

Asylum Matters

Charity number 1192664

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Prepared by West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2023

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Emma Harrison	Chair	
Andrew White	Treasurer	
Jacqueline Cotton		
Ayad Al-Ani		Resigned 31 December 2023
Carmen Chapell Elkin		Appointed 15 February 2023
Peter Fell		Appointed 15 February 2023
Pinar Aksu		Appointed 25 October 2023
Diana Gallardo		Appointed 25 October 2023
Fatma Elaraby		Appointed 25 October 2023

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 7 December 2020 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the trustees at a duly convened meeting.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2023

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are:

- 1) For the public benefit to relieve the charitable needs of refugees and asylum seekers and their dependants in the UK, in particular by:
 - a) providing training and support designed to build capacity among organisations which provide frontline support to refugees and asylum seekers and seek to improve their lives;
 - b) working with statutory agencies and key partners, through training, advocacy and campaigning work, to understand, examine and address the causes and consequences of the poverty and inequality which creates hardship amongst refugee and asylum seeking communities.
 - c) advancing public education in the asylum system, through campaigning, with the aim of raising awareness of the issues faced by refugee and asylum seeking communities and the need to address them.
- 2) To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing refugees, asylum seekers and their dependants from becoming socially excluded, relieving their needs and assisting them to integrate into society.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The charity's main activities

What Asylum Matters does in furtherance of its objects and how it does it

Asylum Matters exists to improve the lives of asylum seekers and refugees. We do so by working in partnership locally and nationally to secure positive changes in policy and in practice; and campaigning alongside others to oppose actions and rhetoric which make life harder for those here in search of safety. Our lean and experienced staff team of eight who are campaigns and advocacy experts are based in locations across England and Wales, and are rooted in their local communities. This means we are able to activate one of the broadest networks in the migration sector comprising hundreds of active partners - mainly representatives of local charities that provide front-line support to people in the asylum system.

Asylum Matters facilitates the involvement of this broad partnership base in local, regional and national advocacy work by providing them with different opportunities for engagement which fit with their priorities and resources. We bring partners together to provide coordinated and strategic joint action around opportunities for change. We provide hands-on support to build skills, knowledge and confidence to campaign, while creating platforms for people with lived experience to advocate directly with decision-makers.

Achievements and performance

Details of activities and achievements in 2023

Overview

The past year has seen further intensification of the UK Government's hostility towards people seeking asylum, with further anti-refugee legislation making its way through Parliament, in the form of the Illegal Migration Act and then the Safety of Rwanda Bill. These deeply damaging laws are accompanied by policy, operational and rhetorical anti-refugee hostility. For example, the year has seen a spike in refugees being made homeless; while others are moved into deeply unsuitable accommodation on former military bases and barges, or forced into shared rooms or communal spaces in hotels. We have also seen a surge in far-right activity around these locations.

As we enter a General Election year, we expect to see a further increase in the attacks on and hostility towards people seeking asylum from the Government and parts of the media. Yet in spite of this unprecedentedly adverse context, the Asylum Matters team and our unique collaborative campaigning model have achieved significant successes - blocking plans to establish further unsuitable sites for housing people seeking safety, and mobilising widespread visible opposition within our communities to the Government's hostile approach.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2023

Achievements and performance continued

We plan to draw on the learning from these achievements, and continue to find ways to maintain and grow our network of campaigning partners. In doing so, we can not only bring about much-needed change; but overstretched frontline organisations, refugees and people in the asylum system can contribute and experience some hope and positivity at a time when these are in very short supply.

While the months ahead will be very challenging, we have confidence that Asylum Matters and our approach can continue to contribute to and where appropriate lead efforts to overturn this anti-refugee drive and help to bring about positive change both at local and national level, for the benefit of refugees, asylum seekers and the communities they're part of.

Communities Not Camps and asylum housing

Asylum Matters has worked over many years on different aspects of asylum accommodation and its impact on people seeking safety. Our team's work and success on this subject has continued this year under the banner of our "CommunitiesNotCamps" campaign, opposing ministers' plans to use military camps, ex-prisons and barges as mass asylum accommodation centres across the UK and achieving some clear wins in this most adverse of contexts.

In response to the announcement of this plan in the spring, we led a joint open letter to the Government warning that it risked creating "an entirely preventable humanitarian catastrophe". This was signed by 171 organisations, covered by national and key regional media and shared widely on social media.

