

STORIES OF HOPE AND HOME

England & Wales · Charity number 1195224

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-07-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:1) THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AMONG REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN THE WEST MIDLANDS WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POSITION, BY PROVIDING A SPACE AND COMMUNITY IN WHICH TO MEET OTHERS, BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, PRACTISE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, LEARN COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND CREATIVELY EXPLORE STORIES AND LIFE EXPERIENCES AS A MEANS OF INTEGRATING INTO A NEW COMMUNITY.2) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE PROVISION OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHICH INFORM PARTICIPANTS AND DEVELOP THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES WHO FLEE PERSECUTION AND SETTLE IN A NEW COUNTRY, HELP TO FOSTER POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS DIVERSITY AND MIGRATION AND COUNTER MISINFORMATION.

Activities: We run regular sessions for people with lived experience of seeking asylum in the UK, enabling people to explore their stories and experiences, creating community and building a sense of belonging and self-worth. We facilitate encounters to share stories, especially in schools, educating others about the experience of seeking asylum, challenging misconceptions and fostering positive relationships

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City
- Coventry City
- Dudley
- Sandwell
- Solihull
- Walsall
- Wolverhampton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£37,135	£38,982	-	-
2024-03-31	£47,081	£22,480	-	-
2023-03-31	£32,246	£17,024	-	-
2022-03-31	£7,895	£12,073	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr James Oliver Trewby		2021-07-20
Emma Rachel Birks		2021-07-20
Helena Margaret Madden		2021-07-20
Peleforoh Abdallah Abou Bakr		2025-01-10
Tawasol Ibrahim Hamza Abdelsamad		2022-07-08

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Accounts

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ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 2024 – MARCH 2025



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Our Vision

For people who have lived experience of the UK asylum system to have spaces for their stories and experiences to be shared and heard, contributing to a more well-informed and welcoming society in which people who have sought sanctuary feel empowered, included, and re-humanised.



Our Aims

Stories of Hope and Home has dual, complementary aims:

to bring together people with lived experience of seeking asylum:
to create safe spaces to build community and to explore and process their experiences.

to facilitate encounters and share stories with others:
promoting learning, challenging misconceptions, developing empathy and inspiring action.

Or, as stated in our constitution:

1) The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit among refugees and asylum seekers in the West Midlands who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing a space and community in which to meet others, build friendships, practise the English language, learn communication skills and creatively explore stories and life experiences as a means of integrating into a new community.

2) To advance the education of the public through the provision of activities and events which inform participants and develop their understanding of the lived experience of asylum seekers and refugees who flee persecution and settle in a new country, help to foster positive attitudes towards diversity and migration and counter misinformation.

Introduction and Context

This was the year in which Stories of Hope and Home turned 5, having been founded in 2019, although we only became a registered CIO (charitable incorporated organisation) in July 2021. Celebrating our 5th birthday in September 2024 with over 100 people who have been part of our story was definitely one of the highlights of the year. It was a chance to look back at what we have achieved so far and also to look ahead and dream about the future.

The external context for people who have come to the UK seeking safety continues to be exceptionally challenging. In both the laws and policies being implemented, and the rhetoric surrounding the subject, they continue to experience significant hostility.

Against that backdrop, both facets of the work of Stories of Hope and Home feel more necessary than ever. We continue to recognise the importance of offering a sense of community and safety to people seeking sanctuary: a space to be themselves, to be together, to ask questions, to create, to use language, to find support. We also continue to believe in the importance of finding ways to help their voices, so often excluded from the discourse around migration, to be heard in order to challenge misinformation and misconceptions and to help inspire the next generation to build more compassionate, welcoming communities.

In keeping with our commitment to platform different voices, this year's annual report has been written collaboratively by many of those who have shared in the life of the organisation over the past year.

Steph (Project Manager)

Stories of Hope and Home means to me a family and light that makes me believe that no matter how hard the chapter is today, a better one can begin tomorrow. With them we find strength, healing and connection.

Massaba (participant)



Our Impact: a few statistics



**86 adult
participants**

49 newcomers

**34 accompanying
children**

27 nationalities

74 sessions

**34 other trips
and activities**

**Every participant who
completed our
evaluation* could
identify positive
impacts of the charity
on their lives**

*It is where I instantly forget my worries and replace them with a smile. It is my family in the UK.
Franklin (participant)*

*To me, Stories of Hope and Home is a warm and safe place where I felt heard, supported, and never alone.
Zahra (participant)*

*It's not just a charity group but strangers that are now family.
Faith (participant)*



**35 participants completed the evaluation. Identified benefits included improved mental well-being, more confidence, ability to access support, a sense of belonging, feeling able to make a difference, and developing new skills.*

Our Impact: a few statistics

46 school visits

41 different schools

17 new schools visited for the first time

2 residential festivals of encounter

12 other encounters

38 Stories participants involved in school visits and other encounters

100% of schools said they would like to work with us again

100% of schools were able to identify actions they had taken in response to the encounter



"Our students and staff were moved to tears by some of the stories and we were compelled to explore this further.

We are 100% keen to work with you again."

Teacher

A Year in Review: Regular Activities

Projects during our regular, twice-weekly sessions over the past year have included: working towards our summer performances at the Birmingham REP Theatre, the “Trees through Time” Project with Birmingham Botanical Gardens, and beginning work on our next significant writing project “Letters from My Life” as well as plenty of other stand alone activities.

When I first came to England, I was embraced by a warm place, called Stories Hope and Home. There I found love and warmth from people from different countries, kind people united by one goal: safety, despite our language differences and the difficult path we travelled to this country.

In this beautiful place we meet to improve our English, talk to each other, help each other, write poetry and have fun, respect each other and each other's culture.

We meet every Friday and it is the best day of the week for me, the day I meet my new friends and the place where I relax from the pressure I face. Just a hug from a friend makes me feel warm and I forget that I am far from my family and country. This place for me is about hiding from my sorrows and rejoicing my time. This place provides me with psychological comfort.

I learned a lot in this place. I gained the ability to write poetry, which I loved since I was young. I learned theatre. I started going to primary schools and facing children and talking to them about my experience in England and educating them about refugees and asylum seekers.

And the end I extend my love, appreciation and respect to all the members who work hard in this beautiful space and provide us with all the love and affection, morally and materially, as we face difficult times.

Ali (participant)



I have been with Stories of Hope & Home for more than 1 year. I have attended different activities trips and parties.

I have been attending meetings at the REP. We have performed at the REP last year and also this year. I also attended meetings at Carrs Lane. Here we do different things. Sometimes we write stories, letters, and poems. I get so excited when we do the writing because I learn a lot of things. Like how to write a letter. How to write a story and poems.

We also do Birthday parties and go out for picnics. We have gone for trips, last year and also this year. I get so happy when I go for trips with the group. Because I have never gone anywhere for a trip or enjoying the way I enjoy with this group.

Stories of Hope & Home are my family. When I am with them I forget my depression and stress.

Annah (participant)



The Botanical Garden project was one of the most joyful and educational at the same time.

I learned so much about different type of trees, and plants while having so much fun with our group, and I also, want to thank everyone from the botanic gardens team for their warm hospitality and support throughout the project.

Ahmed (participant)

Writing about myself and my past has always been difficult, but being part of the writing project has been, in some ways, both therapeutic and enriching. Having this space and being around people willing to share their stories with me is a reminder that we all share something in common: the capacity to overcome obstacles, to be resilient regardless the difficulties of life, the ability to reflect, look back on the past, and tell the world that our stories matters, we matter.

Dani (participant)



A Year in Review: Outreach and Encounter

Our school visits programme has continued to expand with return visits to schools we have worked with previously as well as lots of new schools inviting us in to meet staff and students.

In the face of so many voices talking (negatively) about people seeking safety in Britain, Stories of Hope and Home offers schools (students and teachers) something different - the privileged opportunity to hear things first hand. Many thanks and congratulations to all the brave Stories people who have spoken up and shared from their experiences, challenging the misconceptions and propaganda, and inviting the world to see them as individuals, not just (often incorrect) stereotypes and statistics.

James (trustee)

Your organisation came in last year to our school with three asylum speakers to speak about what you do and their stories. First of all, that day has stuck with me ever since and I want to thank you for the activities and time you took to come and speak to us all, it really gave me a new perspective on the asylum seeker situation. Please see this as a token of appreciation for all the good that you do. Thank you very much!

