

AIM NORTHWEST REPORT APRIL 2024

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DIRECTORS REPORT

Year Ending 30th April 2024

- This year we have seen demand for our services increase. AIM Northwest is now starting to become known across services in Wigan and Leigh, Rochdale, Tameside and Oldham, and we are building good relationships with referring agencies through demonstration of excellent quality of support.
- We can be proud of ourselves in the development of our work with those who perpetrate abuse, breaking down barriers to engagement through targeted interventions and comprehensive support. The organisation has effectively contributed to positive behavioural changes and rehabilitation outcomes among this group of clients and feedback from those who have engaged with us is encouraging. This ultimately is helping to prevent more incidences of domestic abuse.
- AIM Northwest has provided support within the principal premises, within the community environment and, where risk assessed to do so safely, in individual and family homes. We have outgrown our current premises and are due to move into space that can better cater for the needs of our client group. This will enable us to provide additional services, that complement our existing offer for both our support and prevent services.
- The Board of AIM Northwest have met on a bi-monthly basis in a mixture of online and face to face meetings.

We have been deeply saddened by the death of our chair of trustees Hazel Lee Willaims, who has served AIM Northwest from its inception; her tireless dedication and passion has been instrumental in the growth of AIM Northwest and her contribution has left a lasting impact on our community and the work we do.

To strengthen our board and enhance our strategic capabilities, we recognise the need to recruit additional trustees with a diverse range of expertise and backgrounds. By attracting individuals with varied knowledge in areas such as finance, legal affairs and business development, we aim to broaden our perspectives and improve our ability to address the challenges facing our organisation. This diversity will ensure that we are well-equipped to drive our mission forward and achieve our goals.

- This year we have been able to employ our first member of staff. We currently have 22 Volunteers in various roles across the organisation. One of our biggest strengths remains that a large percentage of our volunteer base have direct experience of domestic abuse, this is something that those contacting us for help feel is important.
- In review, this year has been an exceptional one for our charity. We have made significant strides in advancing our mission and expanding our impact.
Program Growth: We successfully expanded our current services and launched new initiatives that have reached more individuals and communities in need.

Fundraising Success: Our fundraising efforts exceeded expectations, enabling us to support more individuals to start developing new service offers.

Volunteer Engagement: We saw a substantial increase in volunteer participation, reflecting the growing commitment of our community.

Partnerships and Collaborations: We formed new partnerships that have enhanced our resources and broadened our reach.

Positive Outcomes: Our services have delivered measurable results, improving the lives of those we serve.

We are grateful for the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, staff, and partners. Together, we have made a meaningful difference, and we look forward to building on this success in the coming year.

KEY ACTIVITIES

Year Ending 30th April 2024

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT:

AIM Northwest services continue to be Volunteer led.

Support services

Peer Mentor Programme

Our peer mentors are all experts by experience, we currently support both men and women on this service and are proud we have enrolled male mentors to support other males to reduce stigma surrounding men and domestic abuse and to achieve more positive outcomes.

The Peer mentor service remains a low-level emotional support service.

Case Study

Client A attended the office requesting support. A male mentor was not available at the time however he was happy to speak to a female member of staff.

An assessment of need was undertaken, emotional, physical and financial abuse was identified. The male had only been able to identify physical abuse but through engaging with us he was able to gain an understanding that domestic abuse is not just physical.

We supported this male to engage in a homeless assessment as it was deemed unsafe for him to return home. The local authority provided him with interim accommodation, and he is waiting for a long-term housing offer.

He is currently engaging on a weekly basis with his mentor. He states that:-

"I felt ashamed that I had allowed a woman to hit me, I wanted to stay for the kids, but it was getting worse. Talking to another man who had been abused as well helps me to feel less ashamed, I think I'm going to be alright in the end"

On your side

On your side offers holistic care for domestic abuse victims, addressing their physical, emotional, and psychological needs. We provide comprehensive support that includes safety planning, help to access safe housing and legal assistance ensuring that each individual receives the necessary resources to rebuild their lives.

