support is provided. To meet this challenge, during the summer programme when we have a larger intake of children, and staff have accessed SEN training to provide 1-1 and small group support.

We reintroduced our booster homework club, which we have run before, along with family learning activities that equip parents with the skills and confidence to support their children's education and development. Parents also participated in training focused on the UNESCO Child Rights Charter and the Child Friendly City initiative, where they examined issues like bullying and discrimination, and contributed to actions, practices, or policies that promote listening to children's voices and respecting their rights.

Additionally, parents and carers received support, attending meetings with SENCO's and head teachers to advocate for additional learning support, navigate school choices and appeals, and, in some cases, obtain guidance on homeschooling or alternative education options.

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The need to develop an advocacy support is evident as parents/ carers have expressed feeling overwhelmed and intimidated by the school system and process, due to language barrier and not understanding their rights or receiving conflicting information that left them confused, often being passed from one department to another. Having someone to speak on their behalf and communicate on behalf of both the child and the parent interests is a much-needed extension of our work that we are committed to developing

We piloted a Football for Change project, funded by Community Foundation Merseyside, for girls aged 7–14 with behavioural difficulties and SEN. The project used football to boost motivation, confidence, and emotional resilience. Young volunteers also served as youth mentors and received NVQ level 1 in football coaching.

In partnership with local organisations, we delivered short course in literacy, numeracy, and IT digital inclusion courses as part of our community impact programmes to help women with limited qualifications learn everyday application in budgeting and managing priority bills, food shopping, calorie counting as well as stress management workshops, exercise, yoga, healthy cooking, and monthly meetings for personalised guidance on issues such as health referrals, welfare benefits, housing, and children's education needs.

Access to nutritious food and the rising cost of living, and managing debt were major concerns, leading to higher demand for advice and support; we referred more clients to specialist agencies due to limited resources. This was supported by Feeding Liverpool and CAB.

Marketing

The organisation promotes its work on its own website, which can be found at:

<https://empowermentace.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/empowermentace>

Instagram: @acronymcommempower.ace


Marlina Magda Yousaf
Director

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year ended 30th September 2025

AUDIT EXEMPTION STATEMENT

For the year ending 30th September 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The results for the year are set out on the finance pages following this report.

RESERVES

The balances at 30th September 2025 amounted to £4,881, not taking into account the value of supplies held in reserve [which for practical purposes have been written down to zero] by the company.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year funding was received from a more limited range of sources, as in the Projects report, and as shown below in the Grants received section below. Income for the year decreased significantly to £37,267 [from 2024 £95,783] while Expenditure also decreased significantly to £47,233 [from 2024 £91,184] including spending of grants received in the previous financial year.

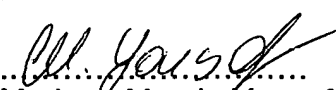
THE FUTURE

Future developments

We plan to continue our main activities, secure further funding and develop new work and increase our volunteer capacity with training support to develop skills within the organisation.

From the information gathered at family networking consultations with women, there is a sense of feeling overwhelmed by the school system and processes, that they find difficult to understand due to language barrier and not understanding their rights, and how to communicate with services. We have identified CPD training needs to be able to provide effective support.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 19th February 2026


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Marlena Magda Yousaf
Director

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

**for the Year Ended
30th September 2025**

	Notes	Restricted Funds 2023-24	Unrestricted Funds 2023-24	Restricted Funds 2024-25	Unrestricted Funds 2024-25	Totals 2024-25
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>	1					
Grants }		95,408	-	36,777	490	37,267
Misc }	2	0	-	-	-	
Donations }	2	0	-	-	-	
Contra payments		375		-	-	
Bank Interest	3	0	-	-	-	
Total Incoming Resources		106,008	-	36,777	490	37,267
<u>Resources expended</u>						
Charitable expenditure	4	91,559	-	46,433	400	46,833
Contras		(375)				
Support Costs	5	-	-		-	
Total resources expended		91,184	-	46,433	400	46,833
<u>Net incoming resources</u>		4,599	-	(9,656)	90	
<u>Net Movement in Funds</u>						
Total funds brought forward		10,082	-	14,586	90	
Unaccounted for surplus (shortfall)		(95)				(139)
Total funds carried forward		14,586	0	4,930	90	4,881

All activities of the Company are continuing.

Note 1

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects. The purpose of the restricted funds currently established are as listed.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the Company without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

BALANCE SHEET

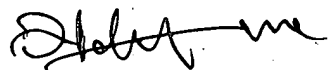
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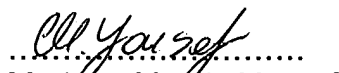
	Notes	30/09/2025	
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		4,881	
Total current assets			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		350	
Net current assets (liabilities)			4,531
Total assets less current liabilities			4,531
Provision for grants yet to be expended [prepayments]			-
Accruals and deferred income			-
Total net assets (liabilities)			4,531
Capital and reserves			0
Capital assets			0
Other reserves			0
Surplus and deficit account			-
Total funds			4,531

- a. For the year ending 30 September 2019 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the small companies regime.
- b. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- c. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
- ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; and
 - preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.
- d. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 19th February 2026, and signed on their behalf by:



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Moses Uwaomah Ndukwe
Director



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Marlena Magda Yousaf
Director

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the Year Ended

30th September 2025

	Restricted Funds 2024-25 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024-25 £	Total 2024-25 £
2. Voluntary Income			
MPAC	1,000	-	1,000
Sutton Croft	19,500	-	19,500
Citizen's Advice Liverpool	1,000	-	1,000
Community Foundation	9,956	-	9,956
Groundwork Trust	1,000	-	1,000
Sported Foundation	1,000	-	1,000
Merseyside Police	3,321	-	3,321
Donations, etc	-	490	490
	<u>36,777</u>	<u>490</u>	<u>37,267</u>
3. Investment income			
Interest on UK bank deposits	-	-	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4. Charitable Expenditure			
Sessional staff	26,782	-	26,782
Office costs/room and venue hire etc	3,296	-	3,296
Equipment	3,521	-	3,521
Food, supplies & refreshments	4,390	-	4,390
Travel, Training, Trips, Events etc	5,846	-	5,846
Stationery, post, etc	1,566	-	1,566
Misc. costs	952	-	952
Legal, fees, etc	80	-	80
Admin, Finance & Accountancy	-	400	400
	<u>46,433</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>46,833</u>
5. Support Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Trustees' Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

No remuneration was paid to the trustees; out-of-pocket expenses only are reimbursed, of which £nil.

