

Charity registration number: 1193468

Destiny House International CIO

Trustees' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2023

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number	1193468
Registered office	St Michael's Avenue Wembley Middlesex HA9 6SA
Trustees	Mr Simon Jean-Marie Mr Cion Morris Mrs Jennifer Boateng Mrs Rochelle Batende
Accountants	Asaph Solutions Limited 18 Belmont Road Chesham Bucks HP5 2EL England
Bankers	Metro Bank

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Trustees report

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance, and management

The charity was established by a charitable Trust Deed on 9 February 2022. The charity's objects are to run a church whose objects are:

-The advancement of the Christian Religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland as approved by the General Council from time to time (the Statement)

- Such other charitable work of the Church consistent with the Statement

-The furtherance of the work of the Assemblies of God in Great Britain and Ireland and the promotion of the spiritual teaching and the maintenance of the Statement and the promotion of religious observances that manifest the Statement.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three to six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

DHI Programs and Projects Summary Report 2022-2023

In August 2022, we reached a strategic milestone when we finally managed to open a bank account for our new CIO. The purpose of the new account is to allow our three charities to merge and become one strong entity able to face the harsh terrain all charities must face.

The merger allows us greater coherence, clarity and strength as we continue to develop new partnerships and services. This year Destiny House International, with our partners, has continued to engage our community with a range of relevant programs:

- Homework club
 - Music - Guitar lessons
 - Reading room
 - Fusion arts
 - Holiday clubs
 - Stem (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)
 - Sports and Recreation
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- ESOL (English as a second language)
- Community Welfare including a Café, social and welfare advocacy services
- NHS- mental health services and other work shops
- Zumba
- QPR Senior Citizen Fitness and Bingo (partner)
- Steel Pans
- Fencing
- Street dance
- Small Businesses - Pop up shop
- Annual community events
- Place of welcome – with weekly food provided by Greggs.
- Prospects - Jobs and cv support
- Pop up library

We pioneered the writing of a book based on Windrush Generation. Here we brought seniors who came over to Britain in the 50s and 60s together with children from a local primary school. The Seniors told their story, and the juniors produced the artwork.

At our Wembley branch

1. Food fun and fellowship is a regular program on Wednesdays.
 2. Six baptisms in the Summer as we came out of Covid restrictions.
 3. Continued morning and evening prayers every weekday.
 4. We had our annual birthday party in April.
 5. We held our annual Community Barbecue
 6. We held a ladies' breakfast.
 7. We ran a Ladies sleep over
 8. We held our 12th years anniversary celebrations.
 9. We housed (in partnership with Brent council) 15 homeless individuals during the cold month January through to end of March
we offered an evening meal a warm bed and early morning breakfast.
 10. The community Christmas meal with karaoke was well attended and enjoyed.
 11. Every Mondays we provided hot meals to street homeless and street users.
 12. We continued our tradition of Fasting – January; July and October
 13. We went to the theatre to see the Lion King
 14. We gave gifts with Sam and hampers to children and parents in Stonebridge.
 15. We gave out thousands of hot meals in our Acton site.
 16. We delivered quality hampers through our Community Pastor (Kate)
 17. We gave out clothes to those in community that needed.
 18. Three leaders completed their Ministerial course, and three leaders began MiT.
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Reports from other individual departments:

1. Pastor Josephine McKay and DHI Stonebridge branch

2022/3 has been a satisfactory year for the church. Church attendance has been up and down. Demographics have changed with the church attracting younger adults.

Both Adult and Children Bible study classes have grown, attracting members from other churches because of its excellent teaching, rightly dividing of the Word and applications leading to constant testimonies. DHI Stonebridge young people have been able to utilise what they learn, and they deliver 15 minute exhortations once a month.

We held five baptisms this year. Furthermore, we've been able to support with monthly love gifts to our mission church in India, delivered 60 Christmas Love gift bags over the Christmas period to families in Brent's Temporary Accommodation as well as people in hardship in the community.

