

Oromo Community in Brighton & Hove

Charity no. 1192959



Trustee Annual Report 2021-22

Governance

The Oromo Community in Brighton and Hove was established in 2006. We became a registered charity on 4th January 2021. Our charity is run by volunteers. We hold an AGM once a year to elect our trustees. Our trustees meet once a month to oversee the work of the charity.

Our work is guided by our members and we receive feedback from them at all our activities and events.

We have the following policies which are reviewed every two years: Safeguarding, Equalities, Health and Safety.

Our Trustees and address

Jatani Boru Dida

Elias Tuffa

Dechasa Hassen-Sule

Fatouma Wario Wako

Our registered address is: 42 Manor Way, Brighton, BN2 5EF.

Our Charitable Objectives

The charity's objects are to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with people in Brighton, Hove and Sussex who are socially excluded on the grounds of their ethnic origin, religion, belief or creed (in particular, members of the Oromo community) to relieve the needs of such people and assist them to integrate into society, in particular by:

- a. Providing a local network group that encourages and enables members of the Oromo community to participate more effectively with the wider community;
- b. Providing education in the Oromo language, history and culture for children, to enable them to communicate and engage with their relatives and others in the Oromo community and build their self esteem
- c. Providing recreational opportunities to promote mental and physical wellbeing
- d. Providing opportunities to meet and share experiences with Oromo communities around the UK
- e. Providing opportunities for the wider community in Brighton, Hove and Sussex to learn about Oromo culture through attendance at events

Our activities & achievements

We ran our children's Saturday School for 48 weeks of the year. We have Oromiffa classes, the children learn about the history and culture of the Oromo people, drama, music, football training and a family meal. From April until June this was on Zoom, and we then returned to real life activities at BHASVIC college.

For our women's group we ran swimming classes, sewing classes and Zumba. They also met every Saturday and the school.

Our men's health project included exercise classes, swimming and a teatime club for social support and improving mental health.

We held a cultural event and a football tournament, where we invited Oromo people from other cities in the UK and the wider Brighton and Hove community.

We had a family outing to Thorpe Park to raise the spirits of everyone who was having a difficult time.

We supported our community with emergency COVID support by delivering food and medication, plus help to communicate with utility companies and help to pay bills.

At our monthly community gatherings we provided hot, nutritious, traditional community meals where everyone could come together and replicate our extended family meals back in Ethiopia. At these gatherings we also held meetings of the whole community, so people can raise any issues they wanted to and we collectively planned our forthcoming activities.

2021 - 22 was a difficult year for everyone. We are proud that we have helped our community through COVID and are now able to move forward to rebuild our lives.

We ensure that all our activities are for the public benefit as outlined by the Charity Commission guidance.

Our finances

Our financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March. Our Income for 2021-22 was £55,155 and our expenditure was £49,500.

We ended the year with restricted reserves of £30,677 and unrestricted reserves of £369.

We rely entirely on grant funding for our core activities and any special projects we are running. Therefore, we have never been able to build up any significant free reserves. We manage all our grants, expenditure and cashflow using the Resource Centre Grant Tracker system, to ensure we use our grants for the purpose they are awarded and do not over-spend any of them.

We have an Independent Examination of our accounts each year.

Thank you to all our funders - you make all this possible



Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of *Oromo Community in Brighton and Hove*

Registered Charity number 1192959

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to: examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow the procedures specified in the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act) and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

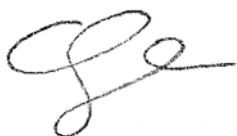
Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 the 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 laid out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Report

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Kate Chapman
Resource Centre
6 Tilbury Place
Brighton BN2 0GY

Date: 16th December 2022

Oromo Community in Brighton and Hove

Accounts year ended 31st March 2022

Registered charity: 1192959 (registered in January 2021)
Charity correspondent: Elias Tuffa
42 Manor Way
Brighton
BN2 5EF

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis from information and explanations supplied by the charity.