We held a 'Stop the Camps!' webinar in April to discuss the Government's plans and how to oppose them. The session included a focus on how to overcome the far-right activism which gathers around the sites, and had a particular focus on sharing the learning with as many groups as possible from the successful campaign against the site at Linton-on-Ouse in North Yorkshire which we supported in 2022.

We have continued to work closely with local campaign groups and residents around the proposed new sites in locations across England and Wales; and achieved major impact over the summer securing public commitments from three ports that each would not agree to the Home Office's request for them to accommodate barges housing people seeking asylum. We achieved this through co-ordinated grassroots activity, mobilising councillors, MPs, partner organisations and local campaigners; and generating broadcast, press and online media coverage in Merseyside, Teesside and Tyneside. As well as the significant impact in each location, the highly visible momentum we created empowered others to reject the Government's approach, with ports in Edinburgh, Glasgow and London taking the same approach and publicly declining the Home Office's offer. Media reports state that the Home Office has now been forced to completely abandon its attempts to identify further ports to host more barges.

Meanwhile, in Wales, we were able to support local campaigners by submitting an objection letter to the planning application for an initial accommodation centre in Northop Hall, Mold; and followed this up with a site visit of the hotel and a face-to-face meeting with local campaigners and residents to build relationships. This resulted in Flintshire Council rejecting the planning proposal, another success for our model of collaborative local mobilisation around these sites.

We have convened regular meetings to connect and support campaigners by sharing information and ideas, pool resources and plan actions, as well as providing mutual support. The meetings are greatly valued by participants. One told us recently: "These meetings have been so helpful both for information sharing and for keeping on top of what has been going on at different sites, responses at a local and national level and also thinking ahead to what might be coming down the line"; another said: "the uncomplicated exchange of information with others, especially those on the 'front line', helped steer our work... it has been so beneficial for us and our campaigning, thank you!"

Despite these positives, the camp at Wethersfield in Essex has been opened, with partners documenting the great harm already being caused to those placed there. Meanwhile in spite of concerted national campaigning efforts, the Bibby Stockholm barge has moored at Portland, Dorset; and despite an outbreak of legionella and, tragically, a suicide, people continue to be housed there.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2023

Achievements and performance continued

We also maintain our work on issues around asylum housing outside of our primary focus on the large sites. We produced a joint briefing with our colleagues at NACCOM, which outlines principles for a well-managed and adequately resourced asylum dispersal and accommodation system that works for people in the asylum system as well as local services and communities. This was in response to the Home Office's intention to move towards a system of 'full dispersal' for all local authorities. The briefing is aimed at voluntary sector organisations working to improve asylum dispersal in their local area, and has received very positive feedback from partners. We also authored a blog on this for the Chartered Institute of Housing.

Locally we continue to work on a reactive basis on the numerous issues that arise with asylum hotels. Following months of convening discussions about the many acute safeguarding concerns at the Kensington Initial Accommodation hostel in Birmingham, we were delighted when the deeply unsuitable premises was closed at the end of April. In the West Midlands, we were contacted by a community group in Tamworth working with residents in a hotel there, who had been barred from entering after they raised concerns about staff being abusive to residents and refusing to support them to book and attend medical appointments. Our Campaigns Manager gathered examples and escalated concerns to the SMP, who raised it with the Home Office and with Serco. Following a meeting we convened with Serco managers, the community group was readmitted to the premises.

Finally, we supported and advised local partners affected by the impact of the Home Office's "hotel maximisation" approach – i.e. increasing room sharing and use of communal spaces in asylum hotels. Nationally, we sought to place a spotlight on the practice and its impact, to engender some wider scrutiny and discussion, through placing this Guardian story and liaising with Rainbow Migration for their service users to be featured in it.

Fight the "AntiRefugeeLaws"

Our Fight The Anti-Refugee Laws pledge - launched in response to the Nationality and Borders Act becoming law in 2022 - has been signed by over 550 organisations and over 40 MPs and peers.

Local authorities across the UK have signed up to the pledge, including Coventry, Sheffield, Newcastle, Manchester and Bradford, with local campaigners using our resources to urge their local leaders to oppose the Government's position and call for a culture of welcome.

Meanwhile in Birmingham, the UK's largest local authority and the first to sign the pledge, we worked with lived experience campaigners to urge the city council to take concrete steps to oppose the Government's anti-refugee laws, with coverage on regional ITV news.

Nationally, following the announcement of another anti-refugee law in the form of the Illegal Migration Bill, we mobilised quickly with our partners at Refugee Action to write a joint open letter to the Prime Minister expressing dismay at the plans and calling on the Government to scrap the Bill. The letter was signed by over 320 organisations from across the migration sector, along with businesses, unions and women, race equality and LGBT+ sectors, and covered in the Observer. We have subsequently continued to contact pledge signatories to share and highlight campaigning and advocacy initiatives opposing the Bill from across our sector.