Testimony: One of our new converts had been diagnosed with Addison's disease and had kidney failure. Through prayer and fasting by the church, God gave her back her health and there is no sign of Addison's disease. She is now preparing for baptism as she deepens in her faith.

2. DHI Education and Arts

Altogether this year we have enjoyed the support of 15 very active volunteers and we have employed over 45 individuals on a full part-time or casual bases

From 2021, EDUCATION AND ARTS is a project run and managed by Destiny House International CIO. A charity organisation who believes that every child should have a safe and fun space to relax and get support in their education.

In the last 3 years we have grown from a homework club to a large project providing different services and programs to our community such as homework, holiday, STEM, sports and recreation, music, reading room and performing arts clubs.

Our vision is to create a world in which all may have a sense of community as: Communities are fundamental, whether local or across the world, they provide a foundation, a sense of place and belonging. That's why at DHI Education and Arts (DHIEAA), we engage the community in everything we do by SOARING TOGETHER.

AIMS:

- Improve community cohesion between parents and children.
- Reduction in the risk factors for gang involvement in children aged 5-18yrs, low academic achievement in primary and secondary school.
- Improved Academic performance and access to higher education. Improving participants and their family's mental health and wellbeing.
- Assist in improving the economic status of low-income families through signposting impacted by cost of living.

From 2021 we have received funding from The National Lottery, Brent Council, Edward Harvest fund, Brent HAF, Love where you live, John Lyons and Young Brent Foundation. We have also worked with various partners and sponsors for donations and services such as gift donations from The London Fire Brigade, workshops by BANG radio and St John Ambulance Service and Parent Forums Bertha,

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Black History workshops via Storie Storie, provided by Hyde Housing group, food parcels from The Felix project and much more besides.

STAFF

We have contracted over 45 staff members to either be leaders, teachers, TA's, youth workers, guest practitioners or volunteers at our programs. We provide training to all staff including safeguarding level 1, PREVENT, first aid training, food hygiene, safer recruitment and many more via National College.

FAMILIES

We have welcomed over 350 families to our services over the 3 years. With the Brent Hub Community Enterprise Centre homework club being our most popular program offered.

Testimonial and Feedback – a sample included below:

- "I'm happy that my daughter mixed with other kids she would not have socialised with. She also came home with a few art pieces that I was happy to display in my home."
- Dionne Douglas (Curacao's mother – 11 years): "Activities Club has help to socialise, and to have fun in the Holiday & get fit."
- Odette Camille (Kavalli's Gran – 6 years): "My child enjoyed mixing with new kids from her community even though she does outside weekly activities she mixed with kids she wouldn't usually."
- Leona: "I just wished to appreciate you and the fantastic team at DHI Education and Arts who really made a big effort this summer to support a vulnerable disabled child at short notice via the HAF scheme. (This child is a 10-year-old boy with Downs Syndrome, Global Developmental and Speech delay who finds transitions and changes quite hard and he has never attended a play scheme before) His parents were so happy with the way you and the team treated their son with respect and really got to know him and pull him out of his shy shell so that he could fully enjoy the experience. He really enjoyed each day, particularly the trip to the Science Museum!
- 'The service has been professional from start to finish and the child (as I am sure many others) benefitted hugely from this scheme as it provides needed respite for the parents and fun and stimulation for the children.'
- Really looking forward to seeing more children and also this child will want to return in the Christmas Break. Thanks so much for the wonderful work and effort."
- Brent Social worker: "SQ really enjoyed the session on Tuesday."

SQ has repeated several times 'you are beautiful loving and confident' or something along those lines as he said it was on the board. He is also speaking about Africa.

This session has left a positive impression on SQ please do let me know if you are running any sessions in the future."

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DHI MINIBUS

Our minibus has been used to transport the elderly to events, collect and drop children home from activities, collection of daily food from local supermarkets and Greggs to support our foodbank, and escort children to over 20 trips such as Thorpe Park, roller skating, and Fruit picking.

The experience of traveling with fellow participants creates additional opportunities for forming positive relationships and a sense of comradery. The Minibus directly tackles the issue of isolation within the community as it presents individuals with the opportunity to participate, where they may have had no other choice but to isolate. It can ease the minds of those who are hesitant to engage with the community and presents a safer way of allowing for community cohesion.