Going forward

We are looking to be able to provide a range of therapeutic activities on site in the new space for anyone experiencing domestic abuse or for children exposed to domestic abuse incidents.

We have started to build relationships with schools and social care as these services are best placed to identify those who would benefit most.

Prevent services

Positive Change

Positive change takes a holistic approach in working with abusers of domestic violence and abuse, addressing the underlying issues and behaviours through comprehensive support. This includes support to access housing, support through the criminal or civil court system and mental and physical wellbeing support aimed at promoting positive change and preventing future abuse.

This service complements the behaviour awareness we can deliver, as having an existing positive relationship with those accessing support can help in delivering and supporting reflection on difficult situations that have occurred.

Behaviour Awareness

We deliver our own domestic abuse awareness course to help those who perpetrate abuse gain a better understanding of their actions and the impact. The course encompasses:

- What is domestic abuse?
- Recognising emotions and self-insight
- The impact of domestic abuse
- Taking responsibility
- Identifying triggers and healthier ways to respond

It has been challenging to deliver this work, especially when 100% of referrals received for this service are from probation or social care requiring the person to engage as part of a condition. This work is currently delivered on a 1-2-1 basis. We recommend, due to the time it takes to break down barriers to engagement, that individuals requiring awareness work are referred to the positive change services where we can look to meet an individual's needs holistically.

We have this year secured funding from the greater Manchester High Sheriff fund to place 2 volunteers on training for the Respect accredited Behaviour change course; in the coming year we hope to deliver this in a group and 1-2-1 setting.

Going Forward

Once we move into our new premises, we will be looking to provide a weekly drop-in support for offenders to access the phones, computers so they can make contact with housing, health or benefits with support if required. To access the drop in individuals will not need to be accessing any of our services.

This will also provide a safe space for anyone needing help to come and have a conversation in a supportive environment, free from judgement. The ultimate aim being to reduce the risk of future offending and keeping our communities safer.

FUNDRAISING and GRANTS

Year Ending 30th April 2024

This past year, AIM Northwest has successfully self-fundraised and received multiple grants. Through the dedicated efforts of our fundraising initiatives and the generous support from grant-giving organisations, we have secured the necessary funds to continue and expand our vital work.

Grants

Rochdale Council £2250

Manchester High Sherriff £2200

Forever Manchester £1000

Dutchy of Lancaster benevolent Fund £1000

Crowdfunding £9040

Rotary Club of Leigh £1200

Leigh Lions Club £500

Donations

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we have been able to go the extra mile beyond providing the essential support to being able to provide some support that makes a big difference in times of need such as Christmas where we donated advent calendars to refuges across the Northwest and provided toy packages for parents in refuge. We were able to gift vouchers so families could purchase Christmas dinner from their chosen supermarket.

"Christmas is a time of year when you really feel being in refuge away from your family, it's a really nice gesture and made me smile, its nice to know there are strangers out there who care"

Community Events

Community charity events have made a tremendous difference to us this year. The enthusiastic participation and generous contributions from our community mean so much to us. These events are important not just in fundraising but also in being present in the community for people to ask questions and for us to show we are approachable.

OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED

Year Ending 30th April 2024

Office Space

We have outgrown our current space and are in the process of renovating our new office space where we will be pleased to increase our current offer to both the support and prevent services that we provide.

We have also reached an agreement whereby we will also have office space available to us in Oldham so we can extend our current offer to residents of Rochdale, Oldham and Tameside.