Asylum support, right to work and other activities

As people seeking asylum are effectively banned from working and forced to live in poverty as they await a decision on their claim for asylum, we continue to campaign on these themes.

We received well over 300 responses to our survey this summer on people's experiences of living on asylum support, co-designed with four lived experience groups and facilitated through more than 50 national and local frontline partner organisations. We believe this is the largest, most comprehensive survey ever undertaken in the UK on the views and experiences of people living on asylum support.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2023

Achievements and performance continued

We published the Surviving in Poverty report in December, which revealed the devastating impact of being forced to survive on such low rates of asylum support. Participants told us of their struggles to afford everyday essentials like food, clothes and toiletries. By just about every measure, what was an already grave situation has significantly deteriorated since our equivalent 2020 report was released.

The report was widely shared; and we produced a comms pack including social media content, and template press release and MP letter for partners' own use. We generated national media coverage on the findings, as well as local and regional coverage in Birmingham, the North East and Wales.

However, we were appalled when less than a week after the publication of our report, the Home Office published the outcome of its annual review of support rates. While some of our calls had been addressed – including an increase in additional payments for small children and pregnant women – we were alarmed by the Home Secretary's decision to increase the main rate of support by just 25p a day; and to cut the weekly rate of support for people living in hotels, from £9.58 to £8.86. While we await the publication of the full report on the methodology used in the review, we have written to the Home Secretary to voice our concerns, and to all MPs; and will continue to campaign publicly in collaboration with others – both in the migration sector and in the mainstream UK poverty sector - on the harm caused to people by current Government policy on asylum support rates.

Also, in December, alongside our work on the Surviving in Poverty report, we organised a series of meetings in Birmingham with three senior Home Office officials who work on asylum support. This included a tour of a local partner agency that issues practical items (e.g. clothing, food, toiletries) to destitute asylum seekers; a discussion with 12 people based in and around the city with current or recent lived experience of the asylum system, to listen to their views and experiences; and then a session with representatives from five partner agencies in Birmingham and the West Midlands which provide support and advice to people in the asylum system.

We believe we have achieved our initial aim of the meeting, to ensure that officials hear directly from people affected by the Government's decisions and actions, and are aware of their views and experiences. We will maintain dialogue with the officials, with the aim of seeking to ensure their work, decisions and recommendations are informed by these experiences.

We also worked with partners at Just Fair, authoring a blog post on support rates for their website; and the written submission on asylum support to a wider report they coordinated on behalf of UK civil society for the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. We also presented on asylum support and the right to work at the national launch of the report.

On the right to work, we continue to co-lead (alongside Refugee Action) the Lift the Ban campaign; and the diverse coalition of more than 300 members backing the campaigns, comprising national and local charities, businesses, trade unions, faith groups and think tanks from across the political spectrum.

This year we have promoted the High Street Challenge, with resources to support campaigners to take the campaign out to small businesses in their local area. This has resulted in activity in towns and cities across the UK, including in Glasgow, Lancaster, Leeds and Birmingham; and led to coverage on regional ITV news; a blog on the Asylum Matters website about working on the campaign in the local community; and schools organising a day of action, visiting local businesses, writing songs and making videos. We also supported major Lift the Ban events in Sheffield and on Tyneside, generating TV news and press coverage.

Multiple local authorities, including those in Sheffield, Manchester, Glasgow, Sutton, Southwark, Lambeth and the entire Greater London Authority have now used motions to show their (often unanimous, cross-party) support for the right to work. Councillors from Lambeth and Southwark published a joint blog on their decision to act.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2023

Achievements and performance continued

Alongside our co-secretariat Refugee Action we worked with the National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) on its new report on the economic and social benefits of lifting the ban. It found that lifting all restrictions on working for all people seeking asylum would each year would save the Government a total of £6.7bn; increase tax revenue by £1.3bn and GDP by £1.6bn. We shared this information with ministers and MPs to reinforce the case for the right to work.

Outside of our main campaign themes, we continue to work closely with a wide range of partners, with a particular focus on groups representing people with lived experience of the UK's asylum system. The team had another extremely active Refugee Week in June, with a takeover at Birmingham Symphony Hall and a march for compassion through Birmingham city centre; a Sanctuary Walk through Sunderland and a Community Festival in Hastings being a very small sample of the many inspiring events team members organised, attended or supported.

