

Albinism Fellowship
(Registered charity, number 1196004)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024

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Albinism Fellowship Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Full name Albinism Fellowship

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1196004

Principal address PO Box 2535 Ilford, LG1 9NY

Trustees

Eshita Unadkat, Co-chair

Kristinna Venning-Rose, Co-chair

Joanne Bennett, Treasurer

Karina Lear

Akeel Bari, until 03/2024

Rosaleen Dempsey

Helen Ward

Helen Letseka

Danielle Lawrence

Deidre Ni Cheallachain, until 12/2023

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The Charity was registered in England and Wales on 1 October 2021 under number 1196004. All activities and assets from the Scottish Registered Charity: The Albino Fellowship known as Albinism Fellowship were transferred to this charity. The charity continues the same activities as previously run by Albinism Fellowship.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are to:

- To preserve and protect the health of people with Albinism and their families and carers.
- Providing information about Albinism, including to Professionals working with and advising people with Albinism and other appropriate interested parties.
- Raising positive awareness of the condition.
- Arranging opportunities for people with Albinism and their families to meet for support and encourage the sharing of experiences.
- Providing such other information, advice and support as the Trustees deem appropriate.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

The services we offer include:

- Virtual support for specific groups of people where albinism is part of their lives: Adults with albinism, New Parents, BAME
- Yearly magazine, Albinism Life.
- Website resource.
- Local support and events through Contact Persons.
- Telephone and email support at info@albinism.org.uk
- Conference every two years or so.

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In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities the trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

The Albinism Fellowship had a productive year in 2023/24:

- Summer '23 We hosted a summer family event in London, which welcomed over 40 attendees from across Southeast England.
- Our Information, Advice, and Guidance (IAG) work continued, connecting new families to the Fellowship through social media and referrals from other organizations.
- '23 We remain active in the international albinism community, including our participation in International Albinism Awareness Day.
- In October 2023, we held a successful weekend conference in Derbyshire, attended by around 140 people. The event featured information sessions tailored to the diverse needs of our community.
- We held an Albinism get together in Dublin and another in Belfast in 2023/24. Children with Albinism and their families and adults with Albinism had the opportunity to meet up and share their experiences and take part in various activities as well as finding out about support services in their local communities.
- In March 2024, our London family day brought together over 75 people for social engagement and informative presentations, further strengthening our community.

The charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The major part of unrestricted funds is built up to support the cost of running the conference. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Financial risks

Reduction in donations / fundraising in current economic climate. Increased competition for grants to support our work. As a volunteer led charity, time restrictions on trustees to source grants and actively fundraise.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 
Eshita Unadkat, Co-chair of Trustees

Date 17/12/2024

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Albinism Fellowship
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Albinism Fellowship (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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.

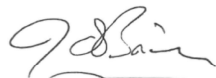
Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 18/12/2024

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus


Albinism Fellowship
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

2023				2024
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£		£	£	£
	Receipts			
2647	Subscriptions	3916	-	3916
10531	Donations	8701	-	8701
11565	Conference fees 2022	-	-	-
1765	Conference fees 2023	18783	-	18783
9500	Grants	-	-	-
100	Other income	399	-	399
<u>36108</u>	Total receipts	<u>31799</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31799</u>
	Payments			
610	Regional & national events	281	-	281
518	Fundraising	216	-	216
197	Baby information boxes	-	11	11
860	Magazine costs	778	-	778
453	Literature & merchandise	-	-	-
34814	Conference costs 2022	-	-	-
6680	Conference costs 2023	26145	10458	36603
-	Conference costs 2024	4259	-	4259
340	Insurance	-	-	-
466	Stationery & office costs	330	-	330
1192	IT costs	197	-	197
-	Other costs	1078	-	1078
-	Governance	1005	-	1005
-	Bank charges	147	-	147
<u>46130</u>	Total payments	<u>34436</u>	<u>10469</u>	<u>44905</u>
(10022)	Net receipts/(payments)	(2637)	(10469)	(13106)
<u>26262</u>	Cash funds at start of this period	<u>5455</u>	<u>10785</u>	<u>16240</u>
<u>16240</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>2818</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>3134</u>

**Albinism Fellowship
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2024**

2023		2024
£	Cash assets	£
16240	Bank accounts	3134
<u>16240</u>		<u>3134</u>
	Liabilities	
(510)	Creditors - legal & professional fees	(570)
<u>(510)</u>		<u>(570)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 17/12/24
Joanne Bennett, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Support family activities	958	-	(958)	-
Baby boxes information	327	-	(11)	316
Conference 23 childcare	9500	-	(9500)	-
	10785	-	(10469)	316
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	5455	31799	(34436)	2818
	5455	31799	(34436)	2818

3. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

4. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.