7. Debtors	2025 £
Grants Due	-
Gift Aid Recoverable	-
	<u>-</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	£
Other creditors	0
	<u>0</u>

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2025**

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Acronym Community Empowerment (ACE)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th September 2025, which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

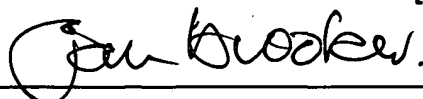
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements, to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept [in accordance with section 41 of the Act]; and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached [but see amended Note 4].

Signed:



Name:

Jan Brooker; Community Development Consultancy

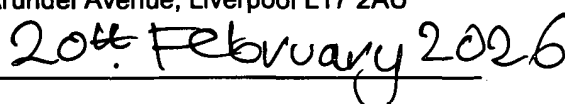
Qualifications:

B.A. (Hons.) Architecture; R.I.B.A. (Intermediate)

Address:

40 Arundel Avenue, Liverpool L17 2AU

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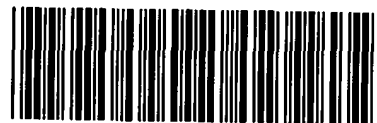
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¹ Jackie, ACE's Chair, sadly passed away during the period of this report. RIEP

**ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**
for the Year ended 30th September 2024

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Board of Directors / Trustees

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**ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**
for the Year ended 30th September 2024

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Projects carried out in this period

- MPAC HAF Holiday Activity Fund
- Sutton Croft HAF Holiday Activity Fund
- Alder Hey NHS Healthy Weight (Phase 2 – 4
- CFM – Digital training and Spring Forward community gardening
- CAB/ Feeding Liverpool Household Support Fund
- Sefton Borough Council Multiply
- Numeracy & digital skills

Development

During this period, we delivered several health-based initiatives, events and programmes focusing on reducing health inequalities, developing new partnerships with health organisations and agencies.

We also focused on improving everyday literacy and numeracy skills, supporting learners to improve IT and digital skills, and support with writing CVs, personal statements and job search to access employment or continuing adult learning courses.

We continued our fifth year of delivering HAF school holiday activities, and have established a pool of volunteers and facilitators who help to deliver a variety of exciting activities for all children to participate in, including 'Spring Forward' gardening and beekeeping programme - with the support of Community Foundation Merseyside.

Our beneficiaries for Children and Young People's [CYP] activities that support children and young people eligible for free school meals, SEN, refugees and asylum-seekers, and those who are vulnerable or at risk.

The Healthy Weight project collaboration with Alder Hey NHS Children's Hospital and Liverpool City Council Public Health promoted community health champions and organised family and intergenerational sports activities to address childhood obesity enabled inclusion of children who were ineligible for free school meals support, but were living in households struggling financially, and we were able to have a wider impact and increase the diversity of our service users.

Other successes were achieved in partnership with LCVS and Cheshire & Merseyside Cancer Alliance Sisterhood health promotion initiatives that we aim to establish as an annual event.

We also worked in Sefton Borough, with Sefton Council Adult Learning Services, to delivering numeracy and digital activities training workshops for Bootle and Southport residents Funded by the Department for Education workshops, teach including hosting monthly community food bazaar, to bring women who are isolated together - supported by Feeding Liverpool and the CAB.

Capacity building/training

Training and Development: strengthening our ability to respond to safeguarding issues or concerns. All staff underwent several training offers including Health & Safety Risk Assessment, PREVENT and FGM Awareness.

We also participated in Autism training, and Good Food Standards and Good Food for the Holidays, Level 2 food hygiene, risk assessments, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, first aid and IT courses were completed throughout the financial year, keeping up to date with the diverse needs of service users.

Consultation, beneficiaries and feed-back

We held regular consultations with stakeholders, gathering feedback to ensure that our services align with services that families and children want.

These were carried out at beginning, mid-term and end of session reviews - to evaluate delivery impact on beneficiaries and wider community, identify additional needs and insights of support priorities required by service users to feed into developing and improving our services.

During this financial year, we continued delivery of HAF Children & Young People's holiday activities meeting the growing demand among beneficiaries.

The Healthy Weight family programme tackling childhood obesity; community gardening food project, IT, digital and Multiply numeracy training enterprise /employability programmes including ESOL, cooking classes and improving literacy were influenced by the challenges facing families due to the cost-of-living crises and the negative impact the families we work are experiencing.

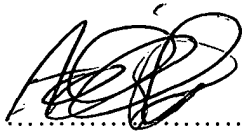
Underpinned by gathering information through consulting with our beneficiaries, ACE's funding strategy will focus on capacity building staff, and growing our volunteers network and resources - to strengthen our ability to continue to deliver the core services we offer.

Marketing

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Azarias Luke Morris
Director

**ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]
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RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

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RESERVES

The balances at 30th September 2024 amounted to £14,586, taking into account the value of fixed assets in use [which were for practical purposes have been written down to zero] by the company.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year funding was received from a range of sources, as in the Projects report, and shown below in the Grants received section. Income for the year decreased to £95,783 [2023 £105,418] while Expenditure also decreased, by a slightly greater margin, to £91,184 [2023 £112,144].

THE FUTURE

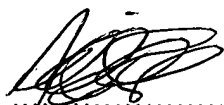
New Initiatives

We will develop more visible engagement activities and opportunities to promote our work at events, community markets, media appearances, and work with our network of support organisations and community businesses.

We will offer young people practical workshops to enable them to be more aware of employment and training opportunities available in the area; to have a better understanding about job applications and how to fill them, helping them through their interview process; helping to develop soft skills and confidence building.

We aim to introduce STEM skills to young people in a creative learning to develop environment awareness, with growing food activities and recycling and upcycling workshops and beekeeping projects to protect the natural environment and increase biodiversity in urban landscapes.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 15th April 2025



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Azarias Luke Morris
Director

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended
30th September 2024

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Charitable expenditure	4	112,144	-	91,559	-	91,559
Contras				(375)		
Support Costs	5	-	-	-	-	(375)
Total resources expended		112,144	-	91,184	-	91,184
<u>Net incoming resources</u>		(6,136)	-	4,599	-	
<u>Net Movement in Funds</u>						
Total funds brought forward		16,381	-	10,082	0	
Unaccounted for surplus (shortfall)		(163)		(95)		
Total funds carried forward		10,082	0	14,586	0	14,586

All activities of the Company are continuing.

