

Oromo Community in Brighton & Hove

Charity no. 1192959



Trustee Annual Report 2022-23

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

In 2022-23

- 150 adults and 40 children came to our cultural celebration
- 54 people came on our family outing
- 40 children and 15 adults came to our weekly Saturday Club
- 16 men came to the men's wellbeing club
- 17 women came to our women's group

Every activity and every person matters

Our Saturday Children's Club has continued to be at the centre of everything we do. The children get to connect and spend time together, but so do the adults. We have refreshments for everyone and our traditional meal once a month. Whilst the children are in their classes the women have a chance to spend time together. The parents talk about how their children are doing, the committee catch up and check-in with each other. We have open discussions with everyone about how things are going and what we need to change.

Our highlights

Our cultural celebration on 14th January 2023 was definitely the highlight of our year. We were joined by Oromo people from London, Manchester and other cities in the UK, plus our friends from other communities in Brighton and Hove. Our children put on a fantastic performance that they had been working on at the Saturday Club, the young adults performed traditional Oromo dances wearing their traditional clothing.

An elaborate spread of Oromo food and our musicians transported us back to our homeland in our minds.

All of these things together let everyone forget their troubles for a day - everybody was just so happy and joyful.

Our other key event was our outing. Many of us still can't afford holidays for our children, so this gives them something they can look forward to in their summer holidays and helps them feel included in conversations with other kids at school.

Learning from our experiences

We have now been in Brighton and Hove for 17 years and the Oromo Community in Brighton and Hove has been central to all of our lives for all of that time. We have been together to celebrate all of our success, but also to understand and support each other when things are difficult.



Over the years we have learnt the most important thing for everyone is our consistency. Everyone relies on us to keep doing what we do because our model is so simple and so effective. At the same time, we have got a lot better at discussing things and encouraging everyone to have a voice. Through this we make small changes when we need to. For example, we have increased the amount of informal social time our children have at the Saturday Club and our women's activities have expanded over the last few years.

Our connections to other communities in the city has become stronger, so the Sudanese Women and Children always come to our celebrations, along with other local organisations.

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

A Statement from our Chair

In 2022-23 we continued to support our community to be fitter, healthier and stronger together. Our children's school, women's activities, men's wellbeing club, outing, cultural event and family meals have helped us to maintain a community that feels connected within and across the generations. We do everything we can to make sure people don't feel alone or isolated—we give everyone A chance to socialise together, support each other and ask for help when they need it. Without the support of Brighton and Hove City Council we wouldn't be able to do this.

"When people come to our clubs and events they know their fares will be paid and they will get a free meal. They don't have to feel stressed, embarrassed, or worry about whether they can afford it, so they come continuously all year and get the full benefit of everything we do.

"We replicate our Oromo cultural norms, where all the generations mix and spend time together and nobody eats alone. This sounds very simple but means a lot. We provide a lifeline for every Oromo person who is struggling financially or emotionally. We make sure they feel part of Brighton and Hove, the city we now call home, and proud of their language, culture and heritage."

Our finances

Our financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March. Our Income for 2022-23 was 26,703 and our expenditure was £35,854.

We ended the year with restricted reserves of £19,632 and unrestricted reserves of £2,263.

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



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Accounts year ended 31st March 2023

Registered charity: 1192959
Charity correspondent: Elias Tuffa
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These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis from information and explanations supplied by the charity. .



Kate Chapman
Resource Centre
6 Tilbury Place
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7th September 2023

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 E.H (CHAIR)
2. DECHASA SULE (SECRETARY)

Date 23/09/2023

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Statement of Financial Activities year ended 31st March 2023

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2023	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022
Receipts						
Grants, donations & legacies	26,703	-	26,703	55,147	-	55,147
Other income	-	-	-	-	19	19
Total Receipts	26,703	-	26,703	55,147	19	55,166
Payments						
Expenditure on charitable activities	35,593	261	35,854	28,052	-	28,052
Total Payments	35,593	261	35,854	28,052	-	28,052
Net payments for the year	(8,890)	(261)	(9,151)	5,647	19	5,666
Transfers between funds	(2,155)	2,155	-			
Funds at 1st April 2022	30,677	369	31,046	25,030	350	25,380
Balance of funds at 31st March 2023	19,632	2,263	21,895	30,677	369	31,046

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

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Receipts and Payments Account year ended 31st March 2023

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2023	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022
Receipts						
Grants, donations & legacies						
Children in Need	10,500	-	10,500	14,855	-	14,855
Awards for All	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Comic Relief	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
Sussex Community Foundation	9,340	-	9,340	5,000	-	5,000
Sussex Crisis Fund	-	-	-	9,900	-	9,900
Brighton and Hove City Council (Resilience Fund)	6,000	-	6,000	-	-	-
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 - football kit sponsorship	863	-	863	-	-	-
East Brighton Trust - football tournament	-	-	-	500	-	500
Other income						
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	19	19
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Children's Language school - children's bus fares	1,507	-	1,507	1,464	-	1,464
Children's Language school - adults' bus fares	1,962	-	1,962	1,814	-	1,814
Children's Language school - teacher's fees	1,660	-	1,660	1,200	-	1,200
Children's Language school - refreshments	2,321	-	2,321	4,699	-	4,699
Children's Language school - classroom materials	-	-	-	84	-	84
Children's Language school - insurance	300	-	300	-	-	-
Children's Language school - volunteer expenses	855	-	855	553	-	553
Children's Language school - venue hire	5,875	-	5,875	2,252	-	2,252
Children's Language school - sports coach fees	540	-	540	485	-	485
Children's Language school - printing & publicity	30	-	30	106	-	106
Graduation - food & drink	350	-	350	-	-	-
Football kit	864	5	869	-	-	-
Women's project - swimming and sewing	2,885	-	2,885	3,141	-	3,141
Women's project - exercise classes	1,906	-	1,906	1,210	-	1,210
Women's project - teatime club	650	-	650	-	-	-
Men's project - gym membership and swimming classes	1,932	-	1,932	1,005	-	1,005
Men's project - teatime club	1,275	-	1,275	411	-	411
Committee admin (printing, phone, stationery)	44	-	44	157	-	157
Committee meeting expenses	432	-	432	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	300	-	300
Community meals	3,700	-	3,700	7,200	-	7,200
Cultural event 2022	4,289	-	4,289	1,235	-	1,235
Outing 2022	2,216	-	2,216	2,465	-	2,465
Covid - food	-	-	-	13,324	-	13,324
Covid - food vouchers	-	-	-	2,040	-	2,040
Covid - fuel/transport for volunteers	-	-	-	1,371	-	1,371
Covid - food allowance for volunteers	-	-	-	2,560	-	2,560
Covid - laptop	-	-	-	-	-	-
Covid - Electricity/phone top-ups	-	-	-	425	-	425
Miscellaneous expenditure	-	256	256	-	-	-
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st March 2023

Monetary Assets

Natwest account	21,895
Cash in hand	-

Balance of funds held at 31st March 2023	21,895
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Liabilities

None

Breakdown of funds at 31st March 2023

Restricted funds

Awards for All (received 2021-22)	894
Brighton and Hove City Council (Mental Health)	447
Brighton and Hove City Council (Resilience Fund)	2,940
Children in Need Year 2	5,510
East Brighton Trust (for football tournament received 2021/22)	500
Sussex Community Foundation 2023/24 (received March 2023)	9,340

Unrestricted funds

General fund	2,263
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Total	21,895
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