
THE BLACK FUND

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	L Gray, Chair J Blades, Trustee (resigned 28 January 2025) S Pinnock, Trustee A Gray, Trustee
Charity registered number	1193982
Principal office	Aston House Cornwall Avenue London N3 1LF
Accountants	Adler Shine LLP Chartered Accountants Aston House Cornwall Avenue London N3 1LF

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The object of the charity is the prevention or relief of poverty of the African and Caribbean diaspora in the United Kingdom by making grants to charities and community groups.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

The trustees overall strategy for achieving the charity's objectives is through seeking and building new and existing relationships with businesses who are passionate about supporting the Black community and tackling racial inequalities, as well as developing initiatives that support the Black community.

The charity's approach to change also includes creating partnerships that create and provide opportunities, and use the trustees' social platform to help shift perspectives and increase education.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The trustees consider the best way to increase the charity's reach and impact was to prioritise funding by focusing on 2 themes or campaigns throughout each year. This allows the charity to focus its funding rounds, better target supporters and organisations and in turn, enables more funding to be invested in these specific areas, making a focused and measurable impact.

As part of this the charity made donations to two organisations across the year:

- Grounded Sounds - a South London based music charity, providing workshops, programmes and opportunities for young people to learn about music, develop creative skills and gain exposure into the professional opportunities within the music industry; and
- Black in the Ballroom - the first UK project aimed at promoting equity and inclusion for dancers of Black Heritage in Ballroom and Latin American Dance.

d. Grant-making policies

Grants are made through the charity's Give Back scheme and are made to registered UK-based charities, Community Interest Companies, and Not For Profit Organisations, that support and empower black people, and that have an annual income of less than £200,000.

The project should have at least one active social media account, an up-to-date safeguarding policy and be able to submit previous year's accounts for the trustees to have a look at as part of the application process. All qualifying applications are reviewed by the trustees to determine whether the project will advance the objectives of the charity, is achievable and measurable. The project will need to be fully funded by the grant or be able to demonstrate that all funds required have been obtained.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Achievements and performance

a. Main achievements of the charity

The charity has made donations totalling £10,000 to charitable organisations which the trustees believe to advance the charity's objectives.

Grants have been made to projects across the UK. The grants have been made for a diverse array of charitable activities, such as providing a personal support system to women and children fleeing domestic abuse, providing enrichment activities through music to reduce social exclusion, anti-social behaviour, and crime; as well as supporting roadshows across the UK speaking to young people who feel unable to access higher education and academic success.

These are all activities which go towards the charity's objective of the prevention and relief of poverty of the African and Caribbean diaspora in the United Kingdom.

Financial review

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Black Fund is a registered charity, number 1193982, and is constituted under a CIO Constitution.

b. Methods of appointment or election of trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the CIO Constitution.

It is the duty of each charity trustee:

- a. to exercise his or her powers and to perform his or her functions in his or her capacity as a trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO; and
- b. to exercise, in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to:
 - i. any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and,
 - ii. if he or she acts as a charity trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

c. Financial risk management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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Members' liability

The Members of the charity have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

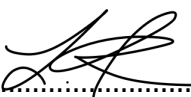
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the CIO Constitution. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees and signed on their behalf by:


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L Gray
Trustee

Date: 27/01/2026

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	2,590	2,590	9,628
Investments	4	113	113	211
Total income		<u>2,703</u>	<u>2,703</u>	<u>9,839</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		4,400	4,400	-
Charitable activities	6	18,240	18,240	16,506
Total expenditure		<u>22,640</u>	<u>22,640</u>	<u>16,506</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(19,937)</u>	<u>(19,937)</u>	<u>(6,667)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		13,664	13,664	20,331
Net movement in funds		(19,937)	(19,937)	(6,667)
Total funds carried forward		<u>(6,273)</u>	<u>(6,273)</u>	<u>13,664</u>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		151	16,164
		<u>151</u>	<u>16,164</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(6,424)	(2,500)
		<u>(6,424)</u>	<u>(2,500)</u>
Net current liabilities / assets		(6,273)	13,664
Total net assets		(6,273)	13,664
		<u><u>(6,273)</u></u>	<u><u>13,664</u></u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	10	(6,273)	13,664
		<u>(6,273)</u>	<u>13,664</u>
Total funds		(6,273)	13,664
		<u><u>(6,273)</u></u>	<u><u>13,664</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

L Gray
Trustee
Date: 
27/01/2026

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. General information

The Black Fund is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is Aston House, Cornwall Avenue, London, N3 1LF. The registered charity number is 1193982.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£), rounded to the nearest £1

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The Black Fund meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.8 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 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.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Donations	2,590	2,590

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Donations	9,628	9,628

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Investment income - local cash	113	113

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Investment income - local cash	211	211

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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5. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Grants, Participation and education in the arts	10,000	10,000
	<i>Grants to Institutions 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Grants, The prevention or relief of poverty	6,500	6,500

6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £
The prevention or relief of poverty	8,240	8,240
Participation and education in the arts	10,000	10,000
	18,240	18,240
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
The prevention or relief of poverty	16,506	16,506

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Grant funding of activities 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
The prevention or relief of poverty	-	8,240	8,240
Participation and education in the arts	10,000	-	10,000
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>8,240</u>	<u>18,240</u>

	Grant funding of activities 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
The prevention or relief of poverty	<u>6,500</u>	<u>10,006</u>	<u>16,506</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2025 £	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Accountancy	3,924	3,424
Marketing	3,784	6,150
Travel expenses	532	432
	8,240	10,006

8. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, expenses totalling £532 were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 trustee (2024 - £432). These were for travel and other administrative costs incurred on behalf of the charity.

9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	<i>2024 £</i>
Trade creditors	3,924	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,500	2,500
	6,424	2,500

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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10. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	13,664	2,703	(22,640)	(6,273)
General Funds	-	-	-	-
	<u>13,664</u>	<u>2,703</u>	<u>(22,640)</u>	<u>(6,273)</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 April 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 March 2024 £</i>
General Funds - all funds	20,331	9,839	(16,506)	13,664

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Current assets	151	151
Creditors due within one year	(6,424)	(6,424)
Total	<u>(6,273)</u>	<u>(6,273)</u>

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11. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Current assets	16,164	16,164
Creditors due within one year	(2,500)	(2,500)
Total	13,664	13,664

12. Related party transactions

The charity has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the charity at 31 March 2025.