Note 1

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects. The purpose of the restricted funds currently established are as listed.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the Company without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

BALANCE SHEET

as at
30th September 2024

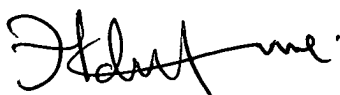
	Notes	30/09/2024	
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		14,586	
Total current assets		14,586	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		350	
Net current assets (liabilities)			14,236
Total assets less current liabilities			14,236
Provision for grants yet to be expended [prepayments]			-
Accruals and deferred income			-
Total net assets (liabilities)			14,236
Capital and reserves			0
Capital assets			0
Other reserves			0
Surplus and deficit account			-
Total funds			14,236

- a. For the year ending 30 September 2019 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the small companies regime.
- b. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- c. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
- ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; and
 - preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.
- d. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 15th April 2025, and signed on their behalf by:

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Moses Uwaomah Ndukwe
Director


.....
Azarias Luke Morris
Director



ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the Year Ended

30th September 2024

	Restricted Funds 2023-24 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023-24 £	Total 2023-24 £
2. Voluntary Income			
MPAC	7,200	-	7,200
Sutton Croft	18,465	-	18,465
Citizen's Advice Liverpool	3,158	-	3,158
Sefton MBC	13,166		13,166
Community Foundation	7,000		7,000
Alder Hey	37,280		37,280
Liverpool CVS	9,514	-	9,514
LCRCA / Merseytravel		-	
Donations, etc			
	<u>95,783</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>95,783</u>
3. Investment income			
Interest on UK bank deposits	-	-	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4. Charitable Expenditure			
Sessional staff	66,767	-	66,767
Office costs/room and venue hire etc	4,550	-	4,550
Equipment	7,374	-	7,374
Food, supplies & refreshments	3,024	-	3,024
Travel, Training, Trips, Events etc	4,365	-	4,365
Stationery, post, etc	1,113	-	1,113
Misc. costs	327	-	327
Exceptional item [legal]	300	-	300
Admin, Finance & Accountancy	740	-	740
	<u>88,560</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>88,560</u>
5. Support Costs	<u>-</u>		
6. Trustees' Expenses	-		
No remuneration was paid to the trustees; out-of-pocket expenses only are reimbursed, of which £nil.			
7. Debtors	2024		
	£		
Grants Due	-		
Gift Aid Recoverable	-		
	<u>-</u>		
8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
	£		
Other creditors	0		
	<u>0</u>		

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Acronym Community Empowerment (ACE)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th September 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

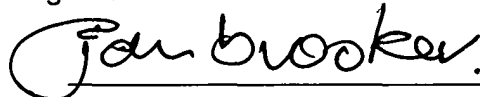
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements, to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept [in accordance with section 41 of the Act]; and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
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Signed:



Name: Jan Brooker; Community Development Consultancy
Qualifications: B.A. (Hons.) Architecture; R.I.B.A. (Intermediate)
Address: 40 Arundel Avenue, Liverpool L17 2AU

Date:

16th April 2025

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1187744

Accounts

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)
**(Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee
without share capital)**

ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
30th September 2023

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ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

(Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the

Year ended 30th September 2023

Company and Charity Information

Name: Acronym Community Empowerment [ACE]

Company Registration Number: 09792264

Charity Registration Number: 1187744

Governing Document: The organisation is a registered Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee, governed by Memorandum & Articles of Association, adopted 18th August, registered on 23rd September 2015; revised 2nd October 2019 and 16th January 2020. Charity registration agreed on 4th February 2020.

Registered Office: 36 Marlborough Road
Liverpool
L13 8AX

Directors/Trustees serving during the year

Moses Uwaomah Ndukwe	
Jacqueline Dallas ¹	
Azarias Luke Morris	
Nuha Abdalla	from 31 May 2023
Esra Mohammedali	from 31 May 2023
Marlena Magda Yousaf	from 3 March 2024

Bankers: Barclays Bank
Liverpool South Branch
164 Allerton Road
Liverpool L18 2DH

Independent Examiner: Jan Brooker
CDC Finance Services
40 Arundel Avenue
Liverpool L17 2AU

¹ Sadly passed away after the period of this report. RIP

**ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**
for the Year ended 30th September 2023

The Charity's Trustees, who are also Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their fourth Annual Report and Financial Statements, for the financial year ended 30th September 2023.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Governing Instrument

The Company is constituted as a charitable company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and is governed by Memorandum and Articles of Association. After the financial period covered by this report, the Company's Objects were revised, as below.

Membership

Membership is open to interested individuals interested in promoting the Objects of the Charity and accepted into membership by the Trustees.

Trustees/Directors

The Company's day-to-day work is delegated by the members, to a Board of Directors – who are also the charity's Trustees, who are elected by, and report to, an Annual General Meeting [AGM], that receives an Annual Report and the Financial Statements [Accounts] of the organisation.

One third of the Directors/Trustees stand down at each AGM, in rotation, by length of service, but are eligible for re-election. The Trustees meet as required to manage the business of the Company.

Between AGMs the Trustees are responsible for overseeing the running of the Company - governed by both Company and Charity law/regulations - and for obtaining funding, running projects and allocating resources. Collectively, they are responsible for the overall management of the operations of the Company/Charity.

Having reached the income and expenditure level required in the previous financial year, for charitable registration, the company successfully applied for charitable status.

Objects of the Company

The objects of the Charity are, to advance the education of the public in the subject of in particular but not exclusively English, Maths, Science, CV writing and reading and writing skills.

Board of Directors / Trustees

There were no changes to the Board during the year. Marlena Yousaf joined the board later, after the sad death of our Chair.

**ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**
for the Year ended 30th September 2023

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Projects summary in this period

- MPAC & Sutton Croft HAF Holiday Activity Fund
- Alder Hey NHS Healthy Weight
- CFM Women's Fund Enterprise programme
- Feeding Liverpool Household Support Fund
- LCR CEF Growing Community Roots
- Sefton Multiply.

Development

We developed programmes promoting social inclusion, reducing health inequalities and women's empowerment through the provision of: creative education, multi sports, health & wellbeing, also supporting people with training opportunities to increase their employable skills. We experienced continued demand for our services, and were able to meet the demands by extending our network of partnerships with schools and community groups across the Liverpool City and increasing the numbers of volunteers and sessional facilitators involved in delivering project activities.

We were able to support over 350 individual beneficiaries in this financial year. We continued supporting children and young people eligible for free school meals, SEN, refugee/asylum, and those who are vulnerable or at risk. HAF delivery includes outdoor and indoor enrichment, sport and healthy eating activities to encourage children to maintain active and healthy lifestyles and through participation, develop teamwork, communication skills and confidence to improve overall wellbeing.

The young people attending our services rely on the food provisions we offer during school holidays, as the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact standards of living and affordability of essentials including fuel and food. Our school based Growing Community Roots gardening project at St. Vincent De Paul RC primary school had a wider impact on the local community, and afterschool club, establishing sustainable herb and wildflower garden for the whole school to use.

