

BOOST UP

England & Wales · Charity number 1195988

Details

Other names	AGENCY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2021-09-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF POVERTY THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES THROUGH THE PROVISION OF GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED, PRIMARILY (BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY) TO ASSIST IN COVERING THE COSTS OF ACCOMMODATION, BASIC LIVING NECESSITIES AND ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO GENERATE A SUSTAINABLE INCOME AND BE SELFSUFFICIENT.

Activities: Our objectives are to support young homeless Londoners to access housing, using capital to pay the deposit, rent in advance, top up fees and to act as a nonprofit guarantor.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Other Finance
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£34,149	£47,738	-	-
2024-06-30	£64,622	£41,461	-	-
2023-06-30	£27,955	£27,398	-	-
2022-06-30	£3,000	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Boakes A.B		2021-10-18
Binal Varsani B.V		2021-03-08
Safiya Rehman S.R		2022-02-03

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2025



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A. Boakes [Chair]

S. Rehman

B. Varsani

LEGAL STATUS Charitable Incorporated Organisation

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT: CIO – Association Model.

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Alignment with Charitable Objects

The Trustees are satisfied that this aligns with the Charitable Objects of the Charity, which are:

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Year Four Activities

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Our Part Time Worker has been in post since November 2023, working exceptionally hard to achieve positive outcomes for their clients, coming up with innovative and practical solutions to the barriers they have faced in achieving resettlement.

Our Caseworker has been using LandAid Funding of 39,602.7 [Awarded in July 2023] to continue to accommodate young homeless people [through rent in advance, deposit & a rental guarantor fund]

Following talks with the national homeless charity Housing Justice, the trustees decided to allow Housing Justice to acquire Boost Up as a project and TUPE across our worker and all our assets [it acquisition is planned for August 2025].

This decision was made to grow Boost Up, and take it to the next stage in its development with the significantly higher resources that Housing Justice can provide. It also allows for greater security for the project and continuation funding into the future.

We are so proud to have kept this project alive after it was cancelled in May 2021 when it sat as a project within another homeless organisation. Rather than allow it to no longer exist, we set it up as this independent charity soon after, gained funding to help young people again and then hired a caseworker. Once we showed proof of concept, a national homeless charity acquired it.

Thanks to Andrew, Binal, Safiya, Anita and Lucien, we showed to never give up in the pursuit of the right thing!

As someone we worked with said: "*Just stay patient, and wait, and everything will be ok*"... **Funding**

and Financial Affairs



Structure, Governance and Management

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Boost Up's Constitution allows for 10 Trustees. 8 of these are appointed, and 2 are to be Elected at every AGM [if there are nominations].

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Assessment of Going Concern

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CHARITY COMMISSION
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**Independent examiner's report on the
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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Boost Up		
On accounts for the year ended	30 June 2025	Charity no	1195988
Set out on pages	One to Three (Including these pages)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ('the Trust') for the year ended 30/06/2025

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

Signed: **Date:**

Name:

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

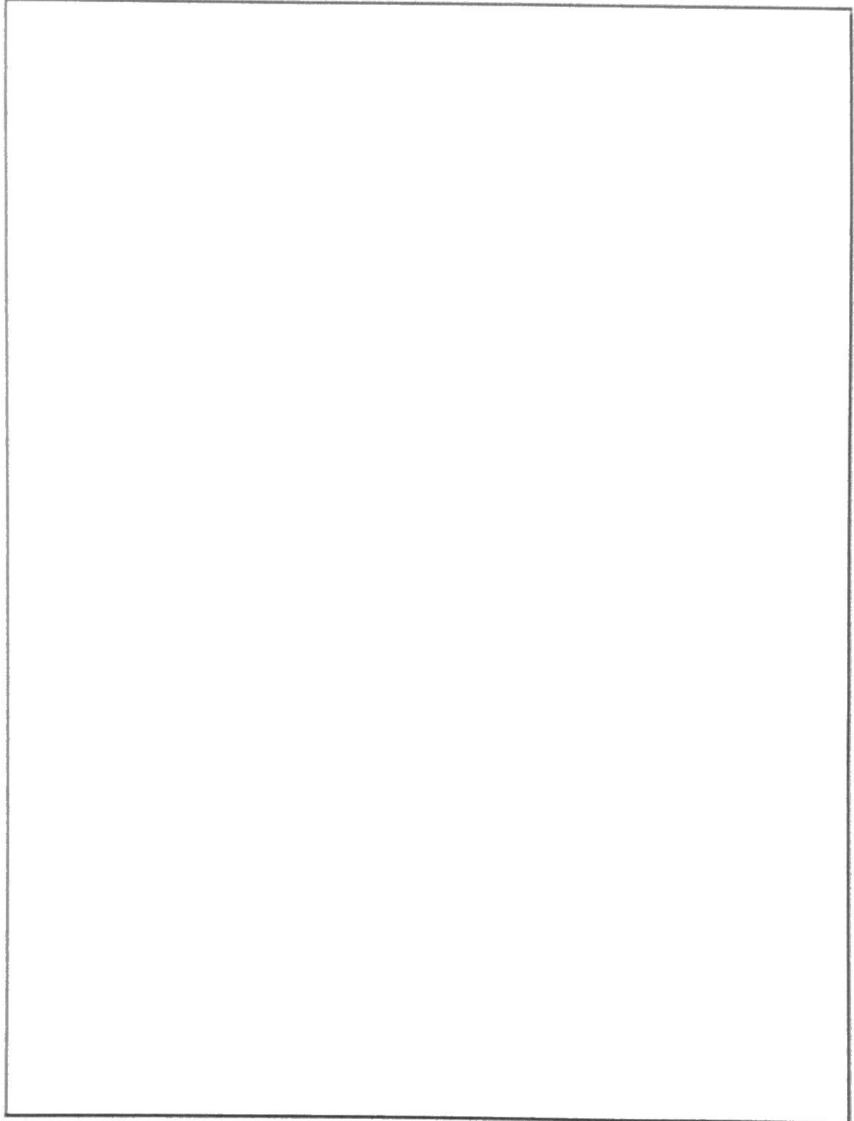
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Year ended 30 June 2025

