



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From:** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 **To:** 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

**Charity name:** Krio Descendants Union United Kingdom & Ireland

**Charity registration number:** 1189037

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>(1) The advancement of the education of the public in the culture and history of the Krio people of Sierra Leone.</p> <p>(2) The promotion and protection of health in Freetown, Sierra Leone, by the provision of health outreach programmes that consist of health awareness sessions/talks in the areas of basic hygiene, nutrition, disease prevention, HIV, sexual health and pregnancy that are delivered by registered health practitioners.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>Successful inaugural functions (a Thanksgiving service on 22.2.2022 Confirmation as a KDU Global chapter</p> <p>First charity giving in collaboration with KDY 17.12.22</p> <p>Maintaining a healthy membership account with 98% of membership fees paid for 2021/22</p> <p>Organisation website completed.</p> <p>Hosting a Black History Month event for members as part of the October 2022 general meeting.</p> <p>Month meeting to discuss philanthropic work to be undertaken in Sierra Leone and how to raise funds when possible.</p> <p>Grant received from the Mayor of London to run a project call 'Untold Stories'</p> <p><b>Fundraising Activities:</b></p>

		Luncheon Sale on 23.7.2022 Members' subscriptions and donations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees continue to put in place policies, financial regulations and systems for the efficient management of the organisation. In doing so, Trustees pay due regard to the guidance of the Charity Commission, particularly in relation to public benefit.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	KDU UKI does not offer grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	KDU UKI has not engaged in social investment.
Contribution made by volunteers	As stated under Fundraising above.
Other	

## Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p>The organisation has been trying to get back to business as usual since the pandemic. Currently we continue to host face to face meetings every 3 monthly and I will encourage members to take the opportunity to attend these meetings so that we can meet in person and interact.</p> <p>The elections team including the two external elections officers (Messrs Herbert Marlin and Winston Webber) continue to support the organisation during election process to ensure transparency and accountability, they have been doing a brilliant job. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their hard work and effectiveness in conducting the election with little or no disruption.</p> <p><b>Trustees</b></p> <p>The trustees continue to have virtual meetings to discuss the day to day running of the organisation. This has been successful so far, although we can introduce some face-to-face meetings as a trial period in the coming months.</p> <p>I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to all the trustees, ex-officio, and internal auditor for all their hard work in making some significant progress in moving the organisation forward.</p> <p><b>Projects in the pipeline include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second thanksgiving service planned as a 2-day celebration, going to the Mosque with the Aku Krios on Friday 9.6.2023 followed</li> </ul>
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by the Christian thanksgiving service on Sunday 11.6. 2023.

- Luncheon Sale on 12.8.2023
- Africana night – 28.10.2023
- Successful grant application from the Mayor of London's office to run a project called 'Untold Stories'.
- Discussion with stakeholders to financially support completion of the Krio Museum in Sierra Leone.

The organisation continues to adhere to the Charity Commission rules and regulations by filing (CIO Annual Returns and Accounts) and getting all trustees to signing the CIO declaration as required by the Charity Commission. Thanks, and appreciation goes to the governance experts in the organisation for supporting the process.

#### **Finance**

The finance team continues to engage with members to pay their yearly membership subscriptions and update them appropriately. The treasurer regularly updates the meeting about the account balance, projections for planned activities and any authorised spending. The organisation is grateful to have an experienced finance team to manage the account.

#### **Secretariat/Membership**

This is an important position in any organisation, therefore it is imperative that due diligence is maintained. The organisation is grateful to have an effective secretary and assistant/membership to ensure the smooth running of all meetings and delivery of minutes within timely manner. The recruitment of new members continues to run smoothly.

#### **Pastoral Team**

The pastoral team has been working tirelessly to keep in contact with members who are sick, bereaved and generally keeping in touch with members to check on their wellbeing.

Regular birthday messages are posted on the general forum by the pastoral team to wish members on their birthdays. This has been working well and members appreciate the care and support that they have been receiving from the pastoral team.

	<p>However, this practice will regularly be reviewed due to some members not supporting the volume of birthday messages on the forum.</p> <p><b>Organising Social Team</b></p> <p>The organising social team continues to take the lead in planning all fund-raising activities. This is a key position that requires planning, time management and coordination. Therefore, the organising social team has been working hard to ensure that appropriate planning is always in place to make sure that any planned activities run smoothly.</p> <p>The Heritage and IT team has also worked well to send out zoom invites and create fun learning sessions about our culture and heritage during meetings. This has been well received and maximum participation from members.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to thank the trustees and all the individual sub-committees for their time, effort, expertise's, and willingness to work effectively and as part of a team. This has encouraged me to serve for a second term to achieve our goals and continue to work hard to put KDU UK&amp;I on the map.</p> <p>My plan for the next two years is to support and encourage members to be proactive to take on trustee's position or be part of subcommittees. This will equip members to learn new skills so that the strong foundation that has already been laid will be continued to keep Kridom alive.</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

