

Company registration number: CE022664

Charity registration number: 1190584

THE EMPOWERMENT GROUP

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

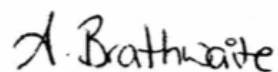
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Charity Registration Number	1190584
Company Registration Number	CE022664
Registered Office	The Empowerment Group 86-90 Paul Street London EC2A 4NE
Independent Examiner	GRC Accountants Limited 166 Banks Road West Kirby Wirral Merseyside CH48 0RH

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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 30 June 2024, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Brathwaite', is written over a faint, light blue rectangular background.

Mr Anthony Brathwaite
Chairman and trustee

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

Mr Emmanuel Anthony
Miss Abimbola Anyiam
Mr Anthony Brathwaite

Chairman: Mr Anthony Brathwaite

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of THE EMPOWERMENT GROUP for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Overview: The Empowerment Group is dedicated to providing accessible and culturally sensitive therapy to individuals in need. We strive to create a safe and inclusive space where individuals can receive the support they require. Our team of staff and dedicated therapists are committed to promoting mental well-being and empowering individuals to lead fulfilling lives.

Activities and Impact: Throughout the reporting period, The Empowerment Group has successfully delivered one-to-one online therapy sessions, catering to the specific cultural needs of our clients. We are delighted to see the majority of individuals we have supported, have greatly benefitted from our service in the last 12 months. Our service has supported them in their mental health journey, providing them with the tools and support necessary to overcome personal challenges.

Partnerships and Notability: We are proud to have established key partnerships during this period, including a notable collaboration with Mind, a leading mental health charity in the UK. This partnership has allowed us to expand our reach and better serve individuals in need. We have also engaged with other organisations and community groups to raise awareness about mental health issues and the importance of culturally appropriate therapy.

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Financial Review: The Empowerment Group has experienced significant growth in income during the reporting period, which has enabled us to enhance our services and reach a wider audience. Through successful fundraising efforts and the generous support of donors, we have been able to build capacity, invest in training, and expand our therapeutic offerings. Our financial statements, available separately, provide a comprehensive overview of our financial performance.

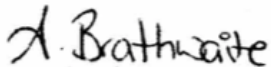
Governance and Risk Management: We place great emphasis on robust governance and risk management to ensure the effective operation of our charity. Throughout the year, our dedicated board of trustees has provided strategic guidance, oversight, and support. We have implemented risk management processes to identify and mitigate potential risks and challenges, ensuring the sustainability of our operations.

Future Plans and Objectives: Looking ahead, The Empowerment Group aims to build on its success and further expand its reach and impact. We plan to continue strengthening our partnerships, both within the mental health sector and the wider community. Our focus remains on improving accessibility to culturally appropriate therapy services and supporting more individuals in their mental health journey.

Conclusion: In conclusion, The Empowerment Group has had a transformative year, providing culturally appropriate therapy to hundreds of adults in the UK. Our growth, strategic partnerships, and growing notability have allowed us to make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. We are immensely grateful for the support of our dedicated team, donors, and funders who have contributed to our success. Together, we will continue to empower individuals and promote mental well-being.

It is the policy of the charity to hold in reserve £15,000. The level of reserves is reviewed annually.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr Anthony Brathwaite
Chairman and trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of THE EMPOWERMENT GROUP (‘the Company’)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity’s trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (‘the 2006 Act’).