Income and Expenditure Account

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
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Landaid 2	0		18,811	
LHF	27,000		27,000	
Rental income	5,168		0	
Wandsworth Council	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
Total income for the Year		34,149		64,622
Total expenditure for the Year		47,738		41,461
Surplus of Income over Expenditure		<u><u>-13,589</u></u>		<u><u>556</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees on 28/04/2026

Signed on their behalf by trustee[s]: Andrew Boakes

Printed name[s] ANDREW BOAKES

BINAL VARSANI
SAFIYA REHMAN

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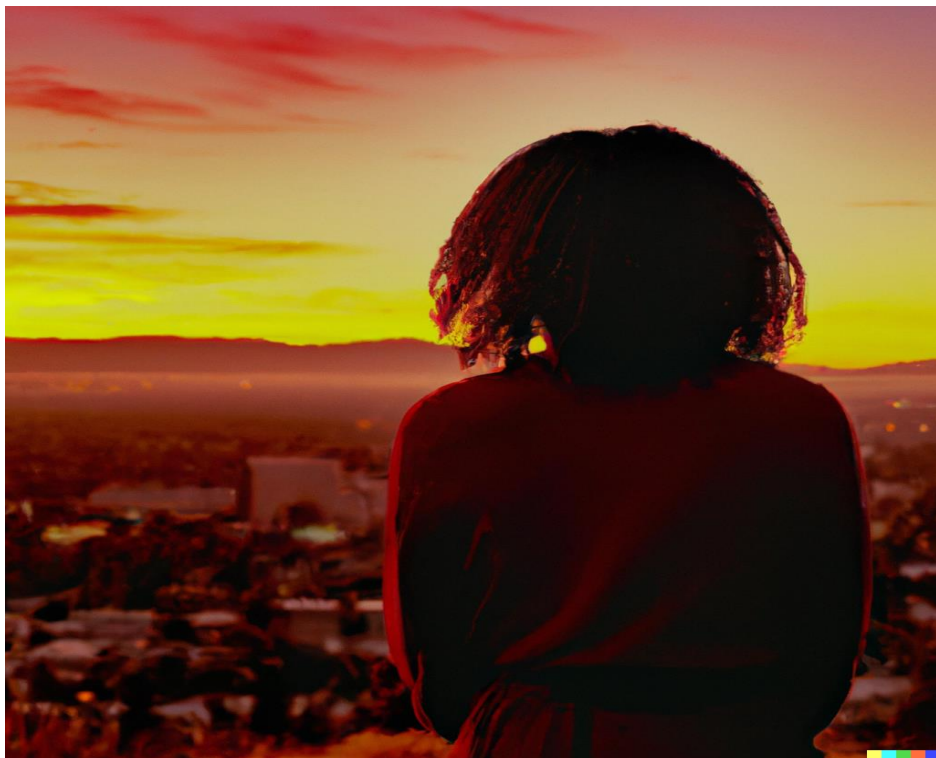
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One of these is our 'Renewable Support Fund', which we developed following our work with contacts at the DWP and Travers Smith Law Firm.

In practice, this support fund works as follows:

We accommodate a young homeless person paying the Deposit, 3 Months Rent in Advance and if needed act as a 12 month Rental Guarantor.

The Deposit [On average 640.4] is a sunk cost, however, we heard back from a contact at the DWP that the Rent in Advance is recoverable through Housing Benefit. The Rental Guarantee is also fully recoverable, for as long as we continue to work with the young person to ensure that they pay the rent each month, we can gradually recycle the funds we had otherwise restricted to serve as their rental guarantee to other people.

We are confident in our ability to recover 100% of the funds for Rent in Advance and Guarantee. However, for budgeting purposes, we have conservatively estimated a lower recovery rate to ensure financial prudence and account for any unforeseen circumstances.

