



Tees Valley of Sanctuary							
Trustees' Annual Report							
1st		Feb		2025		5th	
		Feb				2026	



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	Activities undertaken: • Supporting schools, NHS Maternity, Thirteen Housing Group to become places of sanctuary through a sanctuary award • Providing training to school staff and students on refugee issues • Promoting community cohesion through our work with schools and colleges • Working with EAL Network to improve the inclusive practices in schools and encourage schools to become schools of sanctuary • Contact with Ofsted to raise the issue regarding the inclusion and attainment of asylum seekers and refugees. Contact made by senior regional inspector. Awaiting response regarding a meeting. • Most of our concerns about the education of new arrivals have been raised to Ofsted by The Bell Foundation in two reports. • Supporting the work of a local mental health charity to expand service provision • Attending regional updates and specific meetings by NEMP • Attending training workshops, meetings and AGM to learn from CoS and network with other groups. • Supporting campaigns that will improve the lives of the RAS community e.g. Asylum Matters - Right to Work, No to Detention, No to government proposals to change refugee rights. Communicate with local MPs about proposed changes to refugee status • Awareness raising about refugee rights in schools • Networking with refugee organisations in the Tees Valley and Newcastle • Focus on community cohesion after the riots in 2024 and rise of anti-refugee rhetoric from the far right and other politicians • Organise a meeting for refugee organisations regarding building safer communities in challenging times • Work with Safer Communities on Restorative Justice approaches • Attend Middlesborough Community Bridge Builders training • Participate in the Cleveland Strategic Hate Crime Partnership • Work with Teesside University on a project to enable access to the local amenities and countryside • Improvement in our communications on our website and Facebook – a new volunteer joined us • Training in awareness of safety on social media • Attend multi-agency meetings in Stockton and Redcar
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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)

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.

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 have increased the number of our members with lived experience, and we work in co-production for our strategic planning. Currently, we are focused on working with schools and how to increase the number of schools of sanctuary. There has been a considerable demographic change in some of our districts due to migration and dispersal of refugees. This has resulted in tensions in some of these communities and schools. Therefore, we are providing training in schools with a focus on understanding refugees.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have managed to increase the number of members with lived experience who are fundamental in deciding the direction of our work and priorities.

This has been a challenging year as there has been an increase in the negativity towards sanctuary seekers by politicians. This has not helped the already tense situation in some of our towns which had suffered during the disturbances in 2024. Divisions have occurred with racist hate crime having increased dramatically. As a result, we have had to change our focus from awards to community cohesion.

We are taking opportunities to improve our skills in having 'difficult conversations' and to increase our networking to include various community groups.

There are some major political changes proposed to the lives of sanctuary seekers. We are communicating with politicians in order to bring about a better understanding of sanctuary seekers and enable them to rethink this legislation.

Understandably, there is a lot of anxiety amongst the refugee population who having fled to safety in the UK now find themselves unsafe once again.

The mental health of sanctuary seekers has always been a major concern for organisations who support them. For many years we have worked towards having a centre for mental health in the Tees Valley. A specialist service for the mental health of sanctuary seekers is now established and growing, in Stockton.

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

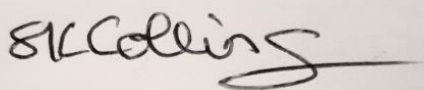
Section F Other optional information

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)

Satinder Collins

Samsoudini Moussa

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Co-Chair

Date

06/02/2026

TVoS Accounts Jan 2025 to Jan 2026

	For the period from	Period start date Feb-24	To	Mar-22 Jan-25	
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					
Thrive at Five	50	-	-	8,082	
Green Gates Academy	68	-	-	68	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	118	-	-	8,150	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
Monthly Bank Charges	72	-	-	72	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	72	-	-	72	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	72	-	-		-
Net of receipts/(payments)	118	-	-	118	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end		-	-	8,099	-