Rosa (Y10 student)



We weren't quite sure what to expect from the visit and are perhaps not a typical school for the team. We were however delighted to follow up previous work we have done about refugees and the idea of home across the whole school as well as keen to quash any misconceptions that may have arisen following local riots last summer. I have had nothing but glowing feedback from your day from parents, staff, children and governors and I hope that our children remember this day as a key learning experience that they can apply to the way that they uphold our values in the future.

Susan (headteacher)

For me, visiting schools is a valuable opportunity to share my story as someone who came to this country not by choice, but in search of safety. During these visits, we speak to students of different ages, tailoring our stories so they can truly understand. It's important to me that they see us and others seeking safety as human beings, just like them. We have families and friends. We are educated, we have skills, talents, and hobbies. But we were forced to leave everything behind because of persecution and threats to our lives.

I choose to take part in these visits with my friends, members from Stories of Hope and Home to give students and teachers the chance to see us, hear from us, and connect with us directly. The aim is to challenge the negative narratives often publicised by some politicians and some of the media, blaming people seeking safety for many of the country's problems. The government often scapegoats asylum seekers when it fails to provide quality services to its own people. I want students and teachers to understand that we are not the problem. We are people with so much to offer. We want to contribute and are capable of doing so, but we are held back by hostile policies.

We answer their questions honestly and encourage them to be our mouthpieces by sharing our stories with their friends, families, and communities. We also urge them to engage with policymakers, such as their local MPs and community leaders, by writing letters and encouraging them to advocate for fairer policies for people seeking safety.

As we wrap up our sharing we always ask students to imagine how they would feel if they were the ones forced to flee their homes. It's a powerful moment that often leads to deep empathy and reflection. It's humbling to witness how much they connect with the reality of people seeking safety, and to see how eager they are to challenge negative stereotypes and shift public perception.

In some schools, students write to us letters and poems of encouragement and welcome. I have a collection of many beautiful letters & poems, full of emotion and a clear sign that these students understand and believe in a humane approach to people seeking safety. It gives me hope that when they grow older and are in positions of power, they will help make a better world, one where human dignity is truly upheld.

Visiting schools makes me feel that I'm playing a role in shaping a better future, one where the next generation leads with empathy, creates fairer policies, and respects the dignity and humanity of everyone.

Virginia (participant)



A Year in Review: Special Activities

This year included a performance of “Love is a Rebellion” on Stage at the REP and the subsequent recording and release of our first single “Love is how we Rebel”. We had two residential Festivals of Encounter, and a number of other trips. There were frequent opportunities to celebrate together: our fifth birthday was the biggest party of the year but it was far from the only one.

Our performance was in July 2024 at Birmingham Rep and it was called Love is a Rebellion. It was fun being on stage with all my friends.

In the performance we sang a song that we wrote called “Love is how we Rebel”. I love our song because the words mean something and it has got a really exciting tune. We recorded it and we had so much fun and now it is on Spotify and YouTube. If you want to listen to the song, you can search for it.

Naomi (participant)



Just a few words: a mixture of joy, sadness, comfort, disappointment, tenderness, grief, presence for each other, friendship, brotherhood, solidarity and humanism gave this magnificent show and this music.

I took a real pleasure in participating in this project; everyone’s dedication, team spirit made it possible to give an unforgettable experience. Despite all our realities and differences, show that with love we can change things, mentalities, consciences, the world and have a bright future. Seeing this possible through the deep bond created with this community is really great.

Abou Bakr (participant and trustee)



I love all the trips we had. We had loads of parties in nearly every month of the year. We celebrated Stories of Hope and Home’s birthday. We celebrated, Easter, Eid, Nowruz and Christmas and lots more things too. I like the trips because we have time with our friends and fresh air and at the parties we eat delicious food and we can dance!

Galilee (participant)

My family and I always remember the best moments we spent in Kintbury last year.

It was a wonderful experience for us to travel as a family from many years and allowed us to walk away from our home daily routine for 3 days.

The very best of it was the opportunity to meet and make new friends among the staff of some schools and organisations who were part of the encounter.

All the activities were well-organised. I really loved the workshops groups which were very rich in exchange of ideas on different topics connected to our stories as Asylum Seekers or refugees.

Sports activities as walking in countryside or climbing the wall were there to refresh and revitalise our muscles. My kids enjoyed particularly that part as they are very active in that field.

Furthermore, the fact of being connected with the nature was so special and revitalising without forgetting the famous bonfire in the evening associated with songs and dancing, making it a mixture of fun to add in memories.

Maurice (participant)



Going to Kintbury with 'Stories' felt like going on holiday with a group of people who you knew you would be friends with by the end of the stay. It was joyful, challenging and exciting. Our expectations were surpassed as we listened, shared and enjoyed ourselves. We felt privileged to be included.

Jackie (Festival of Encounter participant)

We had such a wonderful trip to Llandudno, the journey to Llandudno turn out to be more than just a trip, it became a memory with family and friendship. Stories of Hope and Home is a family. We knew each other before and others we were meeting for the first time and second time, but very quickly it felt as if we had always been one family.

Sharing our stories, listening to one another with open hearts, in those conversations we discovered strength, resilience, and hope.

We enjoyed delicious food and the Staff were very friendly and nice.

What made our trip unforgettable was not only the beauty of Llandudno, but how it made us feel. For three days, stress disappeared.

Massaba (participant)



A Year in Review: The old and the new

Our participants include those who have been with us from the beginning and a constant flow of new arrivals. Some stay, and there are others whose life subsequently moves them on elsewhere. It is a constantly evolving community.

Stories of Hope and Home is not just a charity for me. It was my first welcome in this country, When I arrived, this charity was established that made the relationship between me and the group so strong.

I knew lots of the British culture and the system in the UK through this group, and I have visited many places with them. I met most of my friends in this group.

When the charity celebrated the 5th year I was so proud to be a member of that group because I saw the development that happened through these years all the school visits and the effects of them , the poems we wrote and the performances they made.

This charity gave me lots of things, support, friends, and love. I will be so happy to do whatever I can to help and support this charity.

Tawasol (participant and trustee)

I was dispersed to Birmingham and I was miserable and didn't have any hope with anything. I was a sleeping person even not eating really until I met a source from Stories of Hope and Home charity dealing with asylum seekers and refugees who invited me to the group.

I didn't want many people and noisy places. To my surprise I came across such a nice lovely and welcoming lady who invited me to the group and in no time I felt home. The staff were so welcoming and helping anyhow they can.

I started enjoying every Monday at the Rep for performance and every Friday for writing anything which will be the topic of the day until I ended up being in the school visit team. Every week in different schools meeting teachers, pupils and even meeting the community at large, talking and discussing about our journey and the obstacles that we are facing.

I'm still with the group up to date and I'm no longer suicidal as before because Stories of Hope and Home gave me hope for life. I know many places around the West Midlands due to school visits and I do believe visiting schools brought a lot of changes and gave kids pupils in schools knowledge about asylum seekers and refugees.



Stories of Hope and Home is recommendable to all asylum seekers who are new and old because they all know that we have a place to call home being in the group.

I even had a special birthday celebration done and organised by them. I still thank and appreciate their effort.

Ivy (participant)

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My first year as a Stories employee has flown by! Stepping into the role of Project Assistant after volunteering, I feel much more involved and it has been really rewarding to see how this has helped to increase capacity for the project. I am so happy to be part of this community of people, playing a small part in enabling their stories to be heard and offering support and friendship. At times it has been challenging - threatened Rwanda deportations and summer riots spring to mind, but it has always felt reassuring to be part of this team of friends, colleagues and trustees as we work together. This year has only strengthened my belief in the power of community and I know that the work we are doing is needed more than ever.

Rebecca (project assistant)

Attending group sessions on a Friday when I can is a highlight of my week. While we encounter so much negative news and rhetoric surrounding refugees and asylum seekers, it is wonderful and grounding to be in such a positive space, and for everyone just to be able to be people. It has been an experience which I wish more people could have, as you see how people have to hold their personhood alongside their status and how one definitely does not equal the other. Stories of Hope and Home is an optimistic space to be part of, even when the content that ends up being discussed is extremely heavy, as through the arts and the community built there is indeed hope. This has been impactful for me as I have a tendency to despair at the state of things, but at Stories I see how others who have suffered so much choose joy and are provided a space to do this. I also feel very privileged to hear memories from the lives of members, and this has motivated me to do more research and learn more about the migrant experience and asylum process.