Our women's empowerment workshops gave opportunities for migrant women to gain financial independence to improve IT, digital and numeracy skills, CV writing and personal statements, practical experience with volunteering and support to progress to adult education and vocational training. We also provided women who often struggled with language barriers help to access a range of support services such as health, debt management, food pantries and housing concerns.

Sessional support staff and volunteers have brought an array of valuable skills and expertise, and we expanded our ability to provide a diverse range of tailored activities; project staff & volunteers worked collaboratively with external agencies to help children and young people with SEN needs had these met. A Wednesdays Women's coffee morning at Toxteth Library, to reduce isolation and stay connected, led by volunteers, met over coffee, and helped improve their literacy and digital skills. We developed family learning activities in partnership with Alder Hey NHS to deliver the Public Health Healthy Weight Programme and to influence positive eating behaviours and help reduce childhood obesity. Families were also encouraged to keep active with family football, hula hoops and swimming and workshop focusing on nutrition, portion size.

The work we do was achieved via support from Merseyside Play Action Council Liverpool City Council and Liverpool City Region. Community gardening project: Community Foundation Merseyside and LCVS to help those socially excluded.

We will continue to develop current work to widen children and young people's experiences organising arts, culture, IT, sport, education; and improve opportunities for community-based learning for women, to enable positive life choices and changes, develop their confidence to return to work.

Capacity building/training

Training focused on Disability awareness training programmes i.e. Autism Awareness, ASD, ACE and First Contact with Clients. Other training included supporting volunteers, The Good Food Standards and Good Food for the Holidays, Level 2 food hygiene, risk assessments, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, first aid, health and safety, prevent and IT courses were completed throughout the financial year, keeping up to date with the diverse needs of service users.

New Initiatives

We will develop more visible engagement activities and opportunities to promote our work at events, community markets, media appearances, and work with our network of support organisations and community businesses. Offer young people practical workshops to enable them to be more aware of employment and training opportunities available in the area; to have a better understanding about job applications and how to fill them, helping them through their interview process; helping to develop soft skills and confidence building. We aim to introduce STEM skills to young people in a creative learning to develop environment awareness, with growing food activities and recycling and upcycling workshops and beekeeping projects to protect the natural environment and increase biodiversity in urban landscapes.

Consultation, beneficiaries and feed-back

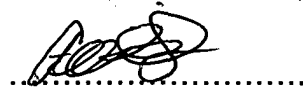
We held regular consultations with stakeholders gathering feedback to ensure that our services align with beneficiaries' needs. These were carried out at beginning, midterm and end of session reviews to evaluate delivery impact on beneficiaries and wider community, identify additional needs, and insights of support priorities required by service users to feed into developing and improving our services. During the year, we continued delivery of HAF Children & Young people's holiday activities meeting the growing demand among beneficiaries. The Healthy Weight family programme tackling childhood obesity; community gardening food project, IT, digital and Multiply numeracy training enterprise/employability programmes including ESOL, cooking classes and improving literacy were influenced by the challenges facing families due to the cost-of-living crisis & the negative impact on families we work are experiencing. Underpinned by gathering information through consulting with our beneficiaries, ACE's funding strategy will focus on capacity building staff and growing our volunteers network and resources strengthen our ability to continue to deliver these core services we offer.

Marketing

The organisation promotes its work on its own website, which can be found at:

<https://empowermentace.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/empowermentace>



Azarias Luke Morris
Director

**ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**
for the Year ended 30th September 2023

AUDIT EXEMPTION STATEMENT

For the year ending 30th September 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The results for the year are set out on the finance pages following this report.

RESERVES

The balances at 30th September 2023 amounted to £10,082, taking into account the value of fixed assets in use [which were for practical purposes have been written down to zero] by the company.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

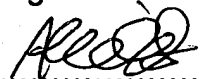
During the year increased funding was received from a range of sources, as in the Projects report, and shown below in the Grants received section. Income for the year increased to £105,418 [2022 £80,981] and Expenditure increased to £112,144 [2022 £67,588].

THE FUTURE

The HAF programme currently supports 150 children weekly with activities, with more trained support workers, we will be able to offer more children with additional support needs to use our services. We have health champions as volunteers and sessional practitioners who live locally and are known for their service and act as role models, provide valuable lived experience and transferable skills that enhance the quality of project engagement.

We will continue to support the delivery of Healthy Weight and HAF programmes to improve the health and social outcomes of disadvantaged children and young people living in Toxteth, the 5th most deprived area nationally. Additionally, increasing digital literacy is important to keep women and girls safe online. We will develop programs to improve internet safety, and risks of online scams or attacks and support participants to improve their everyday use of maths through Multiply projects to be able to monitor their children's internet use help with their children's math's homework.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 20th June 2024


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Azarias Luke Morris
Director

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended
30th September 2023

	Notes	Restricted Funds 2021-22	Unrestricted Funds 2021-22	Restricted Funds 2022-23	Unrestricted Funds 2022-23	Totals 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>	1					
Grants	}	80,981	-	105,418	-	105,418
Misc	}	-	-	0	-	0
Donations	}	-	-	0	-	0
Contra payments				590		
Bank Interest	3	-	-	0	-	0
Total Incoming Resources		80,981	-	106,008	-	106,008
<u>Resources expended</u>						
Charitable expenditure	4	67,588	-	112,144	-	112,144
Support Costs	5	-	-	-	-	0
Total resources expended		67,588	-	112,144	-	112,144
<u>Net incoming resources</u>		13,393	-	(6,136)	-	(6,136)
<u>Net Movement in Funds</u>						
Total funds brought forward		2,988	-	16,381	0	16,381
Unaccounted for surplus (shortfall)				(163)		(163)
Total funds carried forward		16,381	0	10,082	0	10,082

All activities of the Company are continuing.