For example [per person]:

- 640.4 Deposit [Sunk]
- 3 Months Rent in Advance 1921.2
- 12 Month Rental Guarantee 7,684.80

Our Caseworker has been using LandAid Funding of 39,602.7 [Awarded in July 2023] to accommodate young homeless people using this Renewable Support Fund.

This is our first Employee, and the first few months were spent on outreach to day centres throughout London and undergoing training on Safeguarding, Trauma Informed Care, ETE and Housing Law.

Our Caseworker was working against significant barriers, given that there is far larger disparity between the average market rate for a room in a shared room than there is between the average market rate for a studio and the 'One Bedroom Rate'. There is therefore less incentive to make accommodation available for those that are on the 'Shared Accommodation Rate' due to this disparity.

High interest rates and effective bans on the creation of new HMOs in London have further constrained supply.

However, our Caseworker has accommodated six young people since they started in November through discovering these solutions we did not have at the outset.

Additionally, since April and the uplift in the LHA for those under 35 there has been a substantial increase in property for those on the shared accommodation rate [Data on a GLA Commissioned Website for advertising property for those on Housing Benefit shows it went from an average of 0 per month prior to April 2024 to 13.5 per month after], which makes us optimistic about the future.

We are receiving referrals and resettling a high number of young refugees who have recently been granted asylum. Due to a recent increase in the processing of claims, there are a very large amount of young refugees becoming homeless when they are evicted from NASS accommodation.

Funding and Financial Affairs



We were very grateful to be funded by LandAid to the sum of £39,602.7 and the London Housing Foundation of 54,000 [half of which was paid in this financial year], which allowed us to achieve these outcomes.

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Signed: Darren Warren **Date:** 18/03/2025

Name: Darren Warren – Paxton Independent Examiners

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

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LHF	27,000		0	
Wandsworth Council	<u>0</u>		<u>955</u>	
Total income for the Year		64,622		27,955
Total expenditure for the Year		41,461		27,398
Surplus of Income over Expenditure		<u>23,161</u>		<u>556</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 31/03/2025

Signed on their behalf by trustee[s]:  _____

Printed name[s] Safiya Rehman, Binal Varsani, Andrew Boakes

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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2023

Status and Administration

Boost Up (the Charity) was registered as a Charitable incorporated Organisation (CIO) by the Charity Commission 30th September 2021 (Registered Number 1195988).

Trustee Changes

Anita Pavic Resigned on Feb 01 2023.

Appointed Trustee Term Lengths

As outlined in the CIO's Constitution, appointed trustees '*will serve a term of 3 years each*' after which point if they '*may be reappointed*', but if they have '*served for three consecutive terms [they] may not be reappointed for a fourth consecutive term, unless consented by the members.*'

Trustee	Start Date of Term	End Date of Term	Eligibility for reappointment after expiry of Term
<i>Andrew Boakes</i>	<i>30th September 2021</i>	<i>30th September 2024</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Anita Pavic</i>	<i>30th September 2021</i>	<i>01st February 2023</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Lucien Lawrence</i>	<i>30th September 2021</i>	<i>30th September 2024</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Safiya Rehman</i>	<i>04th February 2022</i>	<i>04th February 2025</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Binal Varsani</i>	<i>30th September 2021</i>	<i>30th September 2024</i>	<i>Yes</i>

Elected Trustees

There were no elected trustees up to the 30th June 2023.

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Vision

'The Bank of Mum and Dad' is a phrase increasingly heard in contemporary London.

Our vision is to provide the same support that financially secure parents give to their children, to those who lack that advantage through no fault of their own. We recognise that the circumstances of birth are unequal. But we do not want that to dictate an individual's opportunity in life.

The motto of our Charity are the words of Frederick Douglass:

"I cannot breathe for you, or you for me; I must breathe for myself."

It is our motto as we want to see our clients work hard for their success, not having to rely on the indefinite support of the state or subsidy, but instead reaching financial independence born from their labour.

We want them to be able to say to themselves one day that they helped build their city, that they are a part of its ongoing narrative, not existing on its margins.

That they breathe for themselves.

Our Mission

Too many young people in this city experience homelessness as they cannot afford the market rent for housing. While some are graced with the economic conditions that allow them to rely on the financial gifts of their family to afford to rent in London, those without can find themselves completely priced out. This is especially the case for those who are younger, who are only entitled to a very low level of Government Benefits.

The low level of government benefits makes renting in the city extremely hard for this age group. This is because there is a disparity between the Housing Benefit they receive [on average 561.47 pcm less than someone over 35] and the market rate in London.

Our own research from comparing ONS records and LHA rates indicated that this shortfall was on average **£143.54** pcm, While Discretionary Housing Payments exist, this is only eligible for those already in accommodation, not those who wish to access it.