Naomi (volunteer)

I have loved volunteering with Stories of Hope and Home. I have felt so welcomed and loved by everyone in the group. It has allowed me to understand more about the asylum system and intentionally spend time listening to individual stories and experiences. But for me Stories is so much more than that - it is a family, a group of people who welcome so well, who are inspirational, kind and have been an incredible community for me and many others. I have been so honoured to get to be a part of that family, to see highs and lows, parties as well as many creative writing sessions. I am so grateful to be a volunteer with this group, to learn but also to be part of a community of inclusion, welcome & championing each other!

Abi (volunteer)



A year in review: Trustee Voices

I've been part of Stories of Hope and Home from the very beginning, and it's been amazing to see how it has grown – almost like watching a child grow up with the love and care of a mother. At first, I joined as a participant, and the project gave me a safe space where I felt listened to and understood. Later, becoming a trustee was my way of giving something back. It's been a real privilege to witness the journey of Stories and to play a small part in shaping its future.

Mika (trustee and participant)



I've worked in the refugee sector for 20 plus years and the toxic environment towards people seeking asylum has never been worse. Stories of Hope and Home is unique as it provides a safe space and family to offer support and a buffer against the onslaught, while also building people's confidence to tell their stories. This act alone helps to counter the narrative.

Emma (trustee)

It has been my enormous privilege to be part of this project since the beginning. One striking aspect that I'd like to highlight is the amazing kindness of those who support our work financially and make so many positive things possible. There are school communities and other groups who raise money for us in different ways; grant-making bodies who approve our applications and then support either specific projects or ongoing core running costs; a number of generous professionals who keep our expenditure to a minimum by assisting us *pro bono*, and the



wonderful group of individuals who donate to us regularly each month which helps so much with forward planning. Those who are able to register their personal donations for Gift Aid also allow us to reclaim a significant sum of pre-paid tax each year from HMRC. Each and every person who helps us keep afloat is a genuine part of the success of Stories of Hope and Home community. Thank you all!

Helena (trustee)

Who's who

Trustees

Aboubakr Kone (from January 2025), Tawasol Abdelsamad, Musharraf Abdullayeva, Emma Birks, Helena Madden and James Trewby.

(Trustees are appointed for an initial three year term which can be renewed. New trustees are selected and invited by the existing trustee body.)

Staff

The charity employs a part-time (0.6FTE) Project Manager, Stephanie Neville; and a part-time (0.2FTE) project assistant, Rebecca Lonergan.

Volunteers

We have been very grateful for the support of a number of regular and occasional volunteers.

With Thanks

We are grateful to all our funders, partners and everyone who supports us in different ways to make what we do possible, including:

- Everyone who helps fund our work:
 - We received grants this year from Birmingham City Council, Westhill Foundation, Ben and Jerry's Foundation, The Hilden Fund, South Birmingham Friends, and The Passionists.
 - Schools and organisations who have made donations or fundraised for us.
 - Individual donors whose one-off or regular contributions are so important in sustaining what we do.
- The Church at Carrs Lane and Birmingham REP who host our regular sessions.
- All who have collaborated on projects with us during the year: Asylum Matters, The Columban Missionaries, The Catholic Primary Partnership, Birmingham REP, Celebrating Sanctuary, and Birmingham Botanical Gardens.
- The Schools Of Sanctuary Network and all of the schools and other groups who have invited us or engaged with us.

If you are interested in learning more about Stories of Hope and Home, joining the project, or collaborating with us in some way, we'd love to hear from you!

Financial Summary

approved by the independent examiner

Income

	restricted	unrestricted	Total
Grants	£9000	£11000	£20000
Donations and gifts	£100	£12656	£12756
Other	£1267	£3112	£4379
Total Income	£10367	£26768	£37135

Expenditure

Staffing	£28249
Travel and Subsistence	£2051
Equipment, materials, resources and refreshments	£1912
Activity Costs (including room hire)	£6159
Other	£611
Total Expenditure	£38982

Balance at 31/03/2025: £40,373

(Includes reserves of three months running costs)

Our full financial report is available separately on request.



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Social Media

You can find us on Facebook, Instagram and BlueSky.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Stories of Hope and Home

No (if any)
1195224

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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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					
Grants	11,000	9,000	-	20,000	35,900
Donations and gifts	12,656	100	-	12,756	7,924
Gift Aid	1,755	-	-	1,755	1,541
Payments for participation in Festivals of Encounter	-	1,170	-	1,170	250
Payment of travel costs for encounter visits	-	97	-	97	181
Payments for workshops and performances	-	-	-	-	890
Book Sales	190	-	-	190	70
Interest	1,167	-	-	1,167	225
Misc	-	-	-	-	100
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,768	10,367	-	37,135	47,081
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,768	10,367	-	37,135	47,081
A3 Payments					
Staffing	20,249	8,000	-	28,249	14,380
Travel costs	-	2,051	-	2,051	2,694
Equipment, material and resources	-	405	-	405	458
Refreshments	-	1,507	-	1,507	786
Room hire	-	405	-	405	345
Activity costs	-	5,754	-	5,754	3,066
Public liability insurance	-	303	-	303	192
Payroll Costs	-	-	-	-	239
Website and domain name	-	78	-	78	34
Other / misc	-	230	-	230	287
Sub total	20,249	18,733	-	38,982	22,481
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Laptop for project assistant	-	180	-	180	415
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	180	-	180	-
Total payments	20,249	18,913	-	39,162	22,481
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,519	- 8,546	-	- 2,028	24,600
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,652	13,749	-	42,401	-
Cash funds this year end	35,170	5,203	-	40,373	24,600

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	4,391	3,203	-
	Instant access savings	32,779		-
	Fixed term savings account		-	-
	Total cash funds	37,170	3,203	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Laptop (project manager)	general	415	-
	Laptop (project assistant)		180	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees Charity Name
Stories of Hope and Home

On accounts for the year ended March 31st 2025 **Charity no (if any)** 1195224

Set out on pages 17-18
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/3/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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Signed:  **Date:** 25/10/25

Name: Chris Clements

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

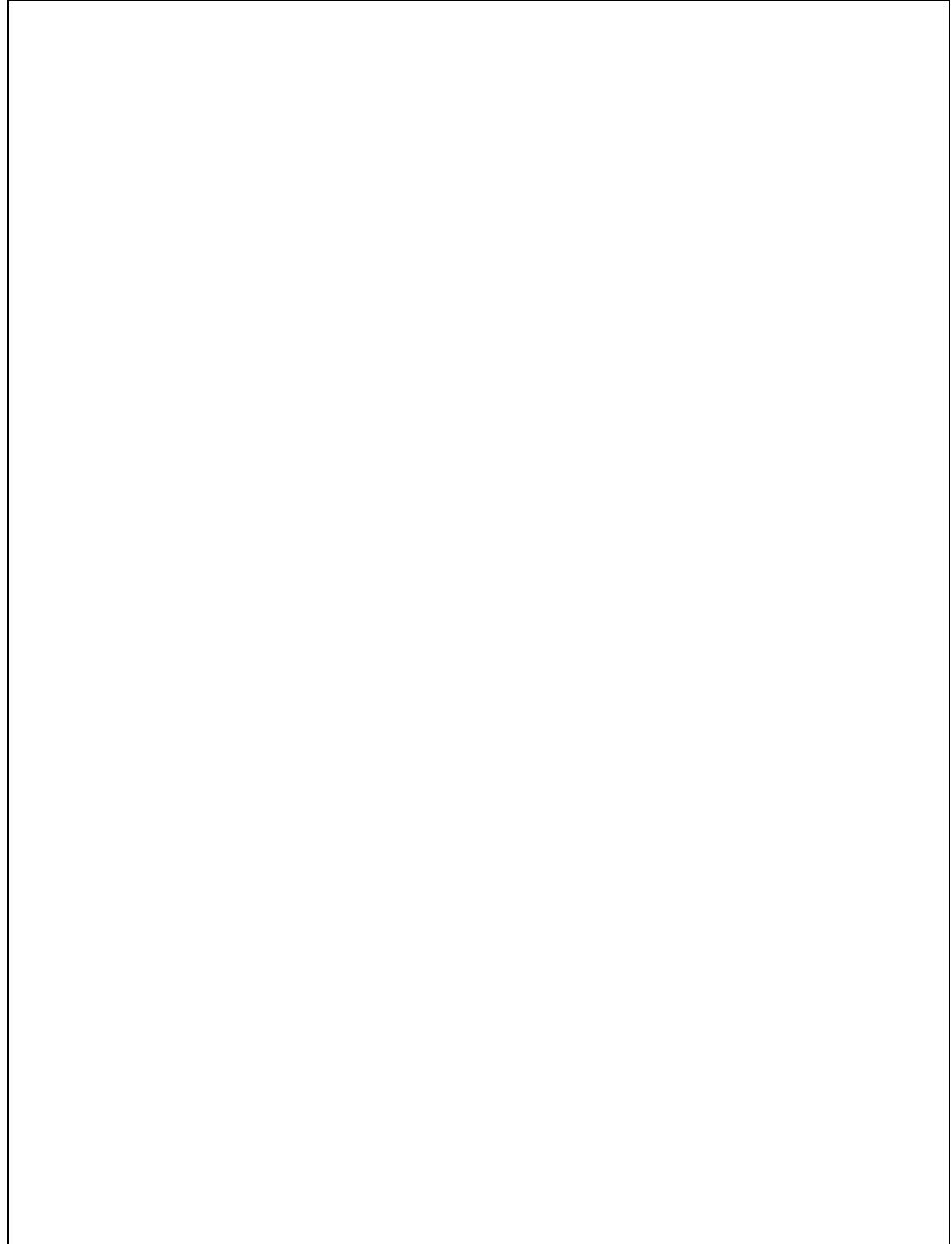
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Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