Note 1

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects. The purpose of the restricted funds currently established are as listed.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the Company without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

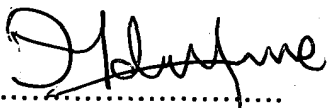
BALANCE SHEET

as at
30th September 2023

	Notes	£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		10,082	
Total current assets		<u>10,082</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	
Net current assets (liabilities)			
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>10,082</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			350
Provisions for liabilities and charges			0
Accruals and deferred income			-
Total net assets (liabilities)			<u>9,732</u>
Capital and reserves			0
Capital assets			0
Other reserves			0
Surplus and deficit account			-
Total funds			<u>9,732</u>

- a. For the year ending 30 September 2019 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the small companies regime.
- b. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- c. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
- ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; and
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- d. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 20th June 2024, and signed on their behalf by:


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Moses Uwaomah Ndukwe
Director


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Azarias Luke Morris
Director

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the Year Ended

30th September 2023

	Restricted Funds 2022-23 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022-23 £	Total 2022-23 £
2. Voluntary Income			
MPAC	8,460	-	8,460
Sutton Croft	20,500	-	20,500
Citizen's Advice Liverpool	1,174	-	1,174
Sefton MBC	12,524	-	12,524
Community Foundation	9,990	-	9,990
Sutton Croft	51,535	-	51,535
Liverpool AR	200	-	200
LCRCA / Merseytravel	1,035	-	1,035
Donations, etc	-	-	-
	<u>105,418</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>105,418</u>
3. Investment income			
Interest on UK bank deposits	-	-	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
4. Charitable Expenditure			
Sessional staff	64,631	-	64,631
Office costs/room and venue hire etc	6,219	-	6,219
Equipment	10,115	-	10,115
Food, supplies & refreshments	11,690	-	11,690
Travel, Training, Trips, Events etc	6,570	-	6,570
Stationery, post, etc	2,557	-	2,557
Misc. costs	161	-	161
Exceptional item	9,900	-	9,900
Admin, Finance & Accountancy	300	-	300
	<u>112,143</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>112,143</u>
5. Support Costs	<u>-</u>		
6. Trustees' Expenses	-		
No remuneration was paid to the trustees; out-of-pocket expenses only are reimbursed, of which £nil.			
7. Debtors	2023 £		
Grants Due	-		
Gift Aid Recoverable	-		
	<u>-</u>		
8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£		
Other creditors	0		
	<u>0</u>		

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Acronym Community Empowerment (ACE)

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th September 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

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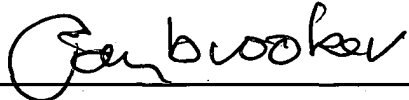
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Signed: 
Name: Jan Brooker; Community Development Consultancy
Qualifications: B.A. (Hons.) Architecture; R.I.B.A. (Intermediate)
Address: 40 Arundel Avenue, Liverpool L17 2AU
Date: 25th June 2024

Accounts

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)
(Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee
without share capital)

ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
30th September 2022

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

(Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the

Year ended 30th September 2022

Company and Charity Information

Name:	Acronym Community Empowerment [ACE]		
Company Registration Number:	09792264		
Charity Registration Number:	1187744		
Governing Document:	The organisation is a registered Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee, governed by Memorandum & Articles of Association, adopted 18th August, registered on 23rd September 2015; revised 2nd October 2019 and 16th January 2020. Charity registration agreed on 4th February 2020.		
Registered Office:	36 Marlborough Road Liverpool L13 8AX		
Directors/Trustees serving during the year	Moses Uwaomah Ndukwe Jacqueline Dallas Azarias Luke Morris Nuha Abdalla Esra Mohammed		
		from 31 May 2022	
		from 31 May 2022	
Bankers:	Barclays Bank Liverpool South Branch 164 Allerton Road Liverpool L18 2DH		
Independent Examiner:	Jan Brooker CDC Finance Services 40 Arundel Avenue Liverpool L17 2AU		

**ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**
for the Year ended 30th September 2022

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Governing Instrument

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Board of Directors / Trustees

Last year we said goodbye to Lovena Francis as a Director/Trustee, for whose service we thank her, and welcomed during the year two new Directors, Nuha Abdalla and Esra Mohammed.

**ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**
for the Year ended 30th September 2022

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Development. ACE's beneficiaries continued to be impacted by financial challenges, from issues such as the cost of living and fuel costs, on the heels of the pandemic and the effects of the Ukraine conflict continued to increase the numbers of beneficiaries experiencing household poverty. We had an increase of women from refugee and asylum seeker communities using our services and worked with over 250 women, children and young people around issues concerning their health, emotional wellbeing, financial circumstances and language barriers

We delivered training and development programmes to reduce social exclusion, isolation and to increase resilience. Supporting women back into the workforce with training in business & enterprise, empowerment & self development, ESOL, maths, learning programmes. For children and young people we have our school holiday provision for primary aged children for families eligible for income related benefits. Additionally, we were able to provide individual support to women with critical housing need, domestic violence and young people experiencing mental health, with schools exclusion, SEN statements, offering advice, information and advocacy support or referrals to other service providers.

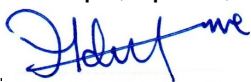
Projects supported during the Year

- Creative Play and Healthy Eating children's activity club
- Homework booster study club
- Maths for budgeting skills
- Be Your Boss - business entrepreneurship skills for migrant women
- Digital/IT and Level 2 vocational courses
- Young people's mental health, education and school exclusion.

This work was supported by Liverpool City Region, Liverpool City Council, Community Foundation Merseyside, LCVS and MPAC. Environment and climate change continues to be an important part of our work to enable women and their families to access sustainable food security.

Consultation, beneficiaries and feed-back. ACE regularly conducts consultations and meetings with stakeholders to evaluate the impact of our work and identify gaps in service provision This includes gathering individual and group feedback on '*what went well and even better if*' from beneficiaries.

Feedback gathered from LCR Cares Wealth Building and 'Be Your Boss' employability courses, women want to build on skills and continue progression onto other courses and activities such as setting up a community Cafe or community food business to help women gain valuable work experience at makers market stalls, local event food, and catering management; and to provide leadership shadowing and volunteering opportunities for minoritised women to develop workplace skills and competencies. Feedback from children and parents attending ACE holiday activities feed into the workshops, sports, healthy food preparation and family learning.



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Moses Uwaomah Ndukwe
Director

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE] TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year ended 30th September 2022

AUDIT EXEMPTION STATEMENT

For the year ending 30th September 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The results for the year are set out on the finance pages following this report.

RESERVES

The balances at 30th September 2022 amounted to £16,381 taking into account the value of fixed assets in use [which were for practical purposes zero] by the company.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year greatly increased funding was received from a range of sources, as the Projects report, and shown below in the Grants received section. Income for the year, £80,981 increased slightly [2021 £80,206] and Expenditure incurred was less, at £67,588 [2021 £78,552].

THE FUTURE. Post balance sheet and future developments

The DfE HAF programme supported by MPAC & LCVS allows ACE to provide healthy food, sport and enrichment activities during half-terms/summer holidays for children and families in receipt of free school meals and/or eligible income-related benefits. We relocated from community centre to secondary school to enable access to appropriate safe spaces for children to learn and play. We will also increase our staffing capacity to ensure we meet individual learning support needs, as the numbers of SEND children using our services has increased during the year, and staff and volunteers will access Level 2 or Level 3 training on topics i.e. Autism Awareness, Counselling .

