

# Bridging Beyond

## Trustees' Annual Report

For the financial year ended **31 March 2025**

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## Reference and administrative details

**Charity name:** Bridging Beyond  
(Working name of Newington Green Alliance)

**Charity number:** 1190473

**Registered address:**  
128 City Road  
London  
EC1V 2NX

**Trustees during the year:**

- Andrew Pakula (Chair)
- Tracy Johnson (Secretary)
- Bruna Martins (Treasurer)
- Lydia Nyachieo
- Taryn Nanayakkara
- Sam Lakha
- Taryn Nanayakkara
- Miriam Lahage
- Athar Abidi
- Aisling Foster

**Bankers:**  
CAF

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## Structure, governance and management

Bridging Beyond is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The charity is governed by its trustees and its legal members. Trustees are appointed and retire in accordance with the charity's constitution. The trustees meet regularly to oversee the charity's strategy, activities, finances, and governance.

Day-to-day activities are delivered by a combination of contractors and volunteers, working under trustee oversight. The trustees remain actively involved in strategic planning, safeguarding, financial oversight, and partnership development.

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## Objectives and activities

### Charitable objects

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit of the Newington Green area by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society, by providing programmes, groups, and events.

### Public benefit

The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. All of the charity's activities are intended to benefit the public by increasing individuals' and communities' capacity to understand and relate to people who are different from them, particularly in contexts where misunderstanding, mistrust, or social division causes harm.

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## Activities and achievements during the year

During the reporting year, Bridging Beyond focused on consolidating its mission, refining its evidence-informed approach to empathy-building, and delivering workshops and dialogue-based activities designed to foster understanding across differences.

Key areas of activity included:

- Delivery of facilitated workshops and structured conversations bringing together people from different backgrounds or perspectives
- Development and refinement of empathy-building methods grounded in research and lived experience
- Engagement with partner organisations, charities, and community groups to explore collaborative delivery
- Ongoing work to build a sustainable organisational foundation, including volunteer engagement, governance development, and funding applications

The charity reached an estimated **200–300 beneficiaries** during the year, noting that formal tracking systems are being strengthened to support future evaluation.

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## Financial review

During the year ended **31 March 2025**, the charity had total income of **£20,406** and total expenditure of **£20,178**.

Income was derived primarily from grants with smaller amounts arising from donations and partnership-based activity. Expenditure supported programme delivery and contractor costs, governance, and essential operational expenses.

The trustees consider the charity's financial position to be appropriate given the current funding environment. The charity held modest reserves at year end, which the trustees consider necessary to allow the organisation to continue operating while actively pursuing further funding.

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## Reserves policy

The trustees aim to maintain a prudent level of reserves to ensure continuity of operations in an uncertain funding environment. Given the charity's size and income volatility, reserves are held to cover short-term operational needs and essential commitments while funding applications and income generation are in progress.

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## Plans for the future

In the coming year, the trustees intend to:

- Expand delivery of empathy-focused workshops and dialogue activities
- Strengthen partnerships with charities, community organisations, and institutions
- Continue developing evidence-informed approaches and evaluation
- Build sustainable income streams alongside grant funding
- Deepen public engagement with the charity's mission and values

The trustees remain committed to ensuring that Bridging Beyond grows in a way that is ethical, evidence-informed, and aligned with its charitable purpose.

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## Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Charity Commission guidance.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Angela', written over a dotted line.

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Trustee

Date: **22 December, 2025**

# Statement of Financial Activities

Prepared for Newington Green Alliance: 1/4/2024 to 31/3/2025 (compared with 1/4/2023 to 31/3/2024)\*

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Total*
Donations and Legacies				
. . Donations	416.85		416.85	
. . Grants - Non Recurring		19,966.00	19,966.00	
Investments				
. . Interest Received	23.32		23.32	41.89
<b>Total income and endowments</b>	<b>440.17</b>	<b>19,966.00</b>	<b>20,406.17</b>	<b>41.89</b>
Raising Funds				
. . General fundraising costs	817.50	2,610.00	3,427.50	412.50
Charitable Activities				
. . Charity Management & Administration				
. . . . Administration costs	4,621.20	11,021.58	15,642.78	10,017.41
. . . . Bank Charges	15.00	61.08	76.08	75.54
. . . . Website		30.68	30.68	19.20
. . Project Costs				
. . . . Event Catering				310.70
. . . . Professional Services		720.00	720.00	
. . . . Project Materials and Supplies				24.00
. . . . Project Other		280.74	280.74	40.00
. . . . Project Venue Hire				766.66
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>5,453.70</b>	<b>14,724.08</b>	<b>20,177.78</b>	<b>11,666.01</b>
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	-5,013.53	5,241.92	228.39	-11,624.12
Net gains/(losses) on investments				
Net income/(expenditure)	-5,013.53	5,241.92	228.39	-11,624.12
Extraordinary items				
Transfers between funds	7,245.85	-7,245.85		
Gains(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use				
Other gains(losses)				
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>2,232.32</b>	<b>-2,003.93</b>	<b>228.39</b>	<b>-11,624.12</b>
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>	<i>8,746.99</i>	<i>7,126.55</i>	<i>15,873.54</i>	<i>27,497.66</i>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>10,979.31</b>	<b>5,122.62</b>	<b>16,101.93</b>	<b>15,873.54</b>