Expanding of existing services

Please see Key Activities

Increasing funds

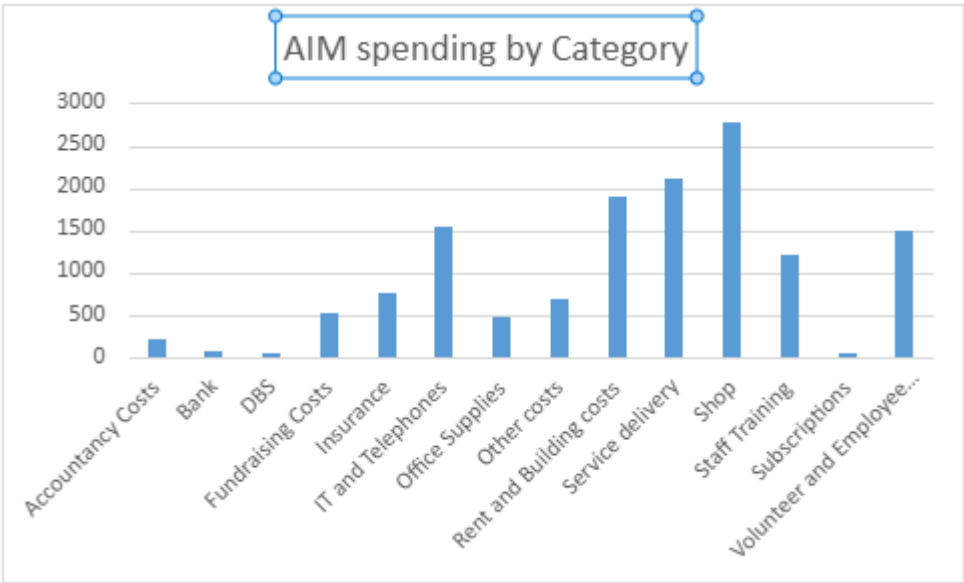
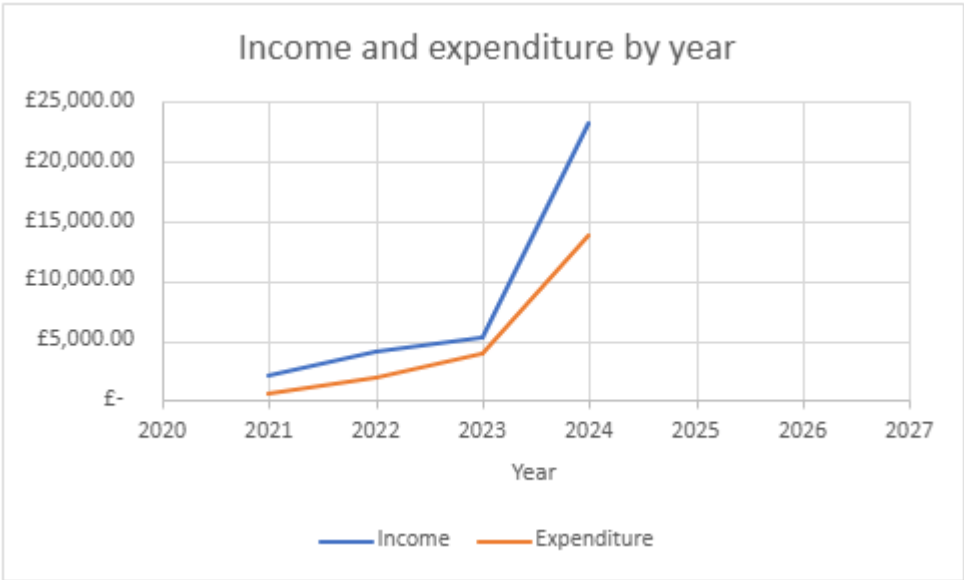
We are pleased to report that we have successfully increased our funds this year. This growth in financial resources has enabled us to expand our office space and services, in all service delivery areas. We are grateful for the support of our donors and partners, whose contributions have been integral to this achievement