ACE's future work will deliver a community growing food project to promote healthy eating, food security and protecting the environment; the community food growing projects in partnership with other organisations, primary schools & community groups. Empowering women to be their Boss with training and development support has been achieved with the support from Community Foundation Merseyside, LCVS, Liverpool City Council & Liverpool City Region; this work will continue to deliver digital, social media, budgeting and everyday use of functional Maths and English support, to help women grow ideas into artisan businesses trading at Makers Markets, and community events to also increase wealth building capacity in local areas of high unemployment.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 19th July 2023



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Moses Uwaomah Ndukwe
Director

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the Year Ended

30th September 2022

		Restricted Funds 2020-21	Unrestricted Funds 2020-21	Restricted Funds 2021-22	Unrestricted Funds 2021-22	Totals 2021-22
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>	1					
Grants }		80,206	-	80,981	-	80,981
Misc }	2	-	-	-	-	0
Donations }	2	-	-	-	-	0
Bank Interest	3	-	-	-	-	0
Total Incoming Resources		80,206	-	80,981	-	80,981
<u>Resources expended</u>						
Charitable expenditure	4	78,552	-	67,588	-	67,588
Support Costs	5	-	-	0	-	0
Total resources expended		78,552	-	67,588	-	67,588
<u>Net incoming resources</u>		1,744	-	13,393	-	13,393
<u>Net Movement in Funds</u>						
Total funds brought forward		1,334	0	2,988	0	2,988
Unaccounted for surplus (shortfall)		(90)	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		2,988	0	16,381	0	16,381

All activities of the Company are continuing.

Note 1

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects. The purpose of the restricted funds currently established are as listed.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the Company without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

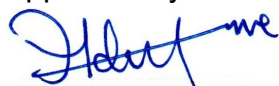
BALANCE SHEET

as at
30th September 2022

	Notes	30/09/2022	
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		16,381	
Total current assets		16,381	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	
Net current assets (liabilities)			16,381
Total assets less current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			0
Provisions for liabilities and charges			0
Accruals and deferred income			0
Total net assets (liabilities)			16,381
Capital and reserves			0
Capital assets			0
Other reserves			0
Surplus and deficit account			-
Total funds			16,381

- a. For the year ending 30 September 2019 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the small companies regime.
- b. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- c. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
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 - preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.
- d. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 19th July 2023, and signed on their behalf by:



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Moses Uwaomah Ndukwe
Director



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Azarias Luke Morris
Director

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the Year Ended

30th September 2022

	Restricted Funds 2021-22 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021-22 £	Total 2021-22 £
2. Voluntary Income			
Big Help	900	-	900
Sutton Croft Re. HAF	13,000	-	13,000
Rathbone Foundation	0	-	0
Community Foundation	12,000	-	12,000
African Health Network	0	-	0
Merseytravel	16,973	-	16,973
Liverpool CVS	34,608	-	34,608
Liverpool City Council	3,500	-	3,500
Donations, etc	0	-	0
	80,981	0	0 80,981
3. Investment income			
Interest on UK bank deposits	-	-	0
	0	0	0
4. Charitable Expenditure			
Sessional staff	36,168	-	36,168
Office costs/room and venue hire etc	6,300	-	6,300
Equipment [inc. consumables]	13,191	-	13,191
Travel, Training, Trips, Events etc	5,517	-	5,517
Stationery, post, etc	2,333	-	2,333
Publicity & Marketing	385	-	385
Misc. costs	3,004	-	3,004
Admin, Finance & Accountancy	690	-	690
	67,588	0	67,588
5. Support Costs	-		
6. Trustees' Expenses	-		

No remuneration was paid to the trustees; out-of-pocket expenses only are reimbursed, of which £nil.

7. Debtors	2022 £
Grants Due	-
Gift Aid Recoverable	-
	-
8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£
Other creditors	0
	0

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2022****Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts****Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Acronym Community Empowerment (ACE)**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th September 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

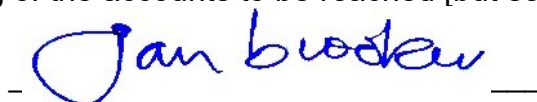
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements, to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept [in accordance with section 41 of the Act]; and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached [but see amended Note 4].

Signed:



Name:

Jan Brooker; Community Development Consultancy

Qualifications:

B.A. (Hons.) Architecture; R.I.B.A. (Intermediate)

Address:

40 Arundel Avenue, Liverpool L17 2AU

Date:

20th July 2023

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1187744

Accounts

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)
(Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee
without share capital)

ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
30th September 2021

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

(Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the

Year ended 30th September 2021

Company and Charity Information

Name:	Acronym Community Empowerment [ACE]		
Company Registration Number:	09792264		
Charity Registration Number:	1187744		
Governing Document:	The organisation is a registered Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee, governed by Memorandum & Articles of Association, adopted 18th August, registered on 23rd September 2015; revised 2nd October 2019 and 16th January 2020. Charity registration agreed on 4th February 2020.		
Registered Office:	36 Marlborough Road Liverpool L13 8AX		
Directors/Trustees serving during the year	Moses Uwaomah Ndukwe Hayad Ibrahim Azarias Luke Morris Lovena Annmarie Francis Andrea Tuzio Jacqueline Dallas	Resigned 18th October 2021 Resigned 3rd April 2021 Appointed 14th January 2021	
Bankers:	Barclays Bank Liverpool South Branch 164 Allerton Road Liverpool L18 2DH		
Independent Examiner:	Jan Brooker CDC Finance Services 40 Arundel Avenue Liverpool L17 2AU		

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE] TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year ended 30th September 2021

The Charity's Trustees, who are also Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their fourth Annual Report and Financial Statements, for the financial year ended 30th September 2021.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Governing Instrument

The Company is constituted as a charitable company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and is governed by Memorandum and Articles of Association. After the financial period covered by this report, the Company's Objects were revised, as below.

Membership

Membership is open to interested individuals interested in promoting the Objects of the Charity and accepted into membership by the Trustees.

Trustees/Directors

The Company's day-to-day work is delegated by the members, to a Board of Directors – who are also the charity's Trustees, who are elected by, and report to, an Annual General Meeting [AGM], that receives an Annual Report and the Financial Statements [Accounts] of the organisation.

One third of the Directors/Trustees stand down at each AGM, in rotation, by length of service, but are eligible for re-election. The Trustees meet as required to manage the business of the Company.