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity’s accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (‘the 2011 Act’). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner’s statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of THE EMPOWERMENT GROUP as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a ‘true and fair view’ which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Gareth Cooper
ACCA

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Date: 31/03/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 June 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	2,571	104,933	107,504
Other trading activities	4	35,705	-	35,705
Total income		38,276	104,933	143,209
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(1,482)	-	(1,482)
Charitable activities	5	(19,151)	(117,249)	(136,400)
Other expenditure	6	(2,211)	-	(2,211)
Total expenditure		(22,844)	(117,249)	(140,093)
Net income/(expenditure)		15,432	(12,316)	3,116
Net movement in funds		15,432	(12,316)	3,116
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		61,658	113,864	175,522
Total funds carried forward	14	77,090	101,548	178,638
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	11,044	201,775	212,819
Other trading activities	4	33,848	-	33,848
Total income		44,892	201,775	246,667
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(250)	-	(250)
Charitable activities	5	(2,390)	(123,745)	(126,135)
Other expenditure	6	(10,856)	-	(10,856)
Total expenditure		(13,496)	(123,745)	(137,241)
Net income		31,396	78,030	109,426
Net movement in funds		31,396	78,030	109,426
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		30,262	35,834	66,096
Total funds carried forward	14	61,658	113,864	175,522

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 14.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

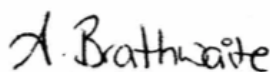
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	3,300	-
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>175,818</u>	<u>176,002</u>
		179,118	176,002
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(480)</u>	<u>(480)</u>
Net assets		<u>178,638</u>	<u>175,522</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	14	101,548	113,864
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>77,090</u>	<u>61,658</u>
Total funds	14	<u>178,638</u>	<u>175,522</u>

For the financial year ending 30 June 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 14 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 29 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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Mr Anthony Brathwaite
Chairman and trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in , and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £Nil towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

The Empowerment Group

86-90 Paul Street

London

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2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

THE EMPOWERMENT GROUP meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

Derivative financial instruments

The charity uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate movements. The charity does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in statement of financial activities immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in statement of financial activities depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	2,571	-	2,571
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	-	104,933	104,933
Total for 2024	<u>2,571</u>	<u>104,933</u>	<u>107,504</u>
Total for 2023	<u>11,044</u>	<u>201,775</u>	<u>212,819</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Events income;		
Other events income	35,705	35,705
Total for 2024	<u>35,705</u>	<u>35,705</u>
Total for 2023	<u>33,848</u>	<u>33,848</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Counselling	18,225	79,740	97,965
Consulting	-	37,509	37,509
Total for 2024	<u>18,225</u>	<u>117,249</u>	<u>135,474</u>
Total for 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>82,339</u>	<u>82,339</u>

**Total
expenditure
£**

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £926 (2023 - £2,390) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 7 for further details.

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6 Other expenditure

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs	7	2,211	2,211
Total for 2024		2,211	2,211
Total for 2023		10,856	10,856

7 Analysis of governance and support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Basis of allocation	Administration costs £	Total funds £
Advertising		488	488
Travelling		570	570
Computer software and maintenance costs		778	778
Subscriptions		331	331
Printing, postage and stationery		44	44
Total for 2024		2,211	2,211
Total for 2023		52,262	52,262

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Independent examiner fees		
Examination of the financial statements	480	480
Other governance costs	446	446
Total for 2024	926	926
Total for 2023	2,390	2,390

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8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

9 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Examination of the financial statements	480	480

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Debtors

	2024 £
Prepayments	3,300

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	175,818	176,002

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	480	480

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 July 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
Unrestricted	61,658	38,276	(22,844)	77,090
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	113,864	104,933	(117,249)	101,548
Total funds	175,522	143,209	(140,093)	178,638

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	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
Unrestricted	30,262	44,892	(13,496)	61,658
Restricted				
Restricted fund	<u>35,834</u>	<u>201,775</u>	<u>(123,745)</u>	<u>113,864</u>
Total funds	<u><u>66,096</u></u>	<u><u>246,667</u></u>	<u><u>(137,241)</u></u>	<u><u>175,522</u></u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 June 2024 £
Current assets	179,118	179,118
Current liabilities	<u>(480)</u>	<u>(480)</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>178,638</u></u>	<u><u>178,638</u></u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 June 2023 £
Current assets	176,002	176,002
Current liabilities	<u>(480)</u>	<u>(480)</u>
Total net assets	<u><u>175,522</u></u>	<u><u>175,522</u></u>