STORIES OF HOPE AND HOME

England & Wales - Charity number 1195224

Accounts

Stories of Hope and Home

Registered Charity: 1195224

ANNUAL REPORT

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Stories of Hope and Home Participant

Context: The World Around Us

It has been an exceptionally challenging year for those trapped in the UK asylum system. As the year began, the Illegal Migration Bill was passing through parliament, becoming law in July 2023, and as the year ended, the Safety of Rwanda bill was making its way into law. The already limited rights and protections for people seeking asylum were under attack. Beyond the laws and policies, much of the political and media rhetoric around asylum and migration was designed to sow division, fear and hate. The detrimental impact of all of this on the people seeking sanctuary with whom we have the privilege to work was significant.

In the midst of it all, though, there were still signs of hope. We bear witness to the incredible strength and resilience of so many sanctuary-seekers and to the gestures of compassion and welcome and the commitment to campaigning for change that we see in wider society. We also were delighted to be able to celebrate with those who, in some cases after many years, were finally granted leave to remain.

We know our work remains more necessary than ever.



A Year in Review: Building Community

Stories of Hope and Home is 'home' to an ever-increasing community of people. United by their common experience of seeking asylum in the UK, they are, in every other way, a very diverse group of people with different ages and genders, different cultures and backgrounds, different skills and personalities, and different aspirations and dreams for the future.

Close-knit and mutually supportive, many participants describe *Stories of Hope and Home* as their family. Having all experienced what it means to be outsiders, they remain welcoming and hospitable to newcomers and the continued growth of the project stands as testament to that.

Regular Sessions

Our regular, twice-weekly sessions are at the heart of the project: creating safe space to be together, build community, and deepen connections with one another. The content of the sessions varies, but generally includes some form of creative writing. We have also used sessions to help people understand aspects of the asylum process or of British culture. Plus there is always space for lots of informal conversation, coffee and cake!

"It's a caring and concerned group that makes one feel at home though away from home. Your impact and importance is visible for my life."

Stories of Hope and Home Participant

Individual Support

The success of *Stories of Hope and Home* relies on the building of relationships of trust. Away from the increasingly busy group sessions, we offer a variety of individual support. For many participants, the issues they face are not easily resolved, but being present, accompanying people and offering a listening ear are essential.

"It is my place of rest and to have great fun with friends."

"It is where I find strength for not giving up."

"Stories of Hope and Home is my second home"

*Stories of Hope and Home
Participants*



A Year in Review: Trips and Celebrations

When life is hard, it is incredibly important to find opportunities to relax, to forget about your struggles, to laugh, to dance, to have fun and share joy ... and we are always keen to find any excuse for a party! One of the many advantages of such a diverse community is the chance to celebrate so many different religious and cultural festivals.

A number of different trips and visits through the year, including ice-skating as a Christmas treat, have also been wonderful opportunities to spend time together, to enjoy ourselves and to discover the local area.

"It helps with my mental health knowing that I'm not alone."

Stories of Hope and Home Participant



"I had a wonderful trip, it made me forget about everything. I was so happy, I met new people and I got more friends. Sincerely I wanted to stay for more days."

Festival of Stories Participant

Festival of Stories

At the end of August we had another return visit to St Cassian's Centre in Kintbury, a place where we always receive such a warm welcome and from which we come away refreshed and uplifted. This year's "Festival of Stories", was a chance for us to spend time together as a group, getting to know each other better and exploring our lives, stories and identities.



"I loved the conversations and how there was a great balance between reflection, activities and relaxation. When people shared about their lives and we did activities together that gave me a great sense of hope."

Festival of Stories Participant

A Year in Review: Outreach and Encounter

While the time we spend together as a community is crucial, the second, outward-facing aspect of the life of Stories of Hope and Home is equally important. We continue to believe in the transformative power of encounter as a way to challenge misconceptions about people seeking sanctuary and helping young people to recognise their humanity.

"It improves my communication skills and gives me more confidence speaking to people."

Stories of Hope and Home Participant

"Sharing our stories with them helps heal a wounded soul."

Stories of Hope and Home Participant

This year's visits have taken us to meet old friends as well as to many new schools. We have worked with children from reception classes right through to sixth forms as well as with school staff.

At times when the hostile environment has weighed heavily on the lives of people seeking sanctuary, our work in schools has also been a reliable source of hope.

Young people have been consistently open-minded, reflective and compassionate in the way they have engaged with us and the subject matter we present. Once they hear the reality faced by people in the asylum process, they invariably recognise the injustices and want to be involved in creating change. We come away from every school visit believing the future is in good hands.

School visits remain our priority but we are also able to respond to invitations from other groups and organisations and this year that included two visits to universities (Aston University and the University of Wolverhampton), a youth event in Plymouth Diocese, working with a team of young volunteers at a retreat centre, speaking at an inter-faith iftar at Birmingham Progressive Synagogue, and a public-facing event at the University of Birmingham.



"It was extremely powerful to watch the reactions of students as the volunteers told their stories. Stories of Hope and Home plays a vital role in debunking myths and spreading the truth about those seeking asylum."

Teacher

A Year in Review: Campaigning and Media

“Days like today are important because as asylum seekers we don't have a voice and these children are representing us and giving us their voices.”

Stories of Hope and Home Participant

Throughout the year, both the laws and policies being implemented, and the political and media rhetoric around the subject of seeking asylum have been exceptionally hostile. Active involvement in effecting change through campaigning and advocacy, and trying to find ways for the so-often-silenced voices of those with lived experience to be heard has felt essential. One significant, positive development this year has been bringing together our campaigning with our schools outreach work.

Outraged by what they heard about the decision to paint over murals at a reception centre, pupils from St Gerard's School took action and spoke to the media, launching what would become a national campaign.

We also worked with several different schools to take part in the Lift the Ban campaign High Street Challenge, campaigning for asylum seekers to be given the right to work while they wait for their claims to be processed.

Other engagement with direct efforts to effect change included participants meeting with Tahir Ali MP, speaking at a meeting with civil servants from the Asylum Support Policy department at the Home Office, sharing stories with the local media and contributing to the Asylum Matters report “Surviving in Poverty”.

“When we were going out to ask people to join the campaign I felt a bit nervous but afterwards it felt great and amazing to spread the news and see how people actually care.”

School pupil

“This project helps us to to share our story and counter negative narrative in the public domain about refugee and asylum seekers.”

“We can help them realise that asylum seekers are not here because they want to be, but for their protection.”

Stories of Hope and Home Participants



A Year in Review: Creative Projects

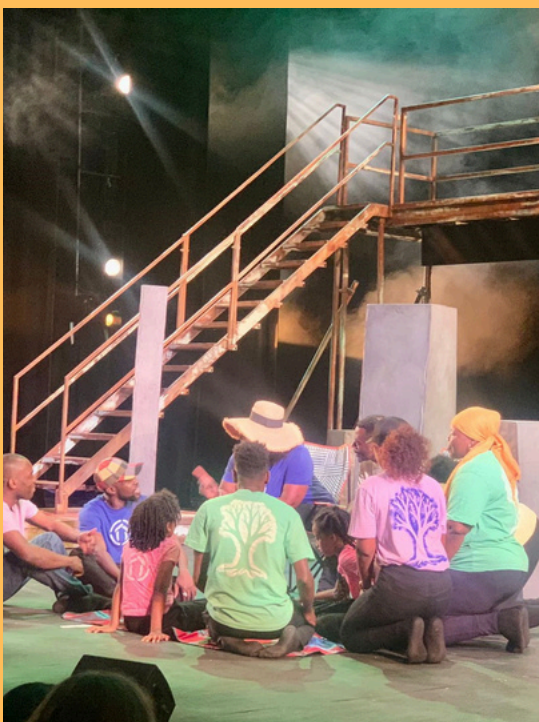
"I felt like a famous star or a celebrity when we were on stage and after when we came out to meet everyone from the audience."

