

Registered charity number 1192288
Companies House CE023331

UNITED WOMEN AFFILIATION
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 December 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered charity name:	United Women Affiliation
Charity registration number:	1192288
Companies House:	CE02331
Principal / Registered office:	St Marys Church Community Centre Pavilion Bramall Lane Sheffield S2 4QZ

THE TRUSTEES

The following trustees served the Charity during the period and until the date of this report:

Hawa Yatera
Mutale Chileshe
Jacqueline Niyonkuru
Lilian Amuli
Kibena Misango
Kija Shana
Yukabeth Otieno
Ruth Nutter
Leodgar Mboya

All major decisions are taken collectively by the Trustees guided by the Charity constitution.

Dr Hawa Yatera continues to manage the administration and day to day operations of the charity until the Charity is able to employ an administrator to manage its projects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity started operations as a community group supported by well-wishers and Trustees using their own personal resources on 14 October 2019. It was later registered with the Charity Commission for England Wales on 12 November 2020. The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed adopted on 05 November 2019.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees is made in line with the Trust Deed and with the consent of the Trustees. The criteria set for the suitable candidate would be someone who is sensitive to the needs and demands of the organisation.

In order to bring a range of skills and cover the broad reach of the charity, the trustees are from backgrounds that reflect the diversity of the people that the charity works with.

Membership, Trustee's induction, and training

Membership of the charity is open to any individual interested in helping the charity achieve its objectives and abide by the constitution.

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New trustees are briefed by the existing trustees on the objects and operations of the charity and are referred to the guidance for new trustees published by the Charity Commission.

In addition, all new trustees are encouraged to read the trust deed and discuss any queries arising from this with existing trustees.

All trustees are expected to be familiar with the work of the charity and get involved in events and services regularly. The charity places emphasis on staff and volunteer development and where financially possible, trustees are also sent on training courses seen as beneficial to the charity.

Trustees also discuss the future plans of the charity in relation to the objectives of the charity and ways to secure and strengthen the financial position of the charity. Plans for the charity are also put to the AGM at least once a year in which the ordinary members all have a chance to speak and vote.

Risk review

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances. They are satisfied that systems are in place to manage exposure to major risks.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the Charity, principal activities and organisation of our work

The objects of the Charity are to preserve, protect and promote physical, social, and mental wellbeing of underprivileged women and girls of colour through increasing awareness, education, training, and social support. The Charity wants to empower, build resilience, improve confidence, and promote positive social and cultural togetherness while enhancing love and trust within the society. The Charity also advocates for quality education, social-economic support, and social entrepreneur skills for underprivileged women to fulfil their potential and achieve their dreams. The Charity currently covers communities in and around Sheffield.

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

The charity has outreach community services, which empowers families that are disabled and also works in partnership with other organisations with similar objectives.

The charity also works in collaboration with the local council and is a member of voluntary Agencies in Sheffield working with schools and social services to ensure collective actions for the improvement of health and social inequality within the city.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the period, United Women Affiliation (UWA) continued to service the underprivileged population in Sheffield and surrounding areas. UWA continues to provide help, support, and empower disadvantaged women, single mothers, young people, and single fathers through awareness, educational training, life skills and educative meetings on the preventable social determinants of health, including promoting financial well-being, emotional well-being, and nature connection through allotment activities.

For the year 2023-24, the focus was to improve quality of life for underprivileged families and their children, mitigating social isolation and promoting inclusivity through creative health activities. With grants from Sheffield engagement community initiatives, parents and children were supported to engage and participate in variety of art activities at Utopia theatre and Sheffield crucible theatre. A significant improvement on emotional and social wellbeing was achieved by 90%. This was demonstrated through an increased trust, engagement, social participation, family bonding, increased resilience and confidence.

Services Highlights

In the year to November 2024, UWA was able to deliver the following:

- **Awareness and Family support:**
Provided cultural informed outreach social health awareness for 96 families. Most of the families experiencing long-term health conditions, mental health challenges, social isolation and anxiety, loneliness and are economically inactive.
- **Education and Health Promotion:**
We provided 42 culturally appropriate educational sessions and meetings. These meetings provide a safe space for the women to meet and share their experiences, do some exercise, meet professionals and discuss their health and family issues. As such, being in a group not only promoted unit but also, empowered women and increased their confidence. Given this space, we improved almost 88% of women's social and emotional well-being. Also, had 10 activities at UWA allotment this included food and gardening. Very few women engaged in the allotment this year, however through UWA social few men were more interested and involved and UWA social is looking to develop a space for men in future.
- **Creative Health:**
Through Mjasiri project Parents and their children, women and young people had opportunity to come together and participate in creative health sessions: art activities, storytelling and sharing experiences at Utopia theatre. Also, engaged and participated in Swahili social activities, dancing and theatre cinema and creative art sessions. A total of 464 women, children, and young people participated. The project brought up a tangibles sense of social and cultural inclusion, engagement and family bonding.
- **Capacity building & Advocacy:**
Five (5) front line volunteers and casual staff received reflective supervision & therapeutic counselling in a group sessions and one to one sessions. The reflective supervision helped staffs to feel valued and empowered. The therapeutical counselling sessions provided opportunity for volunteers and casual worker to explore their emotional challenges and build resilience and learn some coping strategies. Also, through advocacy strategy, three (3) parents were supported to claim their social justice from community neighbourhood services, community mental health services and with school services for their children.