Year	Market rate for Room	Housing Benefit shared room rate	Difference
21-22	669	525.46	143.54

Our organisation's role is to address this in part through providing a 'Boost Up', a time limited monthly payment that covers the disparity between the housing benefit rate and the market rate, allowing those who normally lack financial support to afford to rent in this city. Practically, this means providing the following service:

1. A caseworker receiving self and agency referrals of young homeless people in need of accommodation.
2. Supporting these young people with searching for accommodation in the Private Rented Sector. This involves flat searching online, accompaniment to viewings and negotiating with landlords/agents to get the young person accepted as well as using comprehensive knowledge of housing law to ensure the property is abiding by statutory minimum standards.
3. Using an average of **£2,440.18** per person to remove the barriers to getting them into accommodation. **£143.54** per month for 12 months to address the shortfall in rent that young people in London who are relying on housing benefit experience and **£717.7** to pay the first 5 weeks of rent upfront.
4. Working with that young person to get them into employment so that they end up moving off Housing Benefit entirely and become financially independent within one year, affording the rent themselves.

Please watch our short film below that outlines the need for and the delivery of our services:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAcTCAxWXFk>

Alignment with Charitable Objects

The Trustees are satisfied that this aligns with the Charitable Objects of the Charity, which are:

'the relief of poverty throughout England and Wales through the provision of grants to individuals in need, primarily (but not exclusively) to assist in covering the costs of accommodation, basic living necessities and activities designed to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self sufficient.'

As the Charity is based in London which we are most knowledgeable about, we will focus initially on London before expanding outwards.

Public Benefit

The CIO acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the CIO should undertake.

Year Two Activities

Since we received our first funding, we built strong connections with the following referral partners:

- St Mungos
- The Forward Trust
- Streetlink
- Young Roots
- Housing Options
- Integrated Community Pathways Service
- Turn2Us
- NHS Mental Health Trusts

Our Chairperson was also asked to give a presentation about our service at the Homeless Link PRS Forum which was attended by over 200 people.

In total, we have provided positive outcomes for 23 young people which we are very proud of. This included:

- Preventing a young woman from becoming homeless through providing the £2000 they needed for deposit/rent in advance to access a home and ensuring their landlord complied with statutory standards before she moved in.
- Ending the homelessness of a young refugee by providing the deposit and paying for the monthly shortfall in rent for one year, giving him time to get into work.
- Preventing a young care leaver from losing their home by clearing the rent arrears they had accumulated. Our payment prevented their eviction and allowed them to continue their studies.
- Helping a young woman who had left a psychiatric hospital and had been placed into temporary accommodation but was unable to pay her rent due to housing benefit complications. We paid her arrears.
- Working with an NHS Mental Health Trust to fund a short term hotel stay for one of their clients until their long term accommodation was available.
- Providing top ups to 8 people who were struggling with a monthly shortfall in rent and following up with them every month, giving them advice on budgeting, employment and generalised support.

Case Studies

Sarah



"My name is Sarah, and before getting into contact with Boost up I had experienced 2 months of being unemployed, this meant that I had to rely on my savings and overdraft to pay my rent & bills whilst I continued to search for a new job. At the end of November 22 I was lucky enough to find employment in a great field however due to the inner workings of my new employer despite my new job I was only going to be paid £300 on my first payday.

It was at this point that my current tenancy was ending and I was spiralling further into debt. I found Boost Up whilst desperately searching for help online. They were reactive and understanding and saved me from homelessness when they offered to pay my first month's rent and deposit for a room I had managed to find on spare room. They patiently walked me through every step of renting my new place and did everything they could to make sure my landlord and rental agency were up to code. Within days I was able to sign a rental agreement and release myself from the all-consuming fear of homelessness.

With Boost Up's help, I've now been able to focus my energy on my job. My mentors and managers have praised me for the improvement in my work and an overall increase in enthusiasm. Little do they know that this improvement is not just because of my hard work but because of the life-changing support Boost Up has given me. I will eternally be grateful.

[Name changed, AI generated representation of 'Sarah' from an actual picture]

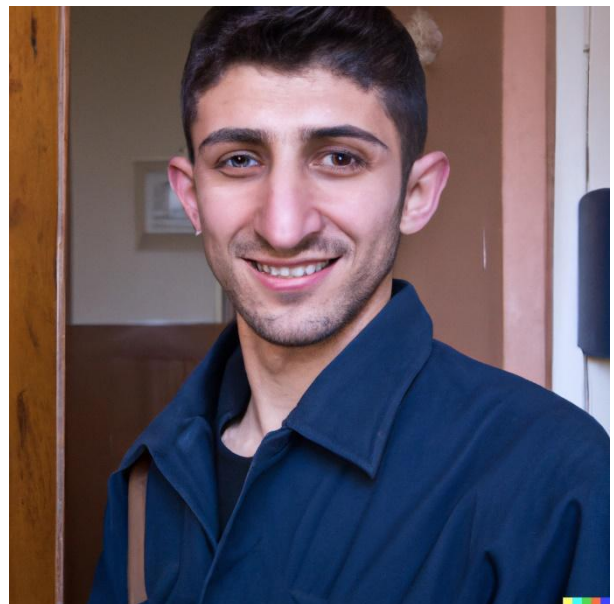
Hawar

Hawar was referred to us from a refugee charity. A refugee from Iraqi Kurdistan, he had been supported by this charity while his asylum decision was being made. However, once he was granted leave to remain, he also had to leave Home Office accommodation and was facing sleeping rough.

