



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 December 2022 To 30 November 2023

Charity name: THE OPEN MINDS PROJECT

Charity registration number: 1192251

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public including children and young people in the lives of black people particularly but not exclusively by the provision of workshops, seminars, meetings, school programmes, reading groups and library facilities and in such other ways as the trustees see fit.
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	(1) School programme – supplied £1,508 (2022: £4,367) worth of books to primary and secondary schools in Sussex to raise awareness and educate the children about different races and black British history. (2) Walkie Talkie – This included a series of walks across historic sites highlighting local historic Black and Brown people who lived in Sussex the slave trade. The historic sites covered include: • The Chattri, • St Nicholas church Brighton • Commowearth graves Seaford The walks were open to ALL members of the public irrespective of their ethnic background or race. The objective of the walks was to educate people from all cultural heritages about these historic individuals who contributed to the local community and nation. It was led by a Black professional walking guide, used published research material from a local educator of colour and provided attendees with light refreshment. The walkie talkie event cost £900 and was

		fully funded by the BME Engagement Fund. (3) School talks – Delivered in person talks to spotlighting local historic figure Sarah Forbes Bonetta. (4) Through the charity's website and social media platforms, we continued to raise awareness about black people (their history and contribution to society) and brilliant books by Black authors for people to read.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have ensured there is public benefit to the work carried out through reference to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Open Minds Project is 100% volunteer led. Some of the services provided include: - administering the charity's activities; - delivering its key activities to members of the public and schools; - reviewing and donating good quality curated books to schools; - issuing thought provoking statements through its social media platforms.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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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.	Para 1.20	The books provided to schools have made a difference in the lives of the children reading them. They see themselves in the books and it reassures them of their belonging to the school and local community. The school staff have also been very grateful to see that beautifully written reference books and story books with diverse characters exist. It has saved them researching time and they can build the school's collection through this.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The books provided to schools portray Black people in an authentic way doing everyday activities which help educate children and staff about Black people. The school talks help address any stereotyped views that children and staff may have of Black people. The topics are fun for the children and focus on similarities rather than differences between cultures. The walks educated people about Black and Brown soldiers who served Britain demonstrating a common sense of national identity and unity.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We continue to receive donations through our justgiving page, and through local and national companies. The fundraising is 100% used to buy books for schools. In November 2023, the charity received a £4,071 (\$5000) donation from Unum as part of its CEO awards appreciating the volunteering efforts of one of its trustees who works for Unum. This was also in appreciation of the book donation efforts of the charity.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the end of the period, the charity had an income of £8,717 (2022: £6,736) and, an expenditure of £3,984 (2022: £7,311) resulting in a surplus of £4,733 (2022: deficit of £575) for the year. This matched the bank balance as at 30 November 2023 of £4,863.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The reserve held is held in the general fund as it is not related to any specific grant requirement. It will be used for the charity's primary activities. The charity intends to expand its activities through funds/grants and will be making necessary applications to make this a possibility.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4,863 (2022: £130)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

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	In this financial year, below is the Charity principal funds: Brighton & Hove (BME Engagement Fund) – £550 Brighton & Hove – (BME Engagement Fund) £900 University of Sussex (Widening participation team) – £1400 Unum – £4071 Donations - £1796 Total - £8717 The donations were received directly and through the Charity's Justgiving donation page. The charity also received book donations from a local book store, Afrori Books. These are passed on to schools 100% and not monetised.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable due to the nature of the charity's objectives

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Inadequate funding to continue its operations.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is constituted as a CIO through its constitution dated 9 November 2020
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	In line with the charity's constitution, trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a convened meeting of the Trustees.

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 are provided with a copy of the constitution and the annual reports of the charity as part of their induction. Trustees are also referred to The Charity Commissions, including CC3a (Charity Trustee: what's involved).
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is currently led by trustees in line with its constitution. In the future, it is intended for the charity to have a management committee made up of volunteers who are not trustees. The activities of the management committee will be subject to approval and governance by the trustees to ensure it remain in line with the charity's purpose.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Open Minds Project
Other name the charity uses	TOMPUK
Registered charity number	1192251
Charity's principal address	23 Laughton Road Brighton BN2 6QF

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	Arienrhi Grace Toby	Chair		
	2	Agbota Okojie			
	3	Adaeze Obasuyi			
	4	Agnieszka O'Sullivan			
	5	Opeyemi Alabi-Hundeyin	Secretary		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Banker	The Co-operative bank	PO Box 250 Delf House SouthWay Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

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)	Opeyemi Alabi-Hundeyin	
	Full name(s)	Opeyemi Alabi-Hundeyin	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
	Date	29 September 2024	



Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	01/12/2022	To	30/11/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants received	2,850		-	2,850	-
Donations	5,867	-	-	5,867	1,020
Contracts	-	-	-	-	5,716
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	8,717	-	-	8,717	6,736
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	8,717	-	-	8,717	6,736
A3 Payments					
Book Purchase	1,558	-	-	1,558	6,095
Administration expenses	546	-	-	546	759
Grant events	1,651	-	-	1,651	-
Web hosting	229	-	-	229	-
Events and workshops		-	-	-	457
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	3,984	-	-	3,984	7,311
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	3,984	-	-	3,984	7,311
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	4,733	-	-	4,733	- 575
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	130	-	-	130	705
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	4,863	-	-	4,863	130

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	bank balance	4,863	-	130
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,863	-	130
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	Agreement Error
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	