

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]

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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.

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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

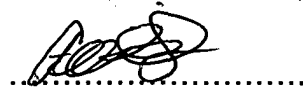
We held regular consultations with stakeholders gathering feedback to ensure that our services align with beneficiaries' needs. These were carried out at beginning, midterm and end of session reviews to evaluate delivery impact on beneficiaries and wider community, identify additional needs, and insights 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

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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

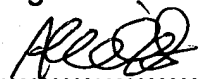
During the year increased funding was received from a range of sources, as in the Projects report, and shown below in the Grants received section. Income for the year increased to £105,418 [2022 £80,981] and Expenditure increased to £112,144 [2022 £67,588].

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

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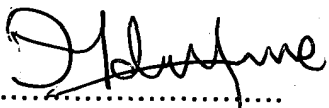
30th September 2023

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	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
 - 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 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	<u>-</u>		
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

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.

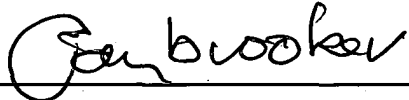
Basis of independent examiner's statement

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: 25th June 2024