



Trustees Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31/03/2025



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1. Reference and Administrative details

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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:

- 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 2025, 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, information, advice and guidance and health and wellbeing projects.

We used 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.

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2.7 Activities during this period

2.7.1 Creative modern magic mending project: This was a series of workshops where mending interventions were taught and practiced repairing participants' existing garments.

We promoted the art of mending by encouraging participants to bring along their damaged

textile articles, fostering a connection between personal belongings and the artist's craft, promoting the art of mending and the preservation of memories associated with these items. It was also an opportunity to discuss clothing, fashion and climate change.



Feedback from a service user reads: “ These workshops helped me to broaden my horizon and I’ll definitely apply the knowledge and skills learn here on a daily basis, I know fit now if my shoes still fit, I can fix them”

2.7.2 Foodbank project: We provided women and young girls more than just food parcels.

The food bank restores dignity, self-esteem, increased belonging, and improved access to healthy food while reducing the stresses associated with hardship.

About 120 food parcels were distributed on a weekly basis and we worked tirelessly to bring

nutritious, fresh food directly where it's needed most; into communities where access is limited by affordability and availability. We made sure that no matter what our members are going through, they can still put tasty, healthy food on their table.



A quote from a service user: “ I have no shame to come and collect food from this charity. Ruth will treat you with dignity and her team does not discriminate and it is all non judgemental.”

We are grateful for the funding received from Salford CVS – Food Response Fund-providing us with opportunity to deliver vital work of provision of food to women and young girls with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF), refugees, or asylum seekers In Salford.



2.7.3 Health and wellbeing sessions: From workshops, training and learning circles, all

these sessions were a great opportunity for our local women in Salford community and children to come together, socialise, reconnect, help them get out and about to meet new people, reducing isolation and learn something new skills with improved wellbeing and self esteem. Participants reported these sessions have reduced stress, depression, trauma and made our local women feel much better, happier and more confident.

We worked with the community to increase Covid/Flu vaccination uptake and raised awareness of the need for covid-19 and flu vaccines, engaging our beneficiaries particularly those who may have hesitations about vaccinations due to misinformation or lack of access, also addressing these barriers and fostering a supportive environment to build trust and overcome barriers to vaccination. Different groups had different concerns that needed to be addressed to prevent inequalities in vaccine uptake.



Many of the women we work with are struggling to manage their finances, resulting in debt and lack of food. The inability to afford heating is a common issue, leading to further financial difficulties and compromises on basic needs. Our service users told us that they do not have enough money, and they have stopped going out, stopped meeting friends and socialising. This makes them more isolated and affects their mental health. Long term loneliness has serious effects on mental and physical health. Thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund will be able to support our beneficiaries who are struggling with mental health issues, isolation and loneliness to reduce their isolation with improved mental health through a series of wellbeing activities on a weekly basis.



2.7.4 Information advice: This is our drop in sessions on a weekly basis for a free, confidential and impartial service. Service users get access to benefit checks and apply for their entitlements, signposted for specialist advice to ensure that service users receive all the support needed tailored to their individual circumstances.

2.7.5 Sport for wellbeing: Weekly sport activities for women and young girls to relax and worry less about life and cost-of-living crisis with improved physical and mental health funded by Sport England.



Thanks to the funders: Alpkit Foundation; LBC LIFETIME MANCHESTER; Albert Hunt Trust, Arnold Clark Community Fund; Onward Community Fund; Neighbourly; Forever Manchester; Sport England, Tesco Groundwork, Asda Foundation, The National Lottery Community Fund and Salford CVS.

Mrs Ruth Nzongo

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FYE 31/03/2025

Our income has dropped significantly in FYE 2025, and the cost of living added an extra pressure on our limited budget.

We have received funding with thanks from the following funders:

- 1) Alpkit Foundation: £200
- 2) LBC LIFETIME MANCHESTER: £1000.
- 3) Albert Hunt Trust: £2000.
- 4) Arnold Clark Community Fund: £2000.
- 5) Onward Community Fund: £1466.18
- 6) Neighbourly: £1730.
- 7) Forever Manchester: £910.
- 8) Tesco Groundwork: £500.
- 9) Asda Foundation: £1000.
- 10) Salford CVS: £4500.
- 11) The NLCF: £20000
- 12) Sport England: £2160

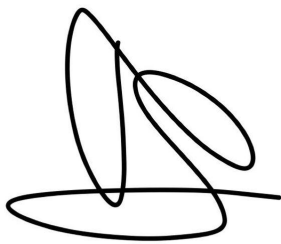
	COMMUNITY SUPPORT CENTRE			
INCOME (A)	2024/2025			2023/2024
	£ Restricted Funds	£ Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
			2024/2025	
Grants	31,036.18	6430	37,466.18	57,448.00
Donations			0.00	1,945.00
TOTAL INCOME (A)	31,036.18	6,430.00	37,466.18	59,393.00
EXPENDITURE (B)				
Artists	1,800.00		1,800.00	3,760.00
Room Hire	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	3,490.00
Volunteer expenses	800.00	£200.00	1,000.00	516.00
Travel expenses	200.00		200.00	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	£400.00	125	525.00	400.00
Equipment	0.00		0.00	1,750.00
Sessional workers	5,000.00	2600	7,600.00	11,920.00

Wellbeing activities	£1,700.00	2000	3,700.00	4,460.00
Mental Health and Physical health	1,740.00		1,740.00	3,860.00
Workshops	300.00	500.00	800.00	893.65
Training	0.00			0.00
Total Expenditure	13,940.00	5,425.00	19,365.00	32,249.65

Total Income-Total Expenditure 17,096.18 1,005.00 18,101.18 27,143.35 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS --				
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR YEAR	17,096.18	1,005.00	18,101.18	26,183.35
TOTAL FUNDS AT START OF YEAR	330.00	509.00	839.00	839.00
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	17,426.18	1,514.00	18,940.18	27,022.35

VERIFIED AND APPROVED BY:

RUTH NZONGO



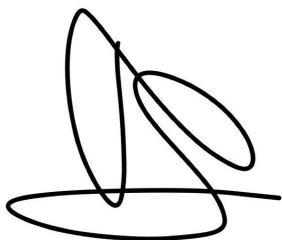
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BALANCE SHEET FYE 2025

BALANCE SHEET FYE 31 MARCH 2025		
	2025	2024
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets	1400	1750
Total Tangible Fixed Assets	1400	1750
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank/Hand	25200.18	3397.35
Other debtors	1000	22775

Total Current Assets	26200.18	26172.35
Creditors due within one year	8660	900
Net Assets	18940.18	27022.35
Funds of the Charity		
Resctricted Funds	17426.18	25462
Unrestricted Funds	1514	1560.35
	18940.18	27022.35

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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025

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.