Stories Performer

As the year began, work was underway on our next significant performance project. We had some external support with the script from Steven Camden, some help with the movement and much more with the sound and stage tech from the team at the REP, but without a doubt one of the best things about this year's performance was that it was very much the group's own creation. As "In the Shadow of the Trees" came together, it told the stories they wanted to tell, in the ways they wanted them told. Every idea, the overarching themes and all the little details came from within the group. Creative writing and performance talent, confidence, collaboration and leadership skills emerged, sometimes in unexpected people. After a small, intimate performance during Refugee Week, we performed to hundreds of school students in July 2023, in the main theatre at the REP and it was beautiful!

"It was a very inspirational story. The stories were very heart warming and were portrayed beautifully They will do good in the world."

School pupil, audience member



There were other smaller creative projects during the year too, including a photography and poetry project "You can see me, but I don't exist" which included an exhibition at the Library of Birmingham as well as two performances bringing together texts from Shakespeare with texts we had written.

"Thank you for the invite. It was a lovely opportunity for our children to experience the stories of people who come to the UK to seek refuge."

Teacher, audience member.

By the end of the year we were hard at work devising and writing our next performance piece. The REP had chosen the theme "Love and Rebellion" for their festival and we were in our element ... but more on that next year!

"Seeing the show awoke a lot of emotions in me. I feel very proud when I saw my friends perform."

Stories Participant, Audience member

Our Impact: a few statistics



78 adult participants

37 newcomers

32 accompanying children

77 sessions

32 nationalities

20 other trips and activities

Every participant who completed our evaluation* could identify positive impacts of the charity on their lives

"Stories of Hope and Home gives me courage to tell my stories, and being heard by many different people. "

Stories of Hope and Home Participant

"My time with the group has been life-affirming and such a privilege: I feel so lucky to be a part of the Stories family - it is such an honour to support the work of amplifying the voices of those with lived experience."

Volunteer



**33 participants completed the evaluation. Identified benefits included improved mental well-being, more confidence, ability to access support, a sense of belonging, feeling able to make a difference, and developing new skills.*

Our Impact: a few statistics

36 school visits

23 new schools visited for the first time

30 different schools

5800 students (approx)

27 Stories participants involved in school visits and other encounters

10 other encounters

We asked schools to sum up their encounters in three words: this is what they said:



100% of schools said they would like to work with us again

100% of schools were able to identify actions they had taken in response to the encounter

"These visits are invaluable in moving past media headlines and damaging language and supporting pupils, and staff, in recognising the human experiences of others."

Teacher

Who's who

Trustees

Tawasol Abdelsamad, Musharraf Abdullayeva, Emma Birks, Helena Madden and James Trewby.

Staff

The charity employs a part-time (0.6FTE) Project Manager, Stephanie Neville. Since March 2024, we have appointed a project assistant (0.2FTE), Rebecca Loneran.

Volunteers

We have been very grateful for the commitment of our regular volunteer, Hannah Loneran.

With Thanks


We are grateful to all our funders, partners and everyone who supports us in different ways to make what we do possible, including:

- Our funders: *(including funding received before April 2023 which continued to support our work during this year)*
 - The National Lottery, The Congregation of the Passion, Westhill Foundation, MSN fund, Hilden fund, Jesuit Fund for Social Justice, Birmingham City Council, Ben and Jerry's Foundation
 - the schools and organisations who have donated or fundraised for us
 - the individual donors whose one-off or regular contributions have been so important to us
- The Church at Carrs Lane and Birmingham REP who host our regular sessions.
- All who have collaborated on projects with us during the year: Asylum Matters, The Columban Missionaries, Birmingham REP, Gignoux Photos, Celebrating Sanctuary, St Cassian's Centre,
- The Birmingham Schools Of Sanctuary Network and all the schools who have invited us or engaged with us.

Contact Details

If you are interested in learning more about Stories of Hope and Home, joining the project, or collaborating with us in some way, we'd love to hear from you!

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Financial Summary

approved by the independent examiner

Income

	restricted	unrestricted	Total
Grants	17900	18000	35900
Donations and gifts	175	7749	7924
Other	431	2826	3257
Total Income	18506	28575	47081

Expenditure

Staffing	14380
Travel and Subsistence	2694
Equipment, materials, resources and refreshments	1243
Activity Costs (including room hire)	3411
Other	752
Total Expenditure	22480

Balance at 31/03/2023: £42,401

Our full financial report is available separately on request.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Stories of Hope and Home

No (if any)
1195224

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2023	To	Period end date 31/03/2024
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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					
Grants	18,000	17,900	-	35,900	21,000
Dontions and gifts	7,749	175	-	7,924	7,244
Gift Aid	1,541	-	-	1,541	542
Payments for participation in Festivals of Encounter	-	250	-	250	1,150
Payment of travel costs for encounter visits	-	181	-	181	1,215
Payments for workshops and performances	890	-	-	890	670
Book Sales	70	-	-	70	425
Interest	225	-	-	225	-
Misc	100	-	-	100	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,575	18,506	-	47,081	32,246
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,575	18,506	-	47,081	32,246
A3 Payments					
Staffing	9,146	5,234	-	14,380	9,554
Travel costs	-	2,694	-	2,694	3,055
Equipment, material and resources	-	458	-	458	100
Refreshments	-	786	-	786	275
Room hire	-	345	-	345	250
Activity costs	2,641	425	-	3,066	3,295
Public liability insurance	192	-	-	192	192
Payroll Costs	239	-	-	239	120
Website and domain name	34	-	-	34	82
Other / misc	287	-	-	287	100
Sub total	12,540	9,940	-	22,480	17,024
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Laptop for project manager	415	-	-	415	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	415	-	-	415	-
Total payments	12,955	9,940	-	22,895	17,024
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,620	8,566	-	24,186	15,222
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,032	5,184	-	18,215	2,993
Cash funds this year end	28,652	13,749	-	42,401	18,215

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	2,176	-	-
	Instant access savings	18,476	13,749	-
	Fixed term savings account	8,000	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,652	13,749	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Laptop	general	415	-
	Bus ticket stock (90 adult daysavers purchased at £3.80 each)	travel	342	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Stories of Hope and Home

**On accounts for the year
ended**

March 31st 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1195224

Set out on pages

13-14

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed:

Date:

03/9/24

Name:

Chris Clements

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Context: The society that surrounds us

The reality faced by people seeking sanctuary in the UK has become increasingly challenging. Political discourse and certain sections of the media have become ever-more anti-migration, and laws and policies have been introduced to make the lives of people seeking sanctuary progressively worse. Within the year to which this report relates we saw the introduction of the *Nationality and Borders Act* and then the presentation of the *Illegal Migration Bill* (now Act). The lengthy periods of time people are spending both in unsuitable hotel accommodation as well as waiting for decisions on their claims are having a serious impact on people's wellbeing.

It is not all dark clouds and thunder storms. We also find many seeds of hope. We are inspired by the resilience and joy we witness among the sanctuary-seekers despite all they are going through, and by the desire to offer compassion and welcome we see from those we encounter.

We know both aspects of our work are more needed now than ever.



A Year in Review: Building Community

Stories of Hope and Home brings together a group of people with lived experience of seeking asylum at regular twice-weekly sessions. Attendance varies, and includes both regular attenders and those who come and go. The group is close-knit and mutually supportive, with participants frequently describing the project as a "family"; but it always remains open and welcoming to newcomers too.

Regular sessions involve space to build community and for conversation, creative writing and lots of coffee and cake! These sessions are the bedrock which makes everything else possible. Trips and shared activities also play an important role in how we build community and deepen our connections with one another. We never miss an opportunity for a party or celebration. Through the year we have celebrated birthdays, a variety of cultural celebrations including Eid, Eritrean Christmas and Nowruz (Persian / Kurdish / Azeri New Year), and perhaps the best celebrations of all ...

when we get to share in the joy of someone finally being granted their right to remain in the UK, often after a very long wait.

