



Tees Valley of Sanctuary

Trustees' Annual Report

1st Feb 2024

31st Jan 2025

Charity name

Tees Valley of Sanctuary

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1193792

Charity's principal address

60 The Avenue

Linthorpe

Middlesbrough

Postcode

TS5 6SB

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	Satinder Collins	Chair		
2	Samsoudini Moussa	Co-Chair		
3	Alma	Hellaoui		
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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		
	None			

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

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)

CIO in the Tees Valley

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by Board

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.

TVoS has a group of volunteers and members from whom we try to select our trustees. Trustees are usually familiar with our work or they may attend some of the workshops offered by City of Sanctuary.

TVoS has the following policies in place:

- Internal Financial Controls
- Due Diligence
- Conflicts of Interest
- Social Media
- Safeguarding

Section C Objectives and activities

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

TVoS is part of the bigger City of Sanctuary movement which follows these objects:

Encouraging towns, areas, places, organisations and institutions to become welcome and safe, through the provision of information, advice and support;

Advancing the education and training of people who are refugees or asylum seekers;

Liaising with other private, voluntary and statutory organisations on relevant issues

Promoting activities to foster understanding between the general public, refugees and asylum seekers

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)

Activities undertaken:

- Supporting schools, colleges and local theatre to become places of sanctuary
- Providing training to school staff and students on refugee issues
- Promoting community cohesion through our work with schools and colleges
- Working with EAL support to improve the inclusive practices in schools
- Developing an EAL support group in Darlington
- Attending training/meetings by Refugee Education and The Bell Foundation on Meeting the Needs of New Arrivals to Years 10 and 11
- Contact with Ofsted to raise the issue regarding the inclusion and attainment of asylum seekers and refugees. Awaiting contact from the senior regional inspector
- Work alongside and supporting the work of a local mental health charity to expand service provision
- Working with UASC (Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children) to gain knowledge of their needs.
- Attending regional updates and specific meetings by NEMP
- Attending NEMP meetings to discuss ESOL provision for mid-term new arrivals aged 16+
- Meeting with the police commissioner and being involved with work the policing plan on safer communities (myth busting booklets to be funded and produced)
- Attending training workshops, meetings and AGM to learn from CoS and share with other groups.
- Supporting campaigns that will improve the lives of the RAS community e.g. Asylum Matters - Right to Work
- Awareness raising about refugee rights.
- Presentation of awards to schools and colleges
- Networking with refugee organisations in Tees Valley
- Enabling Middlesbrough Council to pass a motion to welcome refugees

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Tees Valley of Sanctuary continues to be managed and run by volunteers. Some are in employment and others are retired. The volunteers have various experience in areas such as education, local authorities, health and refugee organisations. We do have some with lived experience but this needs to increase.

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

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A school and two colleges have achieved the sanctuary award, this year with four ongoing applications which include Teesside University. Much of the work of TVoS was towards developing inclusive practices in schools which have an intake of refugee and asylum-seeking children. There are no Ofsted criteria for provision and attainment for this group. The quality of provision varies in schools. TVoS has contacted Ofsted regarding this issue and is awaiting a response from the Senior Regional Inspector.

The local authorities in the Tees Valley continue to be supportive and welcoming towards sanctuary seekers. With the joint action of Asylum Matters and TVoS, Middlesbrough passed a motion at a council meeting to state that refugees were welcome.

Work towards developing a specialist mental health facility in the Tees Valley continues. Gill Martin who has experience in this field as a psychologist and with setting up such a facility is now chair at Somewhere Else and enabling it to go forward.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity does not have any reserves as yet.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Funding is through donations
Expenditure is related to services TVoS provide and meetings attended relating to our work

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) Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Date	Satinder Kaur Collins	
	Satinder Collins	Samsoudini Moussa
	Chair	Co-Chair
	05/03/2024	

TVoS Accounts Jan 2024 to Jan 2025

Charity Name Tees Valley of Sanctuary		No. (if any) 1193792	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date Feb-24	To	Mar-22 Jan-25

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Green Gates Primary	69	-	-	8,082	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	69	-	-	8,082	-