Days away from becoming homeless, he found a flatshare in south London, but was unable to move in as the amount he could get through Housing Benefit was less than the market rate. He also had no access to rent in advance and deposit.

After we were contacted, we agreed to pay the deposit/rent in advance and the shortfall in rent for 12 months. Because of this, Hawar has been living there ever since and is now training to become a barber.

[Name changed, AI generated representation of 'Hawar' from an actual picture]





Iryna

Iryna contacted us via our website. She was a Ukrainian refugee who was staying with a host family but was soon to be made homeless as the hosting placement was coming to an end.

Due to her own tenacity, she found accommodation herself, but was unable to afford the sizeable deposit/rent in advance.

After conversations with Iryna and the potential landlord, we managed to pay what was requested, and Iryna moved in.

Iryna sent us this message on the day she moved in:

'Thankyou and all your trustees very much. You all have done what I will never forget!'

[Name changed, AI generated representation of 'Iryna' from an actual picture]

Testimony from referral partner:

'[We] just want to say thanks again so much for all your help. I think X has narrowly avoided a real threat of street homelessness. I can't see how this tenancy would have worked out without your help and the support from Boost Up. X is also really happy and excited about moving in!'

Funding and Financial Affairs

LandAid

We were very grateful to be funded by LandAid to the sum of £27,000, which allowed us to achieve these outcomes.

Plans for the Future

The primary need that needs to be addressed is to recruit a part time worker who can deal with the huge number of referrals we are receiving and support those referring themselves. At present we are receiving 9 new referrals a week. As things stand, our Chair is having to respond to and administer these referrals, with support from trustees. Given that our Chair and Trustees have full time jobs, this is making it difficult to respond to all referrals, having to put a one month halt on new referrals to work on the backlog.

This still wasn't enough. We believe that a part time worker on 24 hours a week, dealing with 3 referrals a day will be able to respond to each referral and provide excellent advice and support. They will also be able to search for PRS accommodation with each client, as well as building new relationships with PRS Landlords/Agencies.

For example, one young person contacted us early in January looking to get into PRS Accommodation, but said they 'didn't even know where to begin' and asked us to guide him.

While we have the money to pay the top-up and deposit/rent in advance, we just didn't have the resources that would come from having a part time worker. We therefore plan to fundraise for the total sum of £26,306.5 to obtain a part time worker.

We also plan to develop a high quality mentorship network, made up of volunteers who are from the communities that our clients come from.

Structure, Governance and Management

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In addition to this, trustees are to:

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- Be prepared. Have the information we need, in the format we need, and set aside time to read it prior to meetings.

Trustee recruitment

Boost Up's Constitution allows for 10 Trustees. 8 of these are appointed, and 2 are to be Elected at every AGM [if there are nominations].

Our Governance & Skills

Our Trustee Board is extremely well equipped to take this forward, with our Chair an extremely experienced professional in the homeless sector with 12 years' experience. He currently works for the National Homelessness Charity Housing Justice, supporting the Homeless Winter Night Shelter Network, as well as providing accreditation of homelessness services and contributing to the ongoing strategic direction in relation to homelessness provision.

The trustees are also extremely experienced, made up of all the former Homeless Sector Project Workers and Co-ordinators, possessing a great deal of experience working directly with homeless people as well as a thorough understanding of safeguarding, support work and risk assessments.

Safeguarding

All volunteers who work with our clients will have to undergo training in Safeguarding and an enhanced DBS Check. We have a detailed Safeguarding and Lone Worker Policy that is based off best practice.

Reserves Policy

The current activities that the Charity undertakes [no staff/property] and our current low cash levels mean that we will develop a reserves policy in Year Two based on the direction the Charity takes.

Assessment of Going Concern

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
	£	£	£	£
	22-23	22-23	22-23	21-22
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	-	27,000	27,000	3,000
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Other	954.61	-	954.61	-
Total	-	27,000	27954.61	-
Resources expended				
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	-	27398.49	27398.49	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
 Net income/(expenditure)	 954.61	 -398	 556.12	 -

Approved by the Trustees on 22/01/2024

Signed on their behalf by trustee[s]: 

Printed name[s] Binal Varsani, Andrew Boakes, Safiya Rehman, Lucien Lawrence



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Boost Up

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30 June 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1195988

Set out on pages

One to Three (Including these pages)

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2023

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.