Kate Chapman
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19th May 2022

These accounts have been approved by the Trustees of the charity.
Signed by one or two Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees

1. ELIAS TUFFA ET (CHAIR)
2. JATARI DIDA  (Treasurer)

Date 16/07/2022

Oromo Community in Brighton and Hove

Statement of Financial Activities year ended 31st March 2022

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022	Restricted	Unrestricted	2021
Receipts						
Grants, donations & legacies	55,147	-	55,147	49,382	-	49,382
Other income	-	19	19	-	94	94
Total Receipts	55,147	19	55,166	49,382	94	49,476
Payments						
Expenditure on charitable activities	49,500	-	49,500	28,052	-	28,052
Total Payments	49,500	-	49,500	28,052	-	28,052
Net receipts (payments) for the year	5,647	19	5,666	21,331	94	21,424
Funds at 1st April 2021	25,030	350	25,380	3,699	256	3,955
Balance of funds at 31st March 2022	30,677	369	31,046	25,030	350	25,380

NB some additions may vary by +/- £1 due to rounding

Oromo Community in Brighton and Hove

Receipts and Payments Account year ended 31st March 2022

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022	Restricted	Unrestricted	2021
Receipts						
Grants, donations & legacies						
Children in Need	14,855	-	14,855	4,855	-	4,855
Awards for All	10,000	-	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Comic Relief	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Sussex Community Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	4,527	-	4,527
Sussex Crisis Fund	9,900	-	9,900	10,000	-	10,000
Phoenix Fund	-	-	-	15,000	-	15,000
Chalk Cliff Trust	-	-	-	3,000	-	3,000
Brighton and Hove City Council (Winter Fund)	5,000	-	5,000	-	-	-
Brighton and Hove City Council (Mental Health)	7,892	-	7,892	-	-	-
East Brighton Trust	500	-	500	-	-	-
Other income						
Bank Interest	-	19	19	-	13	13
Unknown Income	-	-	-	-	81	81
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Children's Language school - children's bus fares	1,464	-	1,464	315	-	315
Children's Language school - adults' bus fares	1,814	-	1,814	-	-	-
Children's Language school - teacher's fees	1,200	-	1,200	1,110	-	1,110
Children's Language school - equipment hire	-	-	-	18	-	18
Children's Language school - refreshments	4,699	-	4,699	7,496	-	7,496
Children's Language school - classroom materials	84	-	84	340	-	340
Children's Language school - tech support & equipment	-	-	-	1,232	-	1,232
Children's Language school - volunteer expenses	553	-	553	-	-	-
Children's Language school - venue hire	2,252	-	2,252	-	-	-
Children's Language school - sports coach fees	485	-	485	-	-	-
Children's Language school - printing & publicity	106	-	106	-	-	-
Graduation - T-shirt printing	-	-	-	167	-	167
Graduation - food & drink	-	-	-	342	-	342
Graduation - travel	-	-	-	463	-	463
Graduation - accommodation	-	-	-	300	-	300
Women's project - swimming and sewing	3,141	-	3,141	1,695	-	1,695
Women's project - exercise classes	1,210	-	1,210	-	-	-
Men's project - gym membership and swimming classes	1,005	-	1,005	2,268	-	2,268
Men's project - teatime club	411	-	411	-	-	-
Committee admin (printing, phone, stationery)	157	-	157	69	-	69
Insurance	300	-	300	292	-	292
Covid - food	13,324	-	13,324	8,633	-	8,633
Covid - food vouchers	2,040	-	2,040	-	-	-
Covid - fuel/transport for volunteers	1,371	-	1,371	1,385	-	1,385
Covid - food allowance for volunteers	2,560	-	2,560	1,280	-	1,280
Covid - laptop	-	-	-	549	-	549
Covid - Electricity/phone top-ups	425	-	425	97	-	97
Community meals	7,200	-	7,200	-	-	-
Cultural event 2021	1,235	-	1,235	-	-	-
Outing 2021	2,465	-	2,465	-	-	-
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2022

Monetary Assets

Nationwide account	31,046
Cash in hand	0
Balance of funds held at 31st March 2022	31,046

Liabilities

None

Breakdown of funds at 31st March 2022

Awards for All	9,996
Brighton and Hove City Council (Mental Health)	7,892
Children in Need Year 1	5,001
East Brighton Trust	500
Phoenix Fund	2,288
Sussex Community Foundation 2022/23 (Women's project)	5,000
General fund	369
Total	31,046