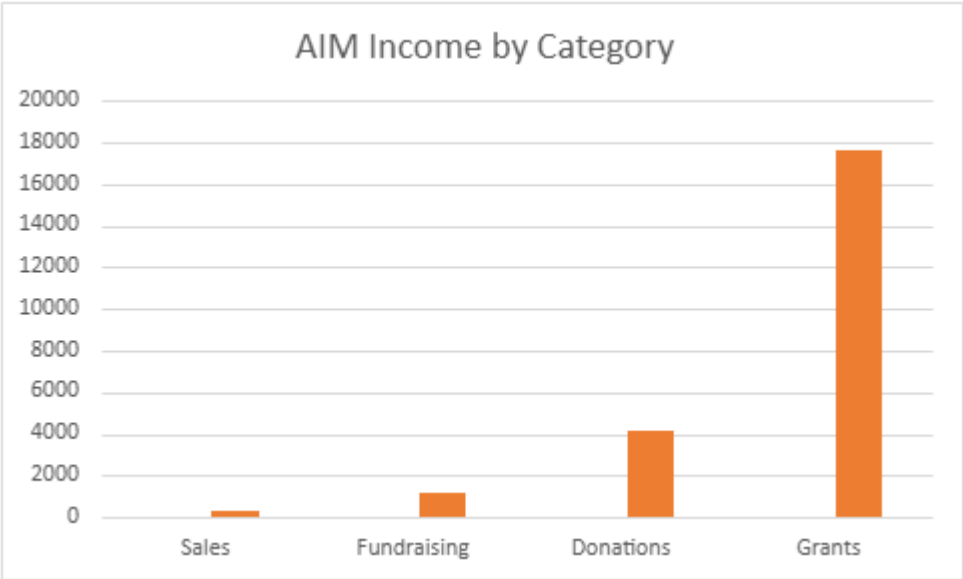
FINANCIAL REPORT

Year Ending 30th April 2024

This year has seen a substantial increase in turnover with majority of our income coming from grants. Donations and fundraising have remained fairly static. Further grants have been applied for and the move to our new office within the same Mill will enable us to open a shop where we can develop a new income stream. Going forward we are currently researching other income streams, so that we will not be so heavily reliant on grants.

The graphs below show our development of turnover and the breakdown of income and spending.





GRATITUDES

Year Ending 30th April 2024

We extend our gratitude to all those who have supported the works and development of AIM Northwest.

Leigh Spinners Mill

Admirals Labels

Professional Witness Group

PNP electrical Services LTD

Emtec Solutions

Forever Manchester

Wigan Council

Rochdale Council

MD Hutton Joinery

Vickie McFarlane

The Soroptimist of Leigh

Leigh Lions Club

The Rotary Club of Leigh

An Extra special thanks to All Volunteers of AIM Northwest who selflessly invest their time and to our clients who place their faith in us, by asking us for help in the most difficult of times.



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1-May-23

To

30/04/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sales	291		-	291	
Fundraising	1,081		-	1,081	
Donations	4,306		-	4,306	
Grants	-	17,609	-	17,609	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
			-	-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,678	17,609	-	23,287	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,678	17,609	-	23,287	-
A3 Payments					
Accountancy Costs	222	-	-	222	
Bank	71	-	-	71	
DBS	-	52	-	52	
Fundraising Costs	514	-	-	514	
Insurance	748	-	-	748	
IT and Telephones	1,532	-	-	1,532	
	-	-	-	-	
Office Supplies	260	210		470	
Other costs	338	-		338	
Rent and Building costs	1,022	1,626	-	2,648	
Service delivery	729	1,388	-	2,117	
Shop	86	1,927		2,013	
Staff Training	-	1,200		1,200	
Subscriptions	50	-		50	
Volunteer and Employee costs	1,335	517		1,852	
		-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,907	6,920	-	13,827	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,907	6,920	-	13,827	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,229	10,689	-	9,460	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,108	-	-	4,108	
Cash funds this year end	2,879	10,689	-	13,568	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash	100	-	
	Nat West	2,286	10,689	
	Paypal	493		
			-	
	Total cash funds	2,879	10,689	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

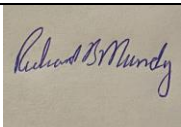
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

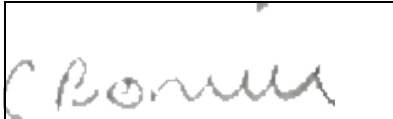
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Richard B Mundy	21/02/2025

	Colette Borrill	21/02/2025
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