Beyond this time spent together as a group, one-to-one assistance offered to individual participants also makes an important contribution to creating this supportive community. By definition wide and varied in reach, this support includes both the practical and the emotional. Whether it is filling in forms, helping with studies, or offering a listening ear, we know that having somewhere to turn for help really matters.

"It's like a second family to me, and I know that if ever need any help or support I have Stories of Hope and Home to rely on."

Stories of Hope and Home Participant

"It means a lot to me. It is like a life story. Things happen in life and they make you to understand what life is."

"It has meant to me like a new chapter started in my life and shed a weight from my chest."

Stories of Hope and Home Participants



A Year in Review: Outreach and Encounter

Our programme of facilitated encounters took us to 23 different schools this year, of which we visited 20 for the first time. They included both primary and secondary schools and we met with children from three to eighteen and all ages in between, as well as leading sessions with groups of school staff.

"It helps me clear my emotions and also help the children know more about the Asylum System."

Stories of Hope and Home Participant

In the face of hostile political discourse and the harsh realities experienced by those who have come to our country in search of safety, these young people restore our hope.

Without fail, the children we meet recognise the injustice and inhumanity of the asylum system. We see in them empathy, warmth and generosity. Above all we see their desire for change and their commitment to working to create welcoming, compassionate, fair communities. Their thoughtful reflections, insightful questions, and passion for action suggest the future is in good hands.

"Educating them with sharing my experience makes me feel I matter in the society."

Stories of Hope and Home Participant

While our priority is visiting schools we have also encountered a number of other groups during the year including trainee teachers at the *University of Wolverhampton*, trainee Christian ministers at *Queens Foundation* and addressing the CTBI (*Churches Together in Britain and Ireland*) conference "Life Beyond Borders".



"The visit really helped us to gain a better understanding of the reality faced by so many in regard to the trauma caused by life experiences in home country, journeys to the UK and challenges faced once here. There was lots of positive feedback. It was incredibly insightful and inspiring."

Teacher

A Year in Review: Campaigning and Media

Forced migration is a hot topic in media and political discourse but all too often it is a subject from which the voices of the people most concerned are excluded. Empowering people who have lived experience of seeking sanctuary to find and use their voice is at the heart of the ethos of *Stories of Hope and Home*. Sometimes that is through poetry and performance, sometimes through encounters with school children, and sometimes through involvement in campaigning or speaking to the media.

"The project has helped me have opportunities to show myself as a migrant and change the stereotype of migrants who came to the UK through irregular routes."

Stories of Hope and Home Participant

Many of the participants in *Stories of Hope and Home* have added their voices to campaigns about the treatment of people seeking sanctuary. Several participants contributed to [a campaign video against the anti-refugee laws](#). Others, after participating in the national conference, contributed to [a video about the right to work](#) produced by the Lift the Ban coalition.

Several *Stories of Hope and Home* participants have [shared parts of their stories with journalists](#), as another way of [contributing to the conversation and changing perceptions](#). (*Underlined text takes you to different linked stories*)

Stories of Hope and Home Participants have also engaged directly with elected representatives, including writing to local MPs. One of our participants addressed a full Birmingham City Council Meeting, who confirmed they would sign the pledge against the anti-refugee laws, [a story covered in the local news](#).



"Stories of Hope and Home gives sanctuary to asylum seekers and makes many people understand the difficulties the asylum seekers and refugees are facing. By telling their difficult stories that they have faced we make more people involved to help them overcome those pasts."

Stories of Hope and Home Participant

A Year in Review: Creative Projects

"I learned that people come to England with lots of different experiences and that although we have different backgrounds, there are many things that we have in common."

School pupil, audience member.

"My highlight of the event was the audience especially the school children showed so much excitement and keen interest during our performance. In fact it made me really emotional"

Stories Performer

At the beginning of the year we had just started work on an exciting collaborative project with *Welsh National Opera* and *Birmingham REP*. Working with writer Stephen Camden and composer Daniel Blanco Albert, a script and score was devised that poetically meshed together parts of the participants' life stories.

The project culminated in an incredible performance of *"Refugee: What do you know about me?"* where project participants performed alongside professional musicians and singers on the main stage of the Rep to an audience of 500 school pupils. It was an amazing day with very positive feedback from both the performers and the audience.

"I loved listening to the music. The personalities of the people on stage really came though in their acting."

School pupil, audience member

As the year ended, work was well underway on our next major performance project: a play the group were devising and writing themselves. But more of that next year!

In between times there have been some other smaller creative projects: we performed some of our poetry at three different events during Refugee Week 2022, took part in a *"We Are Birmingham"* art project with *Celebrating Sanctuary*, discovered a unique part of British culture by performing a pantomime version of *Cinderella* in two primary schools just before Christmas, and contributed to a photography and writing project *"You can see me but I don't exist"*



A Year in Review: Festivals of Encounter

In the summer of 2022 we returned to St Cassian's Centre, Kintbury where we held our first *Festival of Encounter* twelve months earlier. We invited back some of those who had participated in our two previous festivals. Many brought friends or family members to share the experience. Friendships were renewed, stories were shared, poetry was written ... and much fun was had!

In March we were finally able to have our next *Festival of Encounter* at Soli House in Alton. We say “finally” because after it had been twice postponed by Covid, it was a particular joy to come together at last. On the final morning someone described it as “walking in to loving chaos, like a family”: testament to the success of these events. 24 hours earlier, we had only just met.



"No other experience gives you this opportunity, there is so much learning to be had from getting out of your comfort zone. Immersing yourself into an encounter like this allows 360 degree learning, reflections and knowledge to be gained. There's no 'us' and 'them' we are all just one group."

Festival of Encounter Participant

In the autumn, we had the opportunity to speak about the pedagogy surrounding the festivals at the *TEESNet* conference. It was a chance to reflect on and share our learning and to encourage others to explore this model of learning through encounter.



"It made me recognise that, unconsciously, I had predetermined ideas and views of asylum seekers and refugees. Encountering people in the way we did enabled me to gain an understanding of others' experiences that I would never have gained had I not participated. It was authentic, just people being people and that's what made it so significant."

Festival of Encounter Participant

Our Impact: a few statistics



**64 adult
participants**

24 newcomers

**21 accompanying
children**

72 sessions

2 residentials

**32 other trips
and activities**

23 nationalities

For each of our nine indicators*, over 80% of participants identified a positive impact.

"My life has been enriched by the sense of friendship with others and belonging to my wider community. I feel privileged and thankful to be part of this family"

Volunteer

"This project helps me to overcome a lot of difficulties and move on. Thanks to everyone who made this project."

Stories of Hope and Home Participant



(* the 9 indicators we asked about were: **Improve** mental wellbeing / feel happier, **Improve** English, **Feel** more confident, **Discover** or develop new skills, **Make** new friends / feel part of a community, **Understand** the asylum process better, **Feel** better integrated into my local community, **Get** support when I need it)

Our Impact: A few statistics

28 school visits

23 different schools

23 Stories participants involved in school visits

4200 students (approx)

10 other encounters

We asked schools to sum up their encounters in three words: this is what they said:



3 poetry performances

2 opera performances

2 pantomime performances

100% of schools said they would like to work with us again

100% of schools were able to identify actions they had taken in response to the encounter.

"It was inspirational. A few sentences couldn't begin to do justice to the impact."

Teacher

Who's who

Trustees

Tawasol Abdelsamad, Musharaf Abdullayeva, Emma Birks, Helena Madden and James Trewby.