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

Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Darren Warren

Date: 04/12/2023

Name: Darren Warren – Paxton Independent Examiners

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

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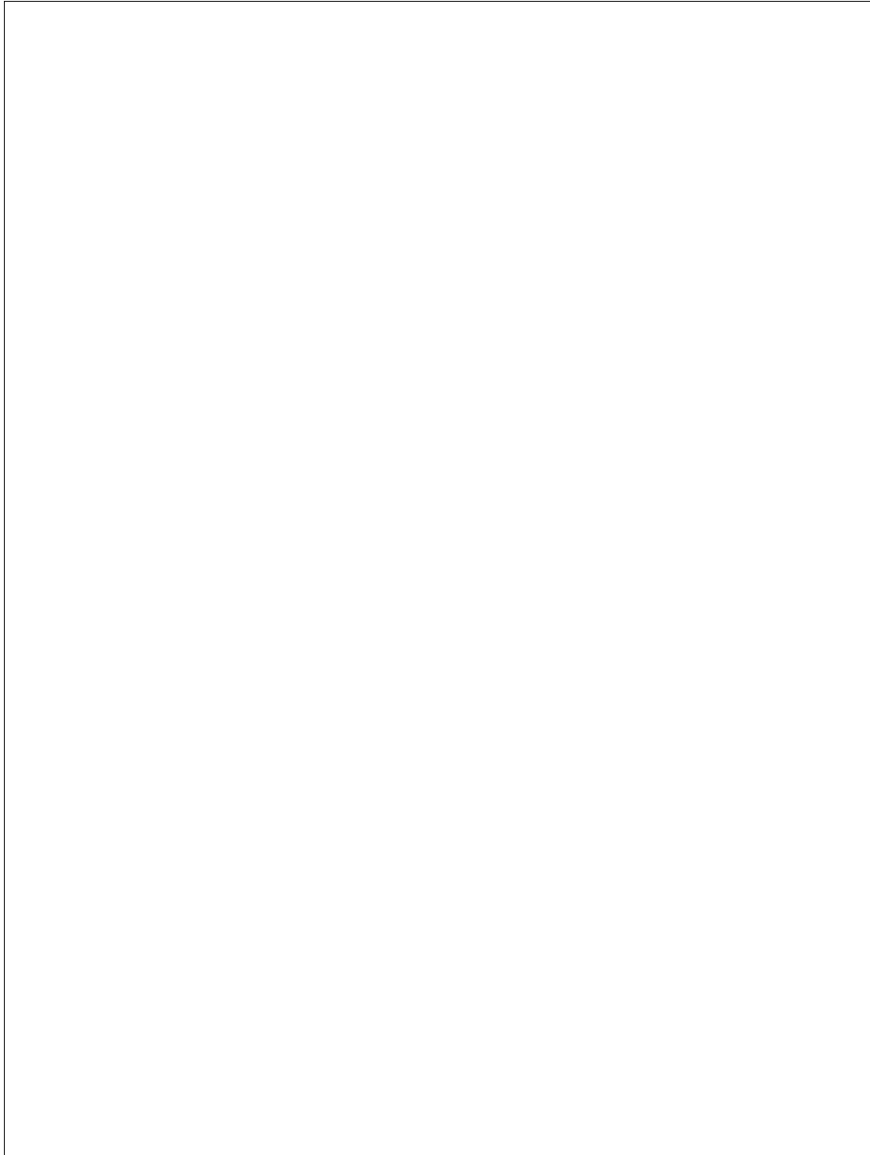
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Section B

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.



Boost Up

Year ended 30 June 2023

Income and Expenditure Account

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Landaid 1	13,500			
Landaid 2	13,500			
Donations	0		3,000	
Wandsworth Council	955			
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Total income for the Year		27,955		3,000
Total expenditure for the Year		27,398		0
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Surplus of Income over Expenditure		556		3,000

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BOOST UP

[Charitable Incorporated Organisation]

Charity Registration Number: 1195988

We cannot leave them out there.

BOOST UP

England & Wales - Charity number 1195988

Accounts

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Number: 1195988

DATE OF REGISTRATION: 30th September 2021

START OF FINANCIAL YEAR 30th September 2021 *

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR 30th June 2022

*[Note: The CIOs Financial year begins on 01st July and ends of 30th June each year. As the organisation was registered on 30th September 2021, our 21-22 Financial year can only report from that point onward.]

TRUSTEES AT 30/06/2022

A.Boakes

A.Pavic

L.Lawrence [Chair]

S.Rehman

B.Varsani

LEGAL STATUS Charitable Incorporated Organisation

GOVERNING INSTRUMENT: CIO – Association Model.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2022

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The Trustees who have served during the Charity's first official registered year are as follows:

Lucien Lawrence (Chair)

Andrew Boakes

Anita Pavic

Safiya Rehman

Binal Varsani

Trustee Changes

Safiya Rehman was appointed on February 04th 2022.

Appointed Trustee Term Lengths

As outlined in the CIO's Constitution, appointed trustees '*will serve a term of 3 years each*' after which point if they '*may be reappointed*', but if they have '*served for three consecutive terms [they] may not be reappointed for a fourth consecutive term, unless consented by the members.*'

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<i>Binal Varsani</i>	<i>30th September 2021</i>	<i>30th September 2024</i>	Yes

Elected Trustees

There were no elected trustees up to the 30th June 2022.

OUR AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Vision

Our vision is a City in which homeless Londoners have the means of getting off the streets within 24 hours, the support necessary to obtain long term accommodation within a month, and the guidance necessary to build their self reliance and recognise their agency.

