

**African and Caribbean Women's Centre  
(Africab)**

Report and Accounts  
30/04/2024

Charity number: 1195979



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.05.2023 to 30.04.2024

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	<b>The main activities undertaken by the charity are as follows:</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Culturally appropriate Food Bank</li><li>2. Emergency support for asylum seekers</li><li>3. Support for women suffering loneliness and isolation</li><li>4. Provision of winter coats for women in need during the winter period</li><li>5. Provision of clothes and basic supplies for indigent women and families</li></ol>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Our trustees followed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. All our activities were in line with the public benefit requirement, as demonstrated above.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on grant making		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	The charity is presently being run by volunteers. They have continued to support the charity to deliver its activities.
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 women and families in our community have benefitted immensely from our culturally appropriate Food Bank. Without the Food Bank, many families would be without their traditional food. Some of the women accessing the Food Bank are "no recourse to public funds" therefore the food being received goes a long way in alleviating their hardship. Through this provision, we have been able to mitigate the impact of the cost of living crisis for our beneficiaries.</p> <p>In this reporting period, we saw a rise in the number of asylum seekers accessing our services. We have supported them in a number of ways, including provision of small funds to meet emergencies, assisting them to apply for work permits based on eligibility, providing counselling/emotional support, etc.</p> <p>We received referrals for women who were suffering loneliness and isolation, due to estrangement from family, or being new in the country. These women were able to benefit from our women's sessions, where they met people from similar cultural backgrounds and formed lasting friendships. They also learnt from each other's experiences.</p>

		<p>Through support from the Rotary Club, we continued to provide good quality winter coats for indigent women and girls during the colder months. This ensured that beneficiaries had appropriate clothing for the weather, thereby maintaining good health.</p> <p>We also supported indigent families with clothes, basic supplies and children's toys. Due to this support, they were able to use their limited resources on other important priorities.</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	We are achieved 90% of our set objectives for the period.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We are working to strengthen our fundraising in order to increase the charity's income.
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 2024 was £53,728. Our annual income for the reporting period was £27,564 which was received through grants. The funds received in this reporting period are unrestricted funds.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not have any money in reserve. The balance in the account is to cover the charity's liabilities, including project commitments, running costs, etc.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
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	The main source of funding for the charity is through grants. These have enabled us to carry out our charitable activities 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	According to data, organisations supporting certain demographics may struggle to access funding. This is the principal risk facing our charity. However, we are working to strengthen our fundraising in order to boost our sustainability.
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	The board of trustees are responsible for appointing new trustees, as stated in the charity's constitution. Our constitution also states that the charity must have a minimum of three trustees.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J.llevbabor	<i>JLB</i>
Full name(s)	Jumoke llevbabor	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	06.02.2025	

**African and Caribbean Women's Centre (Africab)**  
**Report and Accounts 30/04/2024**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**

I report on the accounts for the Year Ended 30 April 2024 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.



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Date: 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025

African and Caribbean Women's Centre (Africab)

Statement Of Financial Activities  
For the year ended 30th April 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>			
Voluntary income	2	27,564	49,201
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>27,564</b>	<b>49,201</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3		
Other charitable activities		12,066	7,025
Support cost	4	3,162	4,911
Governance costs	5	360	480
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>15,588</b>	<b>12,416</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>11,976</b>	<b>36,785</b>
<b>Funds brought forward from previous period</b>		<b>44,975</b>	<b>8,190</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>56,951</b>	<b>44,975</b>

**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 2024**

	<i>Notes</i>	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Unrestricted funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	7	4,063	4,004
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash at bank		53,728	41,451
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	840	480
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>52,888</u>	<u>40,971</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>56,951</u>	<u>44,975</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due after one year		-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>56,951</u>	<u>44,975</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted funds	9	56,951	44,975
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>56,951</u>	<u>44,975</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 06/02/2025 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 2024**

**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**

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants	27,564	49,201
	<u>27,564</u>	<u>49,201</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct costs	Governance Costs	Support costs (see note 5)	Total costs
	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £	2024 £
Other charitable activities	12,066	-	-	12,066
Support cost	-	-	3,162	3,162
Governance cost	-	360	-	360
	<u>12,066</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>3,162</u>	<u>15,588</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
For the year ended 30th April 2024

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management £	Finance £	Totals £
Support cost	3,162	-	3,162
	<u>3,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,162</u>

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Accountancy fees	360	480
	<u>360</u>	<u>480</u>

6. TRUSTEES EXPENSES

There were no Trustees' expenses paid for the year 30th April 2024

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & buildings £	Fixtures & fittings £	Motor Vehicles	Total £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1st May 2023	-	4,072	-	4,072
Additions	-	140	-	140
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 30th April 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>4,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,212</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1st May 2023	-	68	-	68
Depn sold asset	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	81	-	81
At 30th April 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>149</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 30th April 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>4,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,063</u>
At 1st May 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>4,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,004</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	840	480
	<u>840</u>	<u>480</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
For the year ended 30th April 2024**

**9 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	As at 01/05/2023 £	Net movement in funds £	As at 30/04/2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	44,975	11,976	56,951
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>44,975</u>	<u>11,976</u>	<u>56,951</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	27,564	15,588	11,976
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>27,564</u>	<u>15,588</u>	<u>11,976</u>

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year ended 30th April 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		
<b>Voluntary income</b>		
Grants	27,564	49,201
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b>27,564</b>	<b>49,201</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Food bank	2,211	1,234
Events	2,055	-
Welfare assistance	-	740
Rent	7,800	5,051
	<b>12,066</b>	<b>7,025</b>
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Accountancy	360	480
	<b>360</b>	<b>480</b>
<b>Support costs</b>		
Printing & stationery	-	90
Administration	311	1,915
Training	269	-
General expenses	1,506	1,843
Utilities	630	-
Repairs & renewals	305	935
Depreciation	81	68
Phone	60	60
	<b>3,162</b>	<b>4,911</b>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>15,588</b>	<b>12,416</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>11,976</b>	<b>36,785</b>