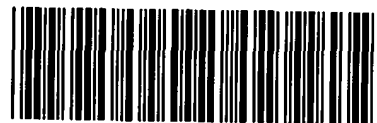


ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (ACE)
**(Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee
without share capital)**

**ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
**for the year ended
30th September 2024**

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ACRONYM COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT [ACE]

(Company Limited by Guarantee without share capital)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the

Year ended 30th September 2024

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 Esra Mohammedal Marlena Magda Yousaf	to 1 March 2024	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 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

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 2024.

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 financial 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 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.

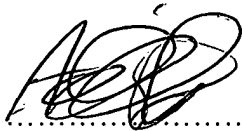
Underpinned by gathering information through consulting with our beneficiaries, ACE's funding strategy will focus on capacity building staff, and growing our volunteers network and resources - to strengthen our ability to continue to deliver the core services we offer.

Marketing

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



Azarias Luke Morris
Director

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

AUDIT EXEMPTION STATEMENT

For the year ending 30th September 2024, 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 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

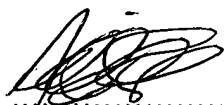
New Initiatives

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

	Notes	Restricted Funds 2021-22	Unrestricted Funds 2021-22	Restricted Funds 2023-24	Unrestricted Funds 2023-24	Totals 2023-24
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>	1					
Grants }		105,418	-	95,408	-	95,408
Misc }	2	0	-	0	-	0
Donations }	2	0	-	0	-	0
Contra payments		590		375		375
Bank Interest	3	0	-	0	-	0
Total Incoming Resources		106,008	-	95,783	-	95,783
<u>Resources expended</u>						
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

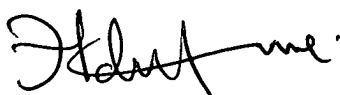
	Notes	30/09/2024	
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		14,586	
Total current assets		14,586	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		350	
Net current assets (liabilities)			14,236
Total assets less current liabilities			14,236
Provision for grants yet to be expended [prepayments]			-
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


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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

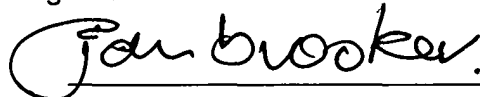
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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
- (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:

16th April 2025