Mission

Our mission is to reduce the bureaucracy that keeps people trapped on the streets through the following steps:

- Provide funds to ensure there is emergency accommodation in vetted, low cost hotels to those who are in acute housing need without the need for them to be seen (verified) by a street outreach service first.
- Provide a 12 month rental subsidy that will allow the recipient to afford longer term, decent accommodation in the Private Sector, keeping them in their communities, as well as the rent in advance and deposit.
- Receive weekly support from trained caseworkers who have a focus on helping them free themselves from dependency on the state and services through the financial independence that comes from employment, while helping them recognise their self-worth and potential.

Need

Our youth are tomorrow's doctors, tomorrow's teachers, tomorrow's scientists, tomorrow's leaders. But too many are homeless. Too many are trapped in this situation due to a number of factors far beyond their control. [122,000 young people](#) in the UK approached their local council for help in 20-21, the fifth year in a row this figure has increased. [Report](#) after [report](#) shows that young homeless people under 25 find it near to impossible to get off the street into their own accommodation. [Study](#) after [study](#) highlights the plight of youth homelessness as one of the biggest barriers to overcome in the sector.

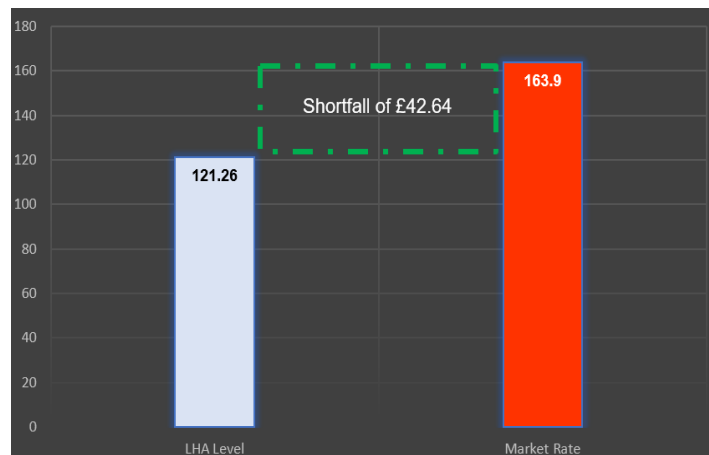
There are a mix of complex reasons for this, but one of the core reasons is due to 'Local Housing Allowance' rules, which is the amount of housing benefit support a young person can claim when unemployed or on a low wage, which most people who are homeless are undoubtedly likely to be. Their entitlement is to the 'Shared Accommodation Rate', which in London, for example, is [on average £121.26 p/w](#) [[£525.46 p/m](#)].

But this rate does not come anywhere close to the cost of a room in a shared house in the city, which is [on average £163.9 p/w](#) [[£710.25 p/m](#)].

Therefore, there is a shortfall of around £184.79 per month, or £42.64 p/w. Put on top of that the deposit/rent in advance, which can reach into the thousands, coupled with the continual refusal to let out properties to those on benefits, and it becomes apparent how difficult it is for young homeless people to get themselves out of this hole.

Due to this, they remain on the streets or in very insecure and often dangerous housing situations. Additionally, as younger people are less likely to 'bed down' in one specific spot and tend to keep moving at night, they have the further disadvantage of being 'unverifiable' by outreach teams, who require an individual to be sleeping rough in a single spot before they can be 'verified' - a requirement of many homeless services before someone can access support and emergency accommodation.

Boost Up has a plan and a team ready to rectify this.



What we do

Long Term Accommodation

Given that most shared accommodation in the Private Sector costs more than the housing benefit eligible for young people, we pay a rental subsidy [A 'Boost Up'] that covers the part of the rent not covered by the housing benefit component of Universal Credit. Given the figures above, we have calculated this at £42.64 per week.

Additionally, given that Landlords are wary of renting property out to people on benefits, we enter into an agreement with the Landlord that we will help the young person with their Universal Credit account and ensure it is paid to cover their housing costs.



We also arrange for the first month's rent and deposit to be paid in full, as barely any young homeless person has this money upfront, and pay the young person a £20 a week Independence Payment to help with gas and electric bills. The Independence Payment and the Boost Up Rental Subsidy will continue for 12 months, giving the young person security they previously lacked and the time necessary to get into employment and afford the rent themselves without the need of either Universal Credit or our subsidy.

We will act as the intermediary between the young person and the Landlord, which allows us to ensure that the young person is aware of their rights and responsibilities in the property, and we will be there to step in and resolve disputes if needed. With the board's extensive knowledge in relation to Housing Law, we will be able to know if the landlord/agent is not fulfilling their part of the agreement.

This all means that our young people are armed with more purchasing power, something they lacked before, rebalancing the power dynamic between tenant and landlord/agent to a fairer footing.

Our volunteers will then support the young people with finding employment, which will increase their income and allow them to get off both benefits and our subsidy, possessed instead with financial independence.