We led the organisation of a North East Parliamentary event in collaboration with nine partner organisations in the region, supporting 12 lived experience campaigners to host a 'drop-in' for parliamentarians to meet them for one-to-one discussions. The event examined all aspects of what a fair asylum system could comprise; and was covered by BBC Look North; while campaigners from partner organisations WERS and Walking With wrote about their experiences meeting MPs at Westminster.

Finally we have continued to send out our email updates each fortnight to more than 1200 people across our partner network the length and breadth of the country. These updates aim to provide a one-stop resource to stretched and often isolated groups and individuals with the latest policy developments, campaigning opportunities, resources and information. They continue to attract regular praise and thanks from partners about how invaluable a resource they are.

Financial review

Income for the year was £362,808 and expenditure was £337,090. The net income for the year was £25,718, including net income of £26,184 on unrestricted funds and net expenditure of £466 on restricted funds.

We are very grateful for the support shown by all our funders. Details of grants and donations received are shown in note 2 to the accounts.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, excluding fixed assets, at the year end were £239,764.

The trustees have decided that the level of unrestricted reserves should be between £90,000 and £180,000, representing approximately 3-6 months expenditure. The trustees expect the level of free reserves to be reduced to less than £200,000 in 2024.

Approved by the board of trustees on 8 May 2024

Andrew White (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Asylum Matters

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the CIO's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a fellow of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act.

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a fellow of ACIE which is one of the listed bodies.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Simon Bostrom FCIE

10 May 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

(including summary income and expenditure account)

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income from:					
Grants, contracts and donations	(2)	290,989	65,685	356,674	362,685
Bank interest		5,908	-	5,908	1,137
Other income		226	-	226	490
Total income		<u>297,123</u>	<u>65,685</u>	<u>362,808</u>	<u>364,312</u>
Expenditure on:					
Salaries NI and Pensions	(3)	213,049	61,929	274,978	260,893
Recruitment		1,656	-	1,656	417
Staff training and support		1,924	86	2,010	1,627
Staff travel and accomodation		13,363	1,870	15,233	9,605
Staff wellbeing		-	-	-	311
Volunteers, interns, experts by experience		4,570	142	4,712	3,783
Trustee travel and training		1,031	-	1,031	716
Advocacy and research and consultancy support		3,295	150	3,445	9,265
Campaign events and partner meetings		857	92	949	2,817
Contribution to host organisation costs		4,033	-	4,033	3,750
Insurance		816	-	816	766
Computers and IT		3,286	611	3,897	2,602
Phone and internet		1,322	86	1,408	997
Postage and stationery		976	-	976	844
Payroll charges		1,239	-	1,239	1,070
Bank charges		101	-	101	104
Independent examination		1,250	-	1,250	1,500
Legal and professional		2,842	-	2,842	72
Communications support		3,842	1,185	5,027	9,926
Admin and finance support		10,587	-	10,587	10,458
Advertising, publicity and website		900	-	900	-
Total expenditure		<u>270,939</u>	<u>66,151</u>	<u>337,090</u>	<u>321,523</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		<u>26,184</u>	<u>(466)</u>	<u>25,718</u>	<u>42,789</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>213,580</u>	<u>14,820</u>	<u>228,400</u>	<u>185,611</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(4)	<u>239,764</u>	<u>14,354</u>	<u>254,118</u>	<u>228,400</u>

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Current assets				
Debtors and prepayments	(5) -	-	-	7,907
Cash at bank and in hand	(6) 243,383	14,354	257,737	224,772
Total current assets	243,383	14,354	257,737	232,679
Current liabilities:				
amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors and accruals	(7) 3,619	-	3,619	4,279
Total current liabilities	3,619	-	3,619	4,279
Net current assets	239,764	14,354	254,118	228,400
Net assets	239,764	14,354	254,118	228,400
Funds				
Unrestricted funds	239,764	-	239,764	213,580
Restricted funds	-	14,354	14,354	14,820
Total funds	239,764	14,354	254,118	228,400

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 8 May 2024

Andrew White (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared 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 have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Going concern

The trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Where grants are related to performance and specific deliverables, they are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and included at cost including any incidental expenses of acquisition. Gifted assets are shown at the value to the charity on receipt.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. The costs of contributions are recognised in the year they are payable.