Staff

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Contact Details

If you are interested in learning more about Stories of Hope and Home, joining the project, or collaborating with us in some way, we'd love to hear from you!

 info@storiesofhome.org.uk

 07598922095

Financial Summary

**subject to independent examination*

Income

	restricted	unrestricted	Total
Grants	15000	6000	21000
Donations and gifts	0	7244	7244
Other	2610	1392	4002
Total Income	17610	14636	32246

Expenditure

Staffing	9554
Travel and Subsistence	3055
Equipment, materials, resources and refreshments	375
Activity Costs (including room hire)	3545
Other	495
Total	17024

Balance at 31/03/2023: £18,215

Our full financial report will be available separately.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Stories of Hope and Home	No (if any) 1195224
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2022	To	Period end date 31/03/2023
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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					
Grants	6,000	15,000	-	21,000	2,800
Dontions and gifts	7,244	-	-	7,244	4,281
Gift Aid	542	-	-	542	-
Payments for participation in Festivals of Encounter	-	1,150	-	1,150	240
Payment of travel costs for encounter visits	-	1,215	-	1,215	24
Payments for workshops and performances	425	245	-	670	-
Book Sales	425	-	-	425	550
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,636	17,610	-	32,246	7,895
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,636	17,610	-	32,246	7,895
A3 Payments					
Staffing	-	9,554	-	9,554	7,560
Travel costs	-	3,055	-	3,055	1,925
Equipment, material and resources	-	100	-	100	338
Refreshments	-	275	-	275	370
Room hire	250	-	-	250	-
Activity costs	2,145	1,150	-	3,295	1,602
Public liability insurance	-	192	-	192	192
Payroll Costs	120	-	-	120	60
Website and domain name	82	-	-	82	14
Other / misc	-	100	-	100	-
Sub total	2,597	14,426	-	17,024	12,063
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,597	14,426	-	17,024	12,063
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,039	3,184	-	15,222	- 4,168
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	993	2,000	-	2,993	7,160
Cash funds this year end	13,032	5,184	-	18,215	2,993

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	13,032	5,184	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,032	5,184	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		H. Madden	29/09/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Stories of Hope and Home

**On accounts for the year
ended**

March 31st 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1195224

Set out on pages

13-14

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

23/1/24

Name:

Chris Clements

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

49 St Bernards Road

Solihull

B92 7AX

STORIES OF HOPE AND HOME

England & Wales - Charity number 1195224

Accounts



Stories of Hope and Home

Registered Charity: 1195224

ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2021 – MARCH 2022



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Our Vision

For people who have lived experience of the UK asylum system to have spaces for their stories and experiences to be shared and heard, contributing to a more well-informed and welcoming society in which people who have sought sanctuary feel empowered, included and re-humanised.



Our Aims

Stories of Hope and Home has dual, complementary aims:

to bring together people with lived experience of seeking asylum: to create safe spaces to build community and to explore and process their experiences.

to facilitate encounters and share stories with others: promoting learning, challenging misconceptions, developing empathy and inspiring action.

Or, as it puts it in our constitution:

1) The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit among refugees and asylum seekers in the West Midlands who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position, by providing a space and community in which to meet others, build friendships, practise the English language, learn communication skills and creatively explore stories and life experiences as a means of integrating into a new community.

2) To advance the education of the public through the provision of activities and events which inform participants and develop their understanding of the lived experience of asylum seekers and refugees who flee persecution and settle in a new country, help to foster positive attitudes towards diversity and migration and counter misinformation.

Context: The Story So Far

Stories of Hope and Home came into existence as an unincorporated organisation in October 2019. Birmingham has a proud tradition as a city of sanctuary and welcome, and is a place where numerous organisations support people who have arrived seeing safety in a multitude of different, important ways. Stories of Hope and Home was never intended to deny or duplicate the amazing work done by others, but to supplement it by filling a specific, identified need: that of offering an intentional safe space for those who have sought sanctuary to share their stories and experiences and giving other people a space to hear them.

And so it began: we drank tea, shared stories, created poetry, built community, became friends, and reached out to others. Until within six months of starting, a global pandemic shifted the entirety of how we could operate and what we could do. But we survived. We discovered zoom, offered mutual support, wrote a book, and emerged still standing.

We became a registered CIO (charitably incorporated organisation), charity number: 1195224 on 20th July 2021. This report relates to the period from then until the end of the first financial year, 31st March 2022.



What We Do: A (partial) Year in Review

Stories of Hope and Home brings together a group of people with lived experience of seeking asylum at regular sessions, twice each week. After a long time solely on zoom and then using a hybrid model, by the summer of 2021 we were finally back to holding all our meetings in person. Attendance varies, and includes both regular attenders over a long period of time and others who come and go. The group is close-knit and mutually supportive, frequently describing the project as being “their family”; but always remains open and welcoming to newcomers too.

Regular sessions involve space to build community and for conversation, creative writing and lots of coffee and cake! Many are organised ‘in house’, but we also welcome opportunities to take part in different projects with input from other facilitators. In autumn 2021 we took part in a series of art workshops with BCAT (Birmingham Centre for Art Therapies) as part of the “Everything to Everybody” project. Shortly afterwards we had a series of facilitated conversations exploring the things we love about our communities, the challenges and our visions to make change through the Near Neighbours "Real People, Honest Talk" programme. In February 2022 we began working on an exciting substantial project in collaboration with Welsh National Opera Company ... but as it was only just getting started, the rest of that story is for next year’s report!

Trips and shared activities play an important role in how we build community and deepen our connections with one another so we are always looking for opportunities to get out and about and to share in celebrations. Various visits through the year included trips to the theatre, to local attractions Aston Hall,



Blakesley Hall and the Botanical Gardens, greeting little Amal when she came to Erdington and a wonderful jam and scone making day.

There were plenty of excuses for celebrations too including Eritrean Christmas and Nowruz (Persian / Kurdish / Azeri New Year) as well as lots of birthdays!

After a fallow period during the pandemic when schools were closed and then reopened with very strict restrictions on visitors, we were especially happy that this period marked the time when our work with schools began to take off again. We visited primary, secondary and special education settings speaking to children from early years to sixth form and everyone in between! We also spoke at staff meetings, and to groups of school chaplains and primary head teachers. While educational settings have always been our main focus, we are always open to other invitations and have facilitated encounters with a number of other groups during the year too, both in person and online.

The Week of Action against the anti-refugee laws was a particularly busy one: we contributed to a Schools of Sanctuary event, helped with a city-centre awareness-raising stall, one of our members courageously shared her story resulting in some very positive press coverage:

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/over-here-im-asylum-seeker-21944962>, plus a few of us made it down to London where we managed to fit in quite a bit of sight seeing as well as the rally outside parliament.

Without a doubt the most significant of our trips and our outreach work were the two Festivals of Encounter we facilitated jointly with the Columbans. They brought together participants from Stories of Hope and Home with, for the first, a motley collection of educators we had met online during the pandemic, and for the second a group of primary headteachers as part of a structured programme organised in collaboration with the Catholic Primary Partnership. Each involved three days of shared activities, eating together, learning and workshops, structured and informal conversations, story sharing, community building, fun and friendship. The impact of these extended encounters on everyone who participated is hard to articulate or define but we believe they were truly transformational.

There is, of course, always much more to say than these edited highlights can communicate, but hopefully this provides a flavour of who we are and what we are about!



Our Impact: Stats and Stories

41 adult participants

15 accompanying children

54 sessions

"My heart has definitely become more receptive and sensitive to migrant stories since spending time with Stories of Hope and Home. Not to say that I was not listening prior to this experience, but there has certainly been a shift from being a passive hearer to a more active one."

(Volunteer)

14 nationalities

15 newcomers

2 residentials

14 other trips

2 poetry and activities performances

Staff and children learnt so much on the day and were in awe of how brave the visitors were. We recognised their strength and courage in sharing their stories. The visit touched our hearts and we will certainly be asking you back in the future. Many thanks for the work you do.
(Headteacher following a school visit)

15 school visits

1600 students

12 other encounters (approx)

To say that the experience was transformative barely does it justice. We all came away from our encounter feeling like different people. I feel it ignited something inside me – a desire to know more, to understand more, and to do more.
(Festival of Encounter Participant)

I am part of this wonderful family. I call it family because I see everyone there as my family and I am really glad I had the opportunity to be part of it. We are different people with different cultures but we are one. Stories of Hope and Home has really made a great difference: having a group to share your pains, joy and stories, having a place to call home, having the confidence to be able to write and create. I wasn't able to do all these things before but above all it is having a group of people that care about you.

(Sanctuary-seeking Participant)

Who's who

Trustees

The founding trustees, appointed 20/07/2021, are:

Emma Birks, Helena Madden and James Trewby

(Between the time to which this report refers and its publication two more trustees have been appointed: Tawasol Abdelsamad and Musharaf Abdullayeva)

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Financial Summary

Income

	restricted	unrestricted	Total
Grants	2800	0	2800
Donations and gifts	997	3284	4281
Other	264	550	814
Total Income	4061	3834	7895

Expenditure

Staffing	7560
Travel and Subsistence	1925
Equipment, materials, resources and refreshments	708
Activity Costs	1602
Other	278
Total	12073

Balance at 31/03/2022: £2993

Our full financial report is available separately.