Between AGMs the Trustees are responsible for overseeing the running of the Company - governed by both Company and Charity law/regulations - and for obtaining funding, running projects and allocating resources. Collectively, they are responsible for the overall management of the operations of the Company/Charity.

Having reached the income and expenditure level required in the previous financial year, for charitable registration, the company successfully applied for charitable status.

Objects of the Company

The [simplified] objects of the Charity are, to advance the education of the public in the subject of in particular but not exclusively English, Maths, Science, CV writing and reading and writing skills.

Board of Directors / Trustees

During the year Andrea Tuzio resigned as a Director/Trustee to concentrate on bringing up her new baby. We thank her for her work, and congratulate her on the new addition to her family.

We sadly said goodbye to Hayad Ibrahim, a founding member, who resigned from her role as Director [and Treasurer] due to family commitments.

We welcomed the appointment of Jacqueline Dallas as a Trustee [Director], who brings a range of different skills to the work of ACE.

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year ended 30th September 2021

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Development

During the year the organisation commenced its operations as a Registered Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee. The year proved to be a challenging period for the voluntary committee, and the organisation's usual business, due to the Cov19 pandemic, and the need to adapt and respond to the extremely challenging impact of the lockdowns, heightening awareness of problems faced by the community.

Inequalities within Black and minority communities are well-documented, further reports on racial Inequality produced by the Runnymede Trust race thinktank, in April 2021, and The ONS Health Analysis research findings, highlighted that disadvantaged minority communities were significantly harder hit by the pandemic due to higher health risk factors, unemployment and poor housing conditions. These coincided with the completion of our **Power for Change** project (£15,500) supporting women into employment, and implementation of other Covid Relief support projects; MCF Youth **Violence Reduction** programme (£7,400) using participatory theatre methods as a diversionary tool. We also delivered an African Health Policy Network project (£1,000) to support **mental health and wellbeing**; underpinning actions identified in our group development action plans. These activities were completed by March 2021.

Online platforms and working arrangement were introduced using Zoom or Microsoft Teams to engage with clients during lockdown restrictions, until April 2021 and the lifting of Covid -19 restrictions, when we were able to resume face-to-face contact.

Capacity building/training

Other developments included trustee capacity building training in a 12-week support received from Ubele and Power for Change - to review current and future organisational **activities and capacity needs** of BAME-led charities. The topic areas included securing a community asset transfer, understanding asset and liability management, core staffing and accessibility, the ability to generate economic viable and sustainable community business growth, and long-term financial health. Including diversifying our charitable activities to generate income, develop different sources of income and hosting larger community fundraising activities.

The trustees completed an online **Media & Marketing training** with The Media Trust's Digital Mentoring Programme for charities in February 2021. The Digital Comms Programme helped to review the organisation's marketing strategy for fundraising, and campaigning with their Volunteer Platform connecting with skilled volunteers.

The charity's website was redesigned to reflect an updated communication strategy.

New Initiatives

Further development on initiatives tackling **climate change** and finding local solutions *to improve green spaces and biodiversity* was a priority, following the success of Disposable, a £7,500 project funded by Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority and Veola.

This was followed through with support from Liverpool City Region Metro Mayor Community Environment Fund (£20,000) to deliver **Save Our Bees** beekeeping project; training children and adults the skills of bee husbandry and protecting declining bee colonies and pollinators. Income generated from honey harvested was reinvested into sustaining the community apiary based at two neighbourhood community centres, The Caribbean Centre and John Archer Hall in Toxteth in partnership with Merseyside Bees & Honeycomb.

The project received media attention and our young beekeepers featured on **BBC** regional news, **ITV** and in the **Liverpool Echo**. They also took part in the Liverpool Combined Authority video excerpt for Glasgow **Climate COP conference**. The project was also the subject for **Sky TV** documentaries, released for **Black History Month** October 2021, on **Together TV**. A **Netflix** documentary was also released in March 2022. (This will be included in the next reporting period; also mentioned in future developments).

School closure due to Covid 19 exacerbated child mental health issues, and problems arising from school. In response to a growing demand for education advocacy support an informal volunteer/parent led **Covid Recovery Education** group was set up to assist primary and secondary school children and their parents faced with issues such as permanent or short-term school exclusions, in year transfers or accessing SEND provision. The team formed from parents/women who participated in an **African Policy Network Mental Health** funded project (£1,000) in January 2021, and an additional £500 to extend the work based on the outcomes, and pay for the costs of an education specialist to represent children at meetings and panel hearings - with confidence that they would have their voices heard. This work was supported by LCVS Community Impact Merseyside Fund (£1,500) for our project **Parenthood Recovery** (PR) received in August 2021, and a further £5,000 support from the Community Foundation's Merseyside Dulverton Trust for a **Brighter Futures Homework club** - to support English and Maths catch-up and develop independent learning skills and self-confidence.

We resumed face-to-face children's activities as registered provider (for the next 3 financial years) for the **holiday activities and food programme** (HAF) which follows the successful roll-out of the programme across England in 2021. From our local grant supporters, Merseyside Play Action Council, we received £28,114 to successfully deliver a five weeks' programme for 30 children aged 7-11 years (more in future work).

After a review of existing policies such as safeguarding, risk assessment, health & safety and environment policies were updated and signed by trustees, including reviewing appropriate Insurance cover is in place. A skills audit was conducted to identify core skills and training needs of trustees and volunteers. A range of other online training such as Prevent, Autism Awareness, school food standard Good Food for the Holidays training and toolkits. We supported other community events, deepening cooperation and partnership with local groups, community organisations and statutory agencies.

Projects summary in this period

We were awarded a grant by St Helens MBC Community Foundation & Veola for a **Fashion Disposable** project, £2667 x 3 instalments for a mixture of online practical workshops and family creative activity boxes - with outdoor tables swop shop and upcycling textiles led by a local community artist.

Power to Change awarded a grant of £15,279 for delivery of Rise projects, supporting a **'Girl Boss Bootcamp'** women's empowerment training - delivered over six months. Topics on developing communication and soft skills, including social leadership competencies, and creating positive impact as effective social leaders. Additional support received from The Eleanor Rathbone Foundation of £3,000 was used to deliver an extended project for an additional 6 weeks.

An Open Dialogue **mental health awareness and self-help** network received support from African Mental Health Policy Network BAME Healthy Communities Surviving Cov-19 micro-grant of £1,000 in January 2021 - for training costs for two healthcare volunteers and an additional £500 in September, to extend work based on the outcomes & pay the costs of an education specialist to represent children at meetings and panel hearings - with confidence that they would have their voices heard.