3. Phoenix Rising Group

The last year has been one of growth and development for phoenix rising and of a closer working with our DHI family. With the Homework Club and DHI Community. Our staff and volunteers deserve a special mention for their work during this period. Phoenix rising as a grassroots organisation knows that we are best equipped to respond effectively in times like these. We have continually adapted to meet the changing needs of our local community and the children and young people we work with. Through this most challenging of times, we brought music-making, sport, environmental awareness, social action, learning and earning to those who needed it most during the pandemic and continuing to date.

We increased our investments to get more money to the front line through working in consortia that focused on our focus areas of Mental Health, fitness and well-being through Sport, Music and the Blue and Green Environment whilst ensuring our service levels were maintained despite the ever changing (for the worse) economic landscape due to Covid-19. Our stakeholders have recognised

this, and we have enjoyed the blessing and support of our community because of successful outcomes in everything we have done. To maintain the quality of our work, and the wellbeing of our staff, we now need to embed and consolidate all the amazing new work we've begun. As well as addressing our historic obstacle to our natural and continued development: Suitable premises/storage.

4. Destiny Outreach

Based in Stonebridge and Wembley, Destiny Outreach, led by Community Pastor Kate Moore, provides a safe space and targeted interventions for vulnerable adults; both those in immediate welfare crisis and people with chronic vulnerabilities including social isolation, debt and welfare benefit issues, language barriers, mental illness, and substance dependency. Our main services include a Hot Meal Outreach in Harlesden, a Tuesday Welfare Cafe including social and creative activities, and Welfare Casework by appointment. We work positively with local and London wide partners such as Crisis Skylight, Hyde Housing, Brent Council, Praxis Community Projects, Rumis, Age Concern, Shelter from The Storm Nightshelter, Brent Multi Faith Forum, Camden Law Centre, Advice4renters, while continuing to collaborate with Brent Council, specifically in the delivery of the Brent Nightshelter.

We successfully supported hard to reach street homeless clients into mainstream services via Streetlink and Crisis Skylight, maximised income for 25 people, including new Universal Credit claims,

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PIP disability benefit, as well as obtaining RSF and DHP payments via our welfare casework service. Immigration legal support was secured for several NRPF clients, and one man who had been homeless for around 8 years, finally received his Residence through successful engagement with us. He was resettled within weeks of the decision and continues to access our service for social support and help to sustain his tenancy.

We also obtained several 'out of time' EUSS decisions, meeting the urgent needs of our strong CEE cohort. In addition, we headed up the Brent Nightshelter from January 2023 to the end of March 2023, in conjunction with Brent Council and Rumis, hosting between 12 and 15 men on Mondays in our church building in Wembley, with volunteers from our churches and wider networks. The Destiny Outreach volunteer team continues to expand and at present we have 8 volunteers, including 2 client volunteers.

5. Brent Community Hub Enterprise managed by Mr Yonike Octave

During the year 2022/3 we ran an array of activities, and projects to achieve community cohesion and tackle the cost of living since the pandemic for vulnerable families. It's great to say we have certainly achieved this and even partnered up with some amazing organisations along the way. Our projects aimed to support members of the community to increase their skills, experience and knowledge in education, work, and welfare. Some amazing volunteers took on organising community meals and events such as a holiday club and community cafe. Some of the projects and initiatives that were run this year were: Homework Club, holiday activities club, reading room, fencing, ballet, organised a community first aid workshop, pop-up shop business events. Some amazing results came from running these too, children were able to write and publish their own book, families received welfare support, children experienced and had access to activities they would not otherwise access such as Fencing. We worked with many partners, such as Hyde, Jason Roberts Foundation, Connect Stars, QPR, Hillside Performing Arts, Phoenix Rising, CVS Brent, Bang Charity and many more.