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- **Research, Collaboration & Employability:**

UWA continue to collaborate with university of Sheffield though medical and social justice student, we were able to conduct emotional wellbeing and social skills needs assessment for the underprivileged families. We are looking to develop further in the coming year, however, the` initiative will depend on financial/grant opportunities. Through the collaborative engagement, research and other community partners, we will focus on how to support economically inactive families to uproot their abilities and prerequisite skills and help them to promote their ability and become more active.

A summary of Family and Community Activities

Educational Meetings & Training 23/24	Number of Participants & People reached
ESOL Training & Employability	23
Health Education and Awareness	110
Diabetic awareness	25
Mental Health Champions	15
Creative Health Activities	464
Talk therapy and family Conversation	12
Total People Direct Supported	649

UWA service users continue to experience inequality, discrimination and social injustice, which contributes to the increase of emotional, mental and social health challenges to the parents and their children. Taking into account that many people we serve live with long-term and complex health conditions, and the environment that surrounding them limit inclusion. On the other hand, the limited social skills, language barriers and digital skills that these families experience increase the level of feeling discriminated. As a result of discrimination of any kind, decline their confidence and resilience.

Promoting cultural inclusivity and appropriate health and social educational awareness increase mutual understanding and trust between and within the community and professionals. UWA as a charity that support most deprived and seldom heard community experiences challenges such as increase cost of living to most volunteers and casual workers. On the other hand, the charity mainly depends on grants and peoples good will, which has been a challenge. Charity is run by volunteers and devoted trustee, with lack of permanent staffing contributes to slow down its implementation of objects.

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The needs of the deprived community and the underprivileged families are incredibly high but the charity capacity is very small. Access to funds to support deprived community has been a challenge and difficulty especially for the small charity like UWA despite the fact that we do unextraordinary support and serving millions of pounds to the local government, NHS and social care. With this report we seek to advocate for turnaround for grant decision makers to oversee who does what and the social values from the marginalised communities.

Some of Service users Testimonies

This is one of Swahili social picture below highlighting young people showing off their talents while their parents watching at the background. The characters in a play evoke open and positive conversation between parents and young people.



TESTMONIES

“We liked the way Evans was teaching children how to dance and showcase their talents”
“Amazing, inspiring, I didn’t know what the Crucible was all about. I can watch shows and recommend it.” “Felt like a family. A big family. We learned things, it was fun. Very nice” “Always felt good coming together, brings a lot of emotions.” “Would love to carry on the Swahili Social activities. Reminds me of back home when we used to run businesses.”

“We were happy to see each other. When we come together, we have somewhere to go. We think too much. Coming to the Crucible and Utopia made us forget the bad things, singing and dancing, knitting and sewing.”
“Coming together on Saturdays. Feels like family. Death and the King’s Horseman was stood out for me. Felt like home.

Through the project, as UWA coordinators we built up new skills and confidence to co-ordinate participants, travel to activities, registering, administrating refunds and getting feedback. We have both made a significant step change in enabling skills and project coordinating skill”

“ My therapeutic counselling through reflective supervision was an opening door for me ...I have been struggling to access counselling service so I used this opportunity so effectively. I had a lot of trauma and wounded heart though I was volunteering but emotionally I was unstable at times. After the counselling now I know how to manage my emotional traumatic feelings and I can support my children I really appreciate”

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Transactions and financial position

The Statement of Financial Activity shows net expenditure for the period of £3,519 - surplus (2023: £3,565). Net assets at 31 December 2024 stood at £12,969. The Charity continues to rely on donations and grants and is particularly grateful to the cooperating patterns above and those individuals and organisations who donate to it.

Reserve Policy

The Charity carries reserves sufficient to meet its immediate needs. Its reserve policy is to minimise overheads and only commission projects once specific project funding is secured.

With great appreciation we thank and acknowledge our funders listed below because we wouldn't have been able to achieve the social value and community social impact without their support. We give you all a big thank you.