From March to September 2021, two key activities were launched: our environmental beekeeping project **Save Our Bees** was funded by Metro Mayor Steve Rotherham's environmental green pledge, with a grant of £20,000 - to train new generation of community beekeepers, engaging local primary schools and adults to learn in a multi-generational setting. We also helped to generate a sustained interest in grassroots community beekeeping; with appearances in newspaper, radio interviews and a story headline on BBC News Northwest, including Netflix and Sky TV documentaries and representing the city at CoP climate conference [in October 2021].

As part of the roll-out of the programme across England in 2021, we registered as HAF providers with MPAC (Merseyside Youth Action Council); our local grant supporters, and LCVS. In July 2021, we received £28,114 to deliver five weeks programme for up to 30 children aged 7-11 years old, This will work will continue for the next 3 financial years to deliver holiday activities and food programme (HAF).

Our education and mental well being support continued via LCVS' Community Impact Fund (£1,500) delivering a Parent Recovery-PR programme in August 2022; this was further supported by Merseyside Community Foundation-Dulverton Trust who provided a £5,000 grant for our Brighter Futures homework club to help the group to continue to deliver targeted learning for adolescents that have fallen behind their expected grades.

Consultation, beneficiaries and feed-back

The number of direct and indirect beneficiaries exceeded 1,000 participants - who engaged and supported our activities in the Princes Park Ward, Toxteth, Liverpool L8 locality where are services are delivered. 4 listening exercises and consultations were conducted throughout the year with our service users to evaluate the impact of our work and identify gaps in service provision, and how we can improve delivery to meet changing needs and demands. Other monitoring and evaluation exercises were performed using feedback forms and questionnaires.

Marketing

The organisation promotes its work on its own website, which can be found at: <https://www.acronymcommunityempowerment.org/>

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Moses Uwaomah Ndukwe
Director

**ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**
for the Year ended 30th September 2021

AUDIT EXEMPTION STATEMENT

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RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The results for the year are set out on the finance pages following this report.

RESERVES

The balances at 30th September 2021 amounted to £2,988, taking into account the value of fixed assets in use [which were for practical purposes zero] by the company.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year greatly increased funding was received from a range of sources, as the Projects report, and shown below in the Grants received section. Income for the year was £80,206 [2020 £11,167] and Expenditure £78,552 [2020 £10,320].

THE FUTURE

Future activities focus on providing **holiday-time activities** for KS2 children with the support from MPAC, LCVS and Liverpool City Council. Further grant applications to Community Foundation Merseyside have been made to support our youth based community learning programmes, i.e. a Youth Diversion Fund by Merseyside Police & Crime Commissioner (£5,000) and Merseyside Community Investment Fund (£2,000).

We will continue to promote reducing waste and pollution, supporting wildlife and biodiversity to improve the environment. A **Growing Community Roots** application to Liverpool City Region (£40,000) aims to improve Princes Park community green spaces, upgrading a plot into a community herb garden for residents and visitors.

We are updating the group's online platforms and website, which will be relaunched with a new domain. A fundraiser will be launched in September 2022 for International Women's Day and to support other local issues will be launched in September 2022

We will explore opportunities to develop a women's Community Cafe as a training hub and a local drop in service. We will also explore using recycled fashion items such as t-shirts, greeting cards and reusing plastic to create new functional items.

We continue to consider project proposals to enable us to meet our objects, and have developed partnerships and relationships with community groups to meet these aims.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 25th June 2022

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Director

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the Year Ended

30th September 2021

		Restricted Funds 2019-20	Unrestricted Funds 2019-20	Restricted Funds 2020-21	Unrestricted Funds 2020-21	Totals 2020-21
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<u>Incoming Resources</u>	1					
Grants }		11,167	-	80,206	-	80,206
Misc }	2	-	-	-	-	0
Donations }	2	-	-	-	-	0
Bank Interest	3	-	-	-	-	0
Total Incoming Resources		11,167	-	80,206	-	80,206
<u>Resources expended</u>						
Charitable expenditure	4	10,320	-	78,552	-	78,552
Support Costs	5	-	-	-	-	0
Total resources expended		10,320	-	78,552	-	78,552
<u>Net incoming resources</u>		847	-	1,744	-	1,744
<u>Net Movement in Funds</u>						
Total funds brought forward		287	0	1,334	0	1,334
Unaccounted for surplus (shortfall)		200	-	(90)		(90)
Total funds carried forward		1,334	0	2,988		2,988

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Unrestricted funds

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ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]**BALANCE SHEET**

as at

30th September 2021

	Notes	30/09/2020	
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		2,988	
Total current assets		2,988	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		0	
Net current assets (liabilities)			2,988
Total assets less current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			0
Provisions for liabilities and charges			0
Accruals and deferred income			-
Total net assets (liabilities)			2,988
Capital and reserves			0
Capital assets			0
Other reserves			0
Surplus and deficit account			-
Total funds			2,988

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Approved by the Board on 25th June 2022, and signed on their behalf by:

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Moses Uwaomah Ndukwe
Director

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Azarias Luke Morris
Director

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the Year Ended

30th September 2021

	Restricted Funds 2020-21 £	Unrestricted Funds 2020-21 £	Total 2020-21 £
2. Voluntary Income			
St Helens MBC	5,333	-	5,333
Power to Change	15,279	-	15,279
Rathbone Foundation	3,000	-	3,000
Community Foundation	7,420	-	7,420
African Health Network	1,500	-	1,500
Merseytravel	17,960	-	17,960
Liverpool CVS	29,614	-	29,614
Lancs BME	100	-	100
Donations, etc	-	-	-
	80,206	0	0 80,206
3. Investment income			
Interest on UK bank deposits	-	-	0
	0	0	0
4. Charitable Expenditure			
Sessional staff	44,010	-	44,010
Office costs/room and venue hire etc	9,600	-	9,600
Equipment	11,942	-	11,942
Travel, Training, Trips, Events etc	4,250	-	4,250
Stationery, post, etc	0	-	0
Publicity & Marketing	3,350	-	3,350
Misc. costs	1,900	-	1,900
Admin, Finance & Accountancy	3,500	-	3,500
	78,552	0	78,552
5. Support Costs	-		
6. Trustees' Expenses	-		

No remuneration was paid to the trustees; out-of-pocket expenses only are reimbursed, of which £nil.

7. Debtors	2021 £
Grants Due	-
Gift Aid Recoverable	-
	-

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	£
Other creditors	0
	0

ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2021****Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts****Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Acronym Community Empowerment (ACE)**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th September 2021, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements, to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept [in accordance with section 41 of the Act]; and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached [but see amended Note 4].

Signed:

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