#### **Financial Review**

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Details in the Income and Expenditure Report.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves	Para 1.22	This is in development as we grow our funds.

stating why they are held		
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	This is to be determined as we grow our funds.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Subscription and donations. We anticipate funds from fundraising activities to be the main source of income going forward.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Current cost of living to raise adequate funds.  Covid-19 and resulting inability to undertake fundraising activities and provide services for public benefit in the short term.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution and Bye Laws
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election of Trustees is in accordance with our Nominations and Elections Procedures which allows every paid-up member one vote per contested position. The constitution makes provision for elections to be overseen by two independent Electoral Officers.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees Roles & Responsibilities, Code of Conduct, NCVO Charity Governance Code for Small Charities, The Essential Trustees: Trustees' 6 main duties (Charity Commission's Guidance).
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Organisational Structure: Chair & Trustees, Sub-Committees, Members. Networks include Small Charities Coalition

		and National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None.
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Krio Descendants Union UK & Ireland
Other name the charity uses	KDU UKI
Registered charity number	1189037
Charity's principal address	75 Northview Swanley Kent BR8 7BG

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ellen Samuels	President		
2	George Wilson	Vice President		
3	Yvette Erritan John	General Secretary		
4	Lawrence Lusanie	Heritage Secretary		
5	Kayode Ronald Adesimi Robbin-Coker	Assistant Heritage Secretary		
6	Jesse Hamelberg	IT & E-Comms Officer		
7	Beryl Genevieve Juma	Ex Officio		
8	Velma Gage-Tobun	Organising Secretary		
9	Marionette Gilpin	Assistant Organising Secretary		
10	Madeline Val-Macauley	Welfare & Pastoral Officer		
11	Ramatulai Adisa-Sesay	Assistant Welfare & Pastoral Officer		
12	Lindsay Benjanin	Treasurer		
13	Harolda Williams-Babin	Assistant Treasurer		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such	

assets from the charity's own assets	
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**Additional information (optional)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Charity Governance	Khadiru Mahdi	
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**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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**Other optional information**

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**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Mrs Ellen Samuels

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

President

Date

5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## KDU UK &amp; I Financial Transactions For Calendar Year 2022

Items In	Income	Items Out	Expenses	Balance
<b>Current Account Balance @ 01-01-2022</b>				<b>5,688.00</b>
<b>Deposit Account @ 01-01-2022 approx</b>				<b>4,602.00</b>
Application Fee for Membership	65.00	Annual General Meeting	90.00	
Badge Sales	170.00	Room Hire for Meetings	180.00	
Benevolent Fund	63.17	Email Domain	35.00	
Donatoin	195.00	Website	587.94	
Luncheon Sale - Drinks Coupons	1,550.00	Zoom Professional Licence	143.90	
Luncheon Sale - General	160.00	Luncheon Sale	929.46	
Luncheon Sale - Members' Stalls	380.00	KDY Health Outreach	2,169.82	
Luncheon Sale - General Stalls	780.00	Thanksgivings 2022 & 2023	3,315.00	
Luncheon Sale - Raffle	505.00	Polo Shirts Purchase	1,200.00	
Membership Subscriptions	3,170.00	Insurance	126.67	
Miscellaneous	296.24	Merchandise	300.00	
Sale of T-Shirts	480.00	Expenses	323.18	
Sale of Polo Shirts	720.00	Card Machine Charges	0.08	
Refund	350.00			
Social	30.00			
Thanksgiving 1	660.00			
Thanksgiving 2	1,822.45			
<b>Total Transactions</b>	<b>11,396.86</b>		<b>9,401.05</b>	
<b>Current Account Balance @ 31-12-2022</b>				<b>7,683.81</b>
<b>Deposit Account @ 31-12-2022</b>				<b>4,602.00</b>





# THE KRIO DESCENDANTS UNION UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND



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Date: 15 May 2023

## AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

I have examined the Accounts of the Krio Descendants Union UK & Ireland for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, and I am satisfied that the financial accounts are presented fairly and fully in all material respects, in accordance with accepted UK charity accounting principles.

I found no material weaknesses in the Trust's internal control over its financial management and reporting. I am also satisfied that there was no reportable noncompliance with the Charity Commission's regulations and the Trust's own Constitution, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

Signed: Abdul Rashid Thomas (Internal Auditor)

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**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) – Registered No: 1189037**

President: Mrs Ellen Samuels / General Secretary: Mrs Yvette John / Treasurer: Mr Lindsay Benjamin

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