Stories of Hope and Home			Charity No (if any)	1195224
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	20/07/2021	To	Period end date	31/03/2022

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03	£ F04	£ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	3,284	3,797	-	7,081	-
Charitable activities	S02	-	264	-	264	-
Other trading activities	S03	550	-	-	550	-
Investments	S04	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	3,834	4,061	-	7,895	-
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	11	-	-	11	-
Charitable activities	S09	6,874	4,922	-	11,796	-
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other (support costs)	S11	60	207	-	267	-
Total	S12	6,945	5,129	-	12,073	-
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)						
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S13	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Extraordinary items	S15	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	-	-	-	-	-
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	4,103	3,068	-	7,171	-
Total funds carried forward	S22	993	2,000	-	2,993	Prior Year Error

Section B Balance sheet

		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets							
Intangible assets	(Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	(Note 14)	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets	(Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B05	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets							
Stocks	(Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 19)	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 24)	B09	993	2,000	-	2,993	-
Total current assets		B10	993	2,000	-	2,993	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 20)	B11	-	-	-	-	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B12	993	2,000	-	2,993	-
Total assets less current liabilities		B13	993	2,000	-	2,993	-
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		B16	993	2,000	-	2,993	-
Funds of the Charity							
Endowment funds	(Note 27)	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds	(Note 27)	B18		-		-	-
Unrestricted funds		B19			-	-	-
Revaluation reserve		B20			-	-	-
Total funds		B21	-	-	-	-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy

Section C **Notes to the accounts**

Note 1 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and with*

✓

 the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with*

✓

 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*

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* -Tick as appropriate

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;	n/a
Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;	n/a
Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.	n/a

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { }.

Yes*	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"><tr><td style="text-align: center;">✓</td></tr></table>	✓	* -Tick as appropriate
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Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;</i>	Stories of Hope and Home became a registered CIO on 20.07.2021. These are the first accounts of the charity.
<i>(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and</i>	n/a
<i>(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.</i>	n/a

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

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Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of any changes;</i>	n/a
<i>(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and</i>	n/a
<i>(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.</i>	n/a

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

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Please disclose:

<i>(i) the nature of the prior period error;</i>	n/a
<i>(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and</i>	n/a
<i>(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.</i>	n/a

Note 2 Accounting policies

Please complete this note when first reporting under FRS2102. Section 35 of FRS102, requires 3 reconciliations to be presented, if all are applicable.

2.1 RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

Please provide a description of the nature of each change in accounting policy

n/a

Reconciliation of funds per previous GAAP to funds determined under FRS 102

	Start of period £	End of period £
Fund balances as previously stated		
<i>Adjustments:</i>		
Fund balance as restated		

Reconciliation of net income/(net expenditure) per previous GAAP to net income/(net expenditure) under FRS 102

	End of £
Net income/(expenditure) as previously stated	
<i>Adjustments:</i>	
Previous period net income/(expenditure) as restated	

Note 2 Accounting policies
2.2 INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

Recognition of income	<p>These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity becomes entitled to the resources; it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability. 	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	✓		
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Offsetting	<p>There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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Grants and donations	<p>Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	✓		
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Legacies	<p>In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).</p> <p>Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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Government grants	<p>The charity has received government grants in the reporting period</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a		✓	
Yes	No	N/a						
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Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	<p>Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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Contractual income and performance related grants	<p>This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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Donated goods	<p>Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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	<p>The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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	<p>Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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	<p>Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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	<p>Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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Donated services and facilities	<p>Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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	<p>Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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Support costs	<p>The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	✓		
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Volunteer help	<p>The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a	✓		
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Income from interest, royalties and dividends	<p>This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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Income from membership subscriptions	<p>Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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	<p>Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>N/a</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	N/a			✓
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benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

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Settlement of insurance claims

Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

Yes No N/a

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2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Yes No N/a

✓		
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Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Grants with performance conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Yes No N/a

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Grants payable without performance conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Yes No N/a

✓		
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Redundancy cost

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Deferred income

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Basic financial instruments

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.

Yes No N/a

✓		
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2.4 ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least

They are valued at cost.

Yes No N/a

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The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.

Intangible fixed assets

The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5

Yes No N/a

		✓
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They are valued at cost.

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Heritage assets

The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.

Yes No N/a

		✓
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They are valued at cost.

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Yes No N/a

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Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Stocks and work in progress

Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.

Yes No N/a

		✓
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Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Yes	No	N/a
		✓

Current asset investments

The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

Yes	No	N/a
		✓

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

Yes	No	N/a
		✓

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM
THOSE ABOVE**

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Note 3 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Analysis					
Donations and legacies:					
Donations and gifts	3,284	997	-	4,281	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
General grants provided by government/other charities	-	2,800	-	2,800	-
Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3,284	3,797	-	7,081	-
Charitable activities:					
Participation in festivals of Encounter	-	240	-	240	-
Travel costs for encounter visits	-	24	-	24	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	264	-	264	-
Other trading activities:					
Book sales	550	-	-	550	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	550	-	-	550	-
Income from investments:					
Interest income	-	-	-	-	-
Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income:					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:					
Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	3,834	4,061	-	7,895	-

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for:
(please provide description and amounts)

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.

n/a

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the prior period, please give the reason for the conversion.

n/a

Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)

n/a

Note 6 Analysis of expenditure

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Expenditure on raising funds:				£				£
Incurred seeking donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating charity shops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating a trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Start up costs incurred in generating new source of future income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Database development costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	11	-	-	11	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intellectual property licencing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on raising funds	11	-	-	11	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities:								
Staffing	6,664	896	-	7,560	-	-	-	-
Travel and Subsistence	210	1,715	-	1,925	-	-	-	-
Equipment, materials and resources	-	338	-	338	-	-	-	-
Refreshments	-	370	-	370	-	-	-	-
Activity costs	-	1,602	-	1,602	-	-	-	-
Other/ miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on charitable activities	6,874	4,922	-	11,796	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of expense								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other								
Public Liability Insurance	-	192	-	192	-	-	-	-
Payroll costs	60	-	-	60	-	-	-	-
Web domain	-	14	-	14	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other expenditure	60	207	-	267	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6,945	5,129	-	12,073	-	-	-	-

Other information:

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Activity or programme	This year				Last year			
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total this year	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Activity 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Activity 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note 11 Paid employees

Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

11.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	7,560	-
Social security costs	-	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)		
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	7,560	-

This year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

Last year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

Band	Number of employees	
	This year	Last year
£60,000 to £69,999	-	-
£70,000 to £79,999	-	-
£80,000 to £89,999	-	-
£90,000 to £99,999	-	-
£100,000 to £109,999	-	-

Please provide the total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity. For specific amounts paid to trustees, see Note 28.

This year £	Last year £
-	-

11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	0.4	-
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	0.4	-

11.3 Ex-gratia payments to employees and others (excluding trustees)

Please complete if an ex-gratia payment is made.

Please explain the nature of the payment

This year	
Last year	

Please state the legal authority or reason for making the payment

This year	
Last year	

Please state the amount of the payment (or value of any waiver of a right to an asset)

This year	Last year
£	£
-	-

Note 12 Defined contribution pension scheme or defined benefit scheme accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.

12.1 Please complete this note if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	-	-

Please explain the basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds.

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12.2 Please complete this section where the charity participates in a defined benefit pension plan but is unable to ascertain its share of the underlying assets and liabilities.

Please confirm that although the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution plan, it is a defined benefit plan.

Please provide such information as is available about the plan's surplus or deficit and the implications, if any, for the reporting charity for this year and last year, if different

12.3 Please complete this section where the charity participates in a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

Describe the extent to which the charity can be liable to the plan for other entities' obligations under the terms and conditions of the multi-employer plan. If this is different for last year, provide details

Provide an explanation of how any liability arising from an agreement with a multi-employer plan to fund a deficit has been determined. If this is different for last year, provide details

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 24 Cash at bank and in hand**

Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)
Short term deposits
Cash at bank and on hand
Other
Total

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
2,993	-
-	-
2,993	-

Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance notes) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box or "False" if there are transactions to report.

28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

This year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

Last year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£		£	£
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.

Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.

28.2 Trustees' expenses

If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box below. If there are transactions to report, please enter "False".

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	-	-
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	-	-
Other (please specify):	-	-
	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity

28.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material interest, including where funds have been held as agent for related parties. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

This year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.

For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.

Last year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.

For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.

Note 29**Additional Disclosures**

The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts. If there is insufficient room here, please add a separate sheet.