Fund accounting

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

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Notes to the accounts continued

for the year ended 31 December 2023

2 Grants and donations	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
AB Charitable Trust	20,000	-	20,000	-
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	27,000	-	27,000	50,000
Lloyds Bank Foundation	70,000	-	70,000	68,083
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	55,000	-	55,000	65,000
Sam and Bella Sebba Charitable Foundation	17,500	-	17,500	40,400
The Barrow Cadbury Trust	-	30,000	30,000	21,000
Treebeard Trust	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
Tudor Trust	35,000	2,000	37,000	25,000
The Balcombe Charitable Trust	-	-	-	10,000
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	33,685	33,685	32,973
Tides Foundation (Ben and Jerry's)	-	-	-	25,000
Other grants and donations	41,489	-	41,489	229
	<u>290,989</u>	<u>65,685</u>	<u>356,674</u>	<u>362,685</u>

3 Staff costs and numbers	2023	2022
	£	£
Gross salaries	242,060	229,674
Social security costs	25,135	25,053
Employment allowance	(5,000)	(5,000)
Pensions	12,783	11,166
	<u>274,978</u>	<u>260,893</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 6.6, being an average of 6.3 full time equivalent (2022: 6.3, 6.2 FTE). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

Defined contribution pension scheme	2023	2022
	£	£
Costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	12,783	11,166

4 Restricted funds	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Barrow Cadbury Trust	-	30,000	30,000	-	-
The National Lottery	14,122	33,685	35,453	-	12,354
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	698	-	698	-	-
Tudor Trust	-	2,000	-	-	2,000
	<u>14,820</u>	<u>65,685</u>	<u>66,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,354</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Barrow Cadbury Trust	Towards the cost of a Campaigns Manager for the West Midlands.
The National Lottery	For Greater Manchester Step Change Project. The activity is delivered in partnership with Refugee Action as part of the Lottery's Partnerships England Wide programme.
Paul Hamlyn Foundation	For work related to Afghan refugees.
Tudor Trust	Towards staff wellbeing.

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for the year ended 31 December 2023

5 Debtors and prepayments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accrued income	-	7,899
Other debtors	-	8
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,907</u>

6 Cash at bank and in hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank	257,737	224,772
Cash in hand	-	-
	<u>257,737</u>	<u>224,772</u>

7 Creditors and accruals

	2023	2022
	£	£
Creditors	-	-
Accruals	3,619	4,279
Other creditors	-	-
	<u>3,619</u>	<u>4,279</u>

8 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Remuneration and benefits received by key management personnel

The total employee benefits received by key management personnel were £62,634 (previous year: £67,612).

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Statement of Financial Activities including comparatives for all funds (including summary income and expenditure account) for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income						
Grants, contracts and donations	290,989	288,312	65,685	74,373	356,674	362,685
Transfer of funds on formation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	5,908	1,137	-	-	5,908	1,137
Other income	226	490	-	-	226	490
Total income	297,123	289,939	65,685	74,373	362,808	364,312
Expenditure						
Salaries NI and Pensions	213,049	146,834	61,929	114,059	274,978	260,893
Recruitment	1,656	417	-	-	1,656	417
Staff training and support	1,924	647	86	980	2,010	1,627
Staff travel and accomodation	13,363	8,294	1,870	1,311	15,233	9,605
Staff wellbeing	-	311	-	-	-	311
Volunteers, interns, experts by exp'ce.	4,570	2,433	142	1,350	4,712	3,783
Trustee travel and training	1,031	716	-	-	1,031	716
Advocacy and research	3,295	919	150	8,346	3,445	9,265
Campaign events and meetings	857	2,812	92	5	949	2,817
Contribution to host costs	4,033	3,750	-	-	4,033	3,750
Insurance	816	766	-	-	816	766
Computers and IT	3,286	2,218	611	384	3,897	2,602
Phone and internet	1,322	997	86	-	1,408	997
Postage and stationery	976	844	-	-	976	844
Payroll charges	1,239	1,070	-	-	1,239	1,070
Bank charges	101	104	-	-	101	104
Independent examination	1,250	1,500	-	-	1,250	1,500
Legal and professional	2,842	72	-	-	2,842	72
Communications support	3,842	2,250	1,185	7,676	5,027	9,926
Admin and finance support	10,587	10,458	-	-	10,587	10,458
Advertising, publicity and website	900	-	-	-	900	-
Total expenditure	270,939	187,412	66,151	134,111	337,090	321,523
Net income / (expenditure)	26,184	102,527	(466)	(59,738)	25,718	42,789
Fund balances brought forward	213,580	111,053	14,820	74,558	228,400	185,611
Fund balances carried forward	239,764	213,580	14,354	14,820	254,118	228,400