Funders	Funders logo	Amount	Type of funding
University Of Sheffield		5,096	Students Community Placement
St Maria PCC	People Good Will	1,000	Non-Restricted
Trustee	People Good Will	400	Non-Restricted
VAS		4,000	Reflective Supervision for front line workers
Sheffield Art & Community Engagement Initiatives		13,050	Sheffield Art Organisation for community Engagement Initiatives
South Yorkshire		5,000.	Cost of living Crisis (Restricted)

APPROVAL

I declare, in my capacity of chair, that:

- The Trustees have approved the report above and

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- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signed by:

Dr Hawa Yatera

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Chairperson

29 September 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report to the charity trustees on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the statement of financial activities and statement of financial position and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Chartered Association of Certified Accountants (ACCA).

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

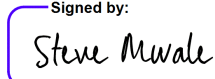
- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, 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.

Signed by:

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Steve Mwale FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
Strictly Accounts and Finance Ltd
12 Fiddlebridge Industrial Centre
Lemsford Road
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Date: 29 September 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

				2024	2023
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	6,250	-	6,250	5,096
Charitable activities	5	-	22,000	22,000	30,219
Total income		6,250	22,000	28,250	35,315
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	6	4,858	15,926	20,784	29,450
Fund Raising activities		-	-	-	-
Governance & other	7	1,080	2,867	3,947	2,300
Total expenditure		5,938	18,793	24,731	31,750
Net Income/(expenditure)		312	3,207	3,519	3,565
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	
Net movement in funds		312	3,207	3,519	3,565
Reconciliation of funds	8				
Total funds brought forward		4,932	4,517	9,449	5,884
Total funds carried forward		5,244	7,724	12,968	9,449

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

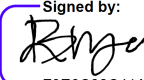
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		2024	2023
	£	£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	12,968		9,449
	<u>12,968</u>		<u>9,449</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-		
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
Net current assets		12,968	9,449
		<u>12,968</u>	<u>9,449</u>
Total assets/ (liabilities)		<u>12,968</u>	<u>9,449</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total net assets/ (liabilities)		<u>12,968</u>	<u>9,449</u>
Funds of the charity			
Funds		12,968	9,449
		<u>12,968</u>	<u>9,449</u>
Total charity funds	8	<u>12,968</u>	<u>9,449</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 29 September 2025 and signed on their behalf.

Signed by:

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Leodgar Mboya

Trustee

Signed by:

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Yukabeth Otieno

Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. General information

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charities Commission and companies house in England and Wales. The address of the registered office and other administrative information is as given in the Trustees Report.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds held by the charity are funds that can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds held by the charity represent funds where there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when received or when the economic benefits associated with the transaction flows to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations ,gifts for grants is recognised when received and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised on receipt and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when services are received and the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

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- income from contracts for the supply of services or goods is recognised when received. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on a payment basis. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Cash donations/Gifts	6,250	-	6,250	5,096
Memberships subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Donated goods and facilities	-	-	-	-
	<u>6,250</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,250</u>	<u>5,096</u>

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5. Income for charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants	-	22,000	22,000	30,219
Other	-	-	-	-
	-	22,000	22,000	30,219

6. Expenditure on charitable activities

These comprise all the expenditure in meeting the charitable objectives including amounts spent on:

- Grant aided activities and
- Support costs of the direct provision of charitable service

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023
Volunteers	3,115	-	3,115	1,480
Covid support	-	-	-	1,076
Food & general hardships support	1,243	-	1,243	725
Sensitisation, information & Education support	-	7,416	7,416	3,384
Community events & support	500	3,435	3,935	14,453
Rent, venue hire and other expenses	-	5,075	5,075	8,332
	4,858	15,926	20,784	29,450

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7. Expenditure on governance & other

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023
Phone, fax and Information technology	230	-	230	-
Accountancy and other professional	850	-	850	720
Trustees' expenses	-	-	-	-
Administrative & compliance costs	-	610	610	1,580
Staff Training & welfare	-	2,257	2,257	-
	1,080	2,867	3,947	2,300

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8. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 Dec 23	Income	Expenditure	Trans	At 31 Dec 24
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	4,932	6,250	5,938	-	5,244
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Restricted funds

	At 1 Dec 23	Income	Expenditure	Trans	At 31 Dec 24
	Restated	£	£	£	£
	£	£	£	£	£
	4,517	22,000	18,793	-	7,724
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

10. Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

11. Related party transactions

Other than reimbursement of reasonable expenses of carrying out duties of a Trustee, no remuneration was paid to the Trustees or persons connected to them.

12. Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

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