



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	06	2022		31	05	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Women Today - north east

Other names charity is known by Women Today; Women Today NE

Registered charity number (if any) 1193108

Charity's principal address 5 Exchange walk

Wilson street

Middlesbrough

Postcode

TS1 1RY

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 Locardia Chidanyika		Whole year	n/a
2 Samuel Masamba		Whole year	
3 Catherine Chitiga		Whole year	
4 Loraine Fore		Whole year	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
n/a	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointment of charity trustees (1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. (2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about: • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.	
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit among African women residing in the UK, who are socially excluded, or at risk of social exclusion, on the grounds of their social and economic position, by any means the trustees in their discretion shall determine’.

For the purpose of this clause ‘socially excluded’ means being excluded from society, or part of society, as a result of being a member of a socially and economically deprived community

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and during this year we have provided the following activities:

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Women Today NE addressed multiple ways in which Black African women in Middlesborough are financially destabilised by the cost-of-living crisis. The primary focus of the project was the Outreach Worker providing tailored 1-1 co-productive support to women to identify and address their practical barriers to accessing employment - English language, knowledge of the job market - and the emotional and contextual barriers which undermine and stem from lack of financial resilience - domestic and economic abuse, lack of confidence, isolation, cultural dislocation, poor wellbeing.

Our project also sustained Women Today NE so that our group-work activities could continue to bring into women's orbits culturally accessible expertise, myth-busting, and testimonials. The core funding also supported the growing local recognition and collaborations of Women Today across sectors, which helped us raise knowledge, profile, and opportunity of and about Black African women in the Northeast. Alongside this, the project contributed up to monies for emergency funding to purchase essential items for women in destitution, such as sanitary wear and toiletries.

Women Today NE paid for accommodation for women, children and families who couldn't be in their homes due domestic abuse, we bought emergency food, groceries, sanitary products, basic needs for families in our community. We collected medication for the elderly women who could not go to their doctors to collect their medication and bought them some groceries. We paid for bed and breakfast for women and their children fleeing abuse and waiting for a refuge place as they couldn't be housed due to many places being full. We continued our weekly programmes.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

continued to develop our service to become the go-to service for a growing number of Black African Women.
we employed our first development worker and established a volunteer network.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity recognises the need for reserves, and our policy is to build up a reserve fund that is sufficient to cover 6 months running costs. we appreciate that this will take some time and we include a small contribution in most of our funding requests.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Locardia Chidanyika

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

02/04/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Women Today - north east No (if any) 1193108

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period	Period start date	To	Period end date
from	1/6/22		31/5/23

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					
charitable grants	-	79,055	-	79,055	-
donations	206	-	-	206	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	206	79,055	-	79,261	-

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	206	79,055	-	79,261	-

A3 Payments					
Overheads and administration cost	-	10,988	-	10,988	-
professional services	-	3,488	-	3,488	-
charitable project expenses	-	50,120	-	50,120	-
	-	-	-	-	-

	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	64,596	-	64,596

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-

Total payments	-	64,596	-	64,596
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Net of receipts/(payments)	206	14,459	-	14,665
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	206	14,459	-	14,665

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	cash in bank	206	14,459	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	206	14,459	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))

OK

Unrestricted funds

OK

Restricted funds

OK

Endowment funds

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
	Leonarda Chidanyika	21/04/2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Women Today - north east

On accounts for the year
ended

31/5/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1193108

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/05/2023**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

R. M. Evans

Date:

16/8/23

Name:

Richard Evans

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

(Charity Manager)

Address:

47 Rushmere Rd
Ipswich
IP4 4LG

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.