



Trustees Annual Report
For the Year Ended 31/03/2024



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1.Reference and Administrative details

- Community Support Centre:

Charity registration No.1193421

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2. Objectives and Activities

Community Support Centre is set up to support women and girls who are socially and economically disadvantaged and work alongside them to realise and develop their skills so that they can use them to meet their needs, stay resilient, develop themselves and their communities, leading to improvement of their health and wellbeing.

Our main activities fall into the following categories:

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- 2.1 Improving health and wellbeing: All our activities support women and girls to improve their wellbeing. We support them in staying connected with other community members and staying active both physically and mentally while enhancing their skills and talents.
 - 2.2 Reducing isolation and loneliness: Our projects also help them to improve confidence and self-esteem and to overcome social isolation and loneliness. We also support women and girls with counselling sessions, advocacy, information and mentorship.
 - 2.3 Community Support Centre (CSC) works on a range of issues including domestic violence, financial literacy, English and ICT skills and basically, we do support women and young girls who are marginalised, isolated, do not speak English and need a day to day support to rebuild their lives. Many women and young girls accessing our services are not being supported by other organisations.
 - 2.4 Our trustees and volunteers have lived experience and similar experiences as the women and young girls we support.
 - 2.5 We care about our service users, and we treat them with respect.

FYE March 2024 we focused our support towards 3 main outcomes:

Improved mental and physical health.

Improved life skills and broaden horizons.

Increased opportunity to reduce social isolation.

During this financial reporting the main objectives and activities of the charity remained to support vulnerable women and young girls in our community with food parcel, sport, information, advice and guidance and heritage project.

We use Arts as a medium to address specific issues, engage with women and unleash their full potential. We have in house expertise for arts and wellbeing projects and our facilitators are specially trained for our target group.

2.6 Public benefit statement

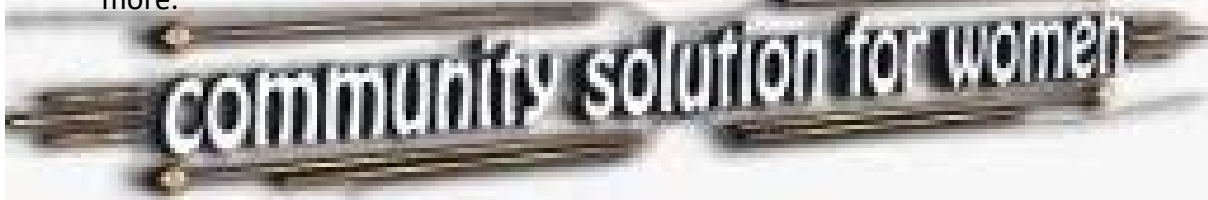
In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular alleviating the effects of poverty and isolation in our local community.

- Activities during this period

Through our Arts and Crafts project, we have been helping women upskilling with fashion and cloths designing skills such as French stitching, zippers and buttons. Also, they learnt about garment recycling and how to overlock a piece of garment with sewing machine. This project main aim has been to eliminate the isolation issue from women are facing wellbeing issue alone. We will bring to them a worry-free space where they can escape isolation and judgement so they can freely express their thought and feeling, counselling and advice will be provided.



- Foodbank project, we provided food parcel to women and young girls; this included single persons, couples, and families with children. Also with our Lidl community fund, we were able to fill them with cat and dog food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries.
- Providing volunteering opportunities for local women and girls, with around 10 people a week typically volunteering at least 2 hours each, sometimes significantly more.



- Occasional provision of cooking utensils and other small household items for asylum seekers and refugees to set up a new home or part of their resettlement.



- Our Weekly Information and Advice session has been providing women with information about our activities and workshop which they can partake with other women who can relate to them. These connections can provide emotional support, mentorship, and opportunities for collaboration.



- Whose Art, Whose Culture with the National Lottery Community Fund. This is intended to introduce the culinary heritage to younger generation, it will serve as heritage passage where the older generation will introduce cooking skills, healthier nutrition and alternative younger generation. We will use this opportunity bring awareness on the issues women faced in Salford and in the UK. We will inform about the support we can provide to women facing issues such domestic violence, isolation or depression with our safe space programs. Fostering an environment where women can come and join other women with similar background for counselling, socialising and enjoying themselves freely.
- Sport activities for women wellbeing where we aimed to eradicate isolation and to promote wellbeing with physical activities.



Thanks to the funders: The National Lottery Community Fund, Localgiving, Forever Manchester, Sport England, Neighbourly, Salford City Council and Salford CVS and our volunteers we have been able to support 70 women and 15 young girls during this financial year.

Mrs Ruth Nzongo



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FYE 31/03/2024

COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTRE				
INCOME (A)	2023/2024			2022/2023
	£ Restricted Funds	£ Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
			2023/2024	
Grants	31,912.96	2,618.00	34,530.96	55,948.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME (A)	31,912.96	2,618.00	34,530.96	55,948.00
EXPENDITURE (B)				
Artists	0.00	400.00	400.00	3,760.00
Room Hire	2,500.00	1,500.00	4,000.00	1,990.00
Volunteer expenses	1,000.00		1,000.00	516.00
Travel expenses	1,200.00	516.00	1,716.00	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	400.00		400.00	400.00
Equipment	750.00		750.00	1,750.00
Sessional workers	4,920.00	200.00	5,120.00	11,920.00
Wellbeing activities	7,678.00		7,678.00	4,460.00
Mental Health and Physical health	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,860.00
Workshops	1,820.00		1,820.00	
Training	960.00			960.00
Total Expenditure	24,228.00	2,616.00	25,884.00	30,816.00
Total Income-Total Expenditure	7,684.96	2.00	8,646.96	25,132.00
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR YEAR	7,684.96	2.00	7,686.96	25,132.00
TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF YEAR	25,462.00	1,560.35	27,022.35	330.00
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	33,146.96	1,562.35	34,709.31	25,462.00

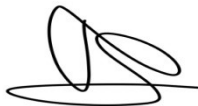
VERIFIED AND APPROVED BY:



OUR BALANCE SHEET FYE 2024

BALANCE SHEET FYE 31 MARCH 2023		
	2023	2022
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets	1750	615
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	1750	615
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank/Hand	3397.35	309
Other debtors	22775	0
Total Current Assets	26172.35	309
Creditors due within one year	900	85
Net Assets	27022.35	839
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Funds	25462	330
Unrestricted Funds	1560.35	509
	27022.35	839

Approved by: Ruth Nzongo



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Basis of independent examiner's report:

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 you as Trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement:

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.
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to 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.

Ms. Toya M. Berenger



31/03/2024

Trained Accountant
Let's Bloom Together

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2024

1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The Financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention and include the results of the Charity's operations which are described in the Trustee's Report and all of which are continuing.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the statement of recommended practice for Charity Accounts:

- a. Fixed assets retained for use by the organisation include laptops purchased in 2019. These fixed assets are depreciated using the straight-line method of depreciation over a period of three years.
- b. Change in basis of accounting: Grants Receivable

Grants for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable.

Grants received for specific purposes are treated as restricted funds.

Grants restricted to future accounting periods are deferred and recognised in those periods.

2. Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The standard constitution of the Charity requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the surplus or deficit for the period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