With effective advertising and great customer service, I might add, our bookings have never been so amazing. Our rooms are now being used considerably more frequently for ad hoc meetings, workshops, and functions in our main hall. Additionally, we are home to some major organisations, such as Hestia, Brent Gateway, Ian Williams, Connect Stars, Musicus and many churches.

Finally, we would like to be known as the Hub that caters for all. The Trustees are hoping that work will be focused on impacting people of different ages in the community and for furthering our Christian ethos.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees are required to:

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2006. 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.

On behalf of the board

Simon Jean-Marie
Chairman
Date:

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2013 (the 2013 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2013 Act.

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2013 Act.

to state whether 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 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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 130 of the 2013 Act and

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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

Denise Isaacs FCCA
Asaph Solutions Limited
18 Belmont Road
Chesham
Bucks, HP5 2EL

Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities

		2023 £
Incoming resources:		
Incoming resources from generated activities:		
Voluntary income		31,907
Other income		155,676
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		187,583 =====
Resources expended:	3	
Charitable activities		180,864
Governance costs		2,500
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		183,364 =====
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources for the year		4,219
Gross transfers between funds		-
Net movement in funds	2	4,219
Funds brought forward		-
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		4,219 =====

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2023

		2023	
	Notes	£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible fixed assets	6		-
Current Assets			
Debtors	7		-
Cash at bank and in hand		15,255	
		<u>15,255</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year:	8		
Accruals		2,500	
Other creditors		-	
Net Current Assets		<u>2,500</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year		750	
		<u>12,005</u>	
		=====	
Reserves:			
General funds		12,005	
		<u>12,005</u>	
		=====	

Approved by the Board of Trustees on dateand signed on its behalf by:

S Jean-Marie - Chairman

R Batende - Secretary

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Notes to the Accounts

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the Charities Act 2013, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Incoming Resources

Tithes and offerings are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when received. Other donations receivable are included when the charity becomes entitled to the funds, when the Trustees are reasonably certain that they will receive it and the value can be measured reliably.

Income from tax refunds are included in the financial statements at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Fixed assets and Depreciation

Assets are capitalised if they will be used for more than one year and cost at least £100. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates, less any residual value, in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Motor vehicles	- 25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% reducing balance

2. NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES

The operating (deficit)/ surplus is stated after charging:

	2023
	£
Accounting fees	2,500

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3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

AOG and other Events	1,457.03
Baptism pool hire	80.00
Benevolence	200.00
Brent Hub expenses	5,866.75
Casual wages	3,137.54
Light and heat	3,603.81
Castle Water	536.85
Christmas Meal	0.55
Cleaner	1,508.00
Compassion UK	560.00
Fire protection	108.06
Hawkesworth Appliance Testing Ltd	682.10
LB Brent Business Rates	720.00
Maintenance & Repairs	5,530.59
Media equipment expense	72.73
Ministry Expenses	713.06
Missions	6,646.33
Office expense	584.70
Outreach - Supplies (food, drinks)	1,581.54
Pastorial Training	734.10
Pension	3,699.40
Petty Cash	97.75
Professional and Legal Fees	200.10
Room let deposit refund	10,801.00
Telephone / Broadband	2,132.39
Thirtyone eight	46.40
Total Energies	7,490.65
Travel Expenses	113.77
Wages	76,217.31
Worship / Musician	60.00
Yearly Licences/Affiliation	
Fees/Insurance	2,516.28
	137,698.79

Restricted income

2023

£

Homework Club 45,182

45,182

£

Restricted expenses

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Homework Club

Domain Name / Website	31
Equipment	334
GUEST PRACTITIONER	5,662
Licences	374
Refreshments	270
Room hire	14,850
Trips / Experiences	989
Casual Wages	19,795
HR	792
Resources	70

43,166

GOVERNANCE COSTS

Accountancy fees	2,500
	2,500
	=====

4. STAFF COSTS

Wages and salaries	76,217
Pension contributions	3,700
	79,917
	=====

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023
	No.
Administration	2
Church pastors and services	1

	3
	=====

No employee earned over £60,000 per annum.

5. TAXATION

The church is a registered charity and as such no taxation has been provided for in these accounts.