

African and Caribbean Women's Centre (Africab)

**Report and Accounts
30/04/2023**

Charity number: 1195979



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.05.2022** **to** **30.04.2023**

Charity name: African and Caribbean Women's Centre (AFRICAB)

Charity registration number: 1195979

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The relief of poverty and the relief of mental and physical distress among African and Caribbean women in Bury, Greater Manchester, who are living in poverty, or who have been maltreated by their husbands or by their families.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The main activities undertaken by the charity are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culturally appropriate Food Bank• Provision of clothes and basic supplies• Cultural Cooking Club• Women Together <p>The Food Bank benefits women by providing them with their traditional food, thereby relieving hunger and poverty. Provision of clothes and basic supplies meets the material needs of women.</p> <p>Our cultural cooking club provided women with the skills to prepare healthy meals.</p> <p>The Women Together weekly activity enables women to overcome loneliness and isolation.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In planning and implementing our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit. All our activities continue to be in line with the public benefit requirement.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	AFRICAB is not a grant making charity.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers are an integral part of the charity's work. They have contributed many unpaid hours to supporting our service users.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The culturally appropriate food parcels we provided for women gave them the much needed relief during their challenging times. Without this support, many women would have been without their traditional foods. Our Food Bank was accessed on a weekly basis by beneficiaries, and the food they received went a long way in alleviating their hardship.</p> <p>We have experienced an increase in the demands for our services due to the cost of living crisis. Our work has been extended to include the redistribution of clothes, basic supplies, toys and books. On account of this, the material needs of the women are being met. Therefore, the charity is further alleviating poverty through this service.</p> <p>Our Food Bank and clothes redistribution service also provide opportunities for women with similar challenges to meet and form friendships.</p> <p>Our cultural cooking club gathered momentum during this reporting period. It provided women with the skills to cook healthy meals on a small budget. Beyond that, it gave them the opportunity to socialise</p>

		<p>with women from different cultural backgrounds. This helped in reducing loneliness and improving the quality of their lives. The cooking club activity ran for six months and was completed in the autumn of 2022.</p> <p>The charity introduced a new activity in April 2023, tagged Women Together. This was a weekly interactive session for women. Those who attended the sessions were able to share their experiences as migrants and learn from the experiences of others. The women also benefitted from short presentations. It also provided a meeting point for women from minority ethnic backgrounds.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We received most of our expected income for the reporting period.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The balance in the charity's bank account as at 30th April 2023 was £41,451 The funding received in this reporting period are unrestricted funds. We received a total of £49.201 in funding in the financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have a small amount in reserve to cover any unexpected contingencies.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2,500
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional Information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our funds are from grants. We use the grants to run our projects and pay for expenses related to the activities, including running costs. All our activities are for the public benefit.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We currently do not have any investments.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Some funding organisations are not willing to provide for the running costs relating to projects. This is a major risk facing the charity. Therefore, we are taking steps to access core funding from some grant making bodies. Some of our efforts are yielding results. We will continue to build on this progress.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Our constitution provides that the charity must have a minimum of three trustees. It also states that the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Additional Information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The trustees are responsible for taking management decisions regarding the charity. Trustees usually consult with service users and volunteers before making important decisions.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		No further statements.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	African and Caribbean Women's Centre
Other name the charity uses	AFRICAB
Registered charity number	1195979
Charity's principal address	15 Knowsley Street, Bury. BL9 0ST

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jumoke Ilevbabor	Chair		
2	Jackie Brathwaite	Secretary		
3	Clara Nubi			
4	Mildred Pam			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	N/A	

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

No paid personnel details to disclose.

Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J.Ilevbabor	
Full name(s)	Jumoke Ilevbabor	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	12.02.2024	

J.Ilevbabor

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the accounts for the Year Ended 30 April 2023 set out on pages ten to fifteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Gary A Harris

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Chartered Accountants
& Registered Auditors
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Date: 12th February 2024

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**Statement Of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30th April 2023**

	<i>Notes</i>	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Unrestricted Funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income	2	49,201	18,870
Total incoming resources		49,201	18,870
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities	3		
Other charitable activities		7,025	8,403
Support cost	4	4,911	4,813
Governance costs	5	480	-
Total resources expended		12,416	13,216
NET INCOMING RESOURCES		36,785	5,654
Funds brought forward from previous period		8,190	2,536
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		44,975	8,190

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All incoming resources and resources expended arise from continuing activities.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance sheet
For the year ended 30th April 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Unrestricted funds £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	4,004	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		41,451	8,190
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	480	-
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>40,971</u>	<u>8,190</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>44,975</u>	<u>8,190</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after one year		-	-
NET ASSETS		<u>44,975</u>	<u>8,190</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	9	44,975	8,190
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>44,975</u>	<u>8,190</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 12/02/2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30th April 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance 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 Charities Act 2011

Financial reporting standard number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the charity qualifies as a small charity.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 20% reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restriction arises when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants	49,201	18,870
	<u>49,201</u>	<u>18,870</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs	Governance Costs	Support costs (see note 5)	Total costs
	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £	2023 £
Other charitable activities	7,025	-	-	7,025
Support cost	-	-	4,911	4,911
Governance cost	-	480	-	480
	<u>7,025</u>	<u>480</u>	<u>4,911</u>	<u>12,416</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For the year ended 30th April 2023

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Totals £
Support cost	4,911	-	4,911
	<u>4,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,911</u>

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Accountancy fees	480	-
	<u>480</u>	<u>-</u>

6. TRUSTEES EXPENSES

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year 30th April 2023

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & buildings £	Fixtures & fittings £	Motor Vehicles	Total £
COST				
At 1st May 2022	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	4,072	-	4,072
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 30th April 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>4,072</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,072</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st May 2022	-	-	-	-
Depn sold asset	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	68	-	68
At 30th April 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30th April 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>4,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,004</u>
At 1st May 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	480	-
	<u>480</u>	<u>-</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For the year ended 30th April 2023**

9 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	As at 01/05/2022 £	Net movement in funds £	As at 30/04/2023 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,190	36,785	44,975
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,190</u>	<u>36,785</u>	<u>44,975</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	49,201	12,416	36,785
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>49,201</u>	<u>12,416</u>	<u>36,785</u>

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 30th April 2023**

	2023	2022
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary Income		
Grants	49,201	18,870
Total incoming resources	49,201	18,870
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Food bank/Cooking club projects	1,234	2,979
Welfare assistance	740	2,550
Rent	5,051	2,874
	7,025	8,403
Governance costs		
Accountancy	480	-
	480	-
Support costs		
Printing & stationery	90	131
Administration	1,915	1,130
Training	-	510
General expenses	1,843	120
Subscriptions	-	419
Repairs & renewals	935	2,503
Depreciation	68	-
Phone	60	-
	4,911	4,813
Total resources expended	12,416	13,216
Net Income	36,785	5,654