Emergency accommodation

Obtaining this long term accommodation for our clients will take up to a month. In the interim, we will provide funds to ensure there is emergency accommodation for them in vetted, low cost hotels without the need for them to be seen (verified) by a street outreach service first. Volunteers from our mentor network will aim to meet with them within 24 hours of being referred. They will usually meet at a place of safety [such as a café local to where the young person is] rather than meeting them on the street to do the assessment.

Alignment with Charitable Objects

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Year One Activities

Year One was devoted towards establishing the Charity, setting up the Bank Account, registering with HMRC, Research, Building further connections throughout the homeless sector, developing a Theory of Change, a Strategy, and applying for funding.

Funding and Financial Affairs

Although Year One was focused more on the establishment of the Charity and the setting out of a long term plan, Boost Up was successful in the last month of Year One in receiving a grant from the Souter's Charitable Trust to the sum of £3000, which will be carried forward into Year Two.

Plans for the Future

Boost Up has a target of receiving enough grant money to accommodate 10 Young Homeless People during 2022-23.

Below is the cost of accommodating one person:

Client Support	1
Funding Required 12 month period	£6,957.28
Direct Costs	
Deposit - £750	£750.00
One Month Rent in advance - £750	£750.00
Independence Living Payment - £20 per week	£1,040.00
Top Up Fees - housing benefit shortfall @ £42.64 per week	£2,217.28
Mentoring Budget - weekly meeting £10 for 12 months	£520.00
Emergency accommodation - 30 days	£1,500.00
Direct Costs - Total	£6,777.28
Volunteer DBS Check	£100.00
Email Support Set Up	£80.00
Expenses	£180.00

We therefore have the target of raising £69,572.8 in Year Two.

Given our Board's connections throughout the homeless sector, we will develop effective referral routes to our project from existing services who are working with young people in need, ensuring the project is targeting those who truly need it.

We also plan to develop a high quality mentorship network, made up of volunteers who are from the communities that our clients come from.

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We will use these skills to advise and support those young people who are on our programme to ensure that they obtain and maintain accommodation, to supporting them into employment and/or training through regular casework sessions.

Safeguarding

All volunteers who work with our clients will have to undergo training in Safeguarding and an enhanced DBS Check. During our first year, we have worked on our Safeguarding and Lone Worker Policy.

Reserves Policy

The current activities that the Charity undertakes [no staff/property] and our current low cash levels mean that we will develop a reserves policy in Year Two based on the direction the Charity takes.

Assessment of Going Concern

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	21-22	21-22	21-22	N/A
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	-	3,000	3,000	-
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	-	3,000	3,000	-
Resources expended				
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	-	3,000	3,000	-
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	-	3,000	3,000	-

Approved by the Trustees on 06/27/2022

Signed on their behalf by trustee[s]: 

Printed name[s] Lucien Lawrence - Chair

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total this year	Total last year
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	21-22	21-22	21-22	N/A
Tangible assets	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	-	-	-	-
Current assets				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	-	3,000	3,000	-
<i>Total current assets</i>	-	3,000	3,000	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-	-
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>	-	3,000	3,000	-
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	-	3,000	3,000	-
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	-	-	-	-
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>	-	3,000	3,000	-
Funds of the Charity				
Restricted income funds		3,000	3,000	-
Unrestricted funds			-	-
<i>Total funds</i>	-	3,000	3,000	-

Approved by the Trustees on 27/06/2022

Signed on their behalf by trustee[s]:  _____

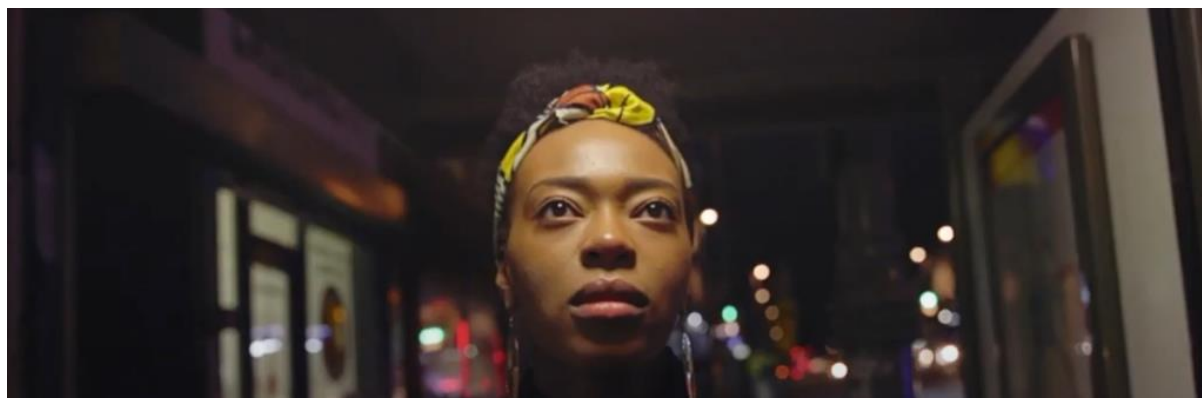
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