

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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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the

Year ended 30th September 2025

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 Marlena Magda Yousaf Azarias Luke Morris Nuha Abdalla Esra Mohammedal
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.

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.

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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

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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.

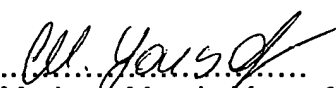
THE FUTURE

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.

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BALANCE SHEET

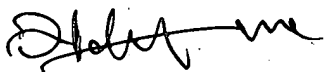
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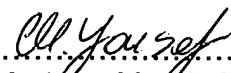
30th September 2025

	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

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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	-
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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

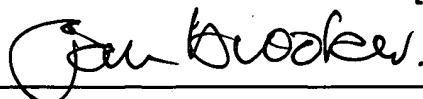
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items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

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Date:

