

Registered Charity No. 1197243



**Report of the Trustees and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended March 2023
for the North East Sex Work Forum (NESWF)**

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Report of the Trustees

Year Ended March 31 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. This report was approved and verified by all 3 trustees, Sarah McManus, Laura McIntyre and Maggie O'Neill on 29/1/24.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity number

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Reporting period December 21 - March 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The North East Sex Work Forum is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a constitution dated 16th March 2021, whose only voting members are its charity trustees.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Appointment of charity trustees

(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

(2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Objectives and Activities

Objectives and aims

The charity's purposes as set out in the objects:

The objects of the North East Sex Work Forum are

(a) To promote social inclusion by working alongside people in (the North East region of the UK, particularly but not exclusively) who are socially excluded and stigmatised on the grounds of their involvement with the sex industry; to address the needs of such individuals and advocate for the more vulnerable and marginalised of the group via an ethic of care, and to promote and raise awareness of any human rights issues or discrimination regarding all members of this community.

(b) such other purposes as may be charitable in accordance with the law of England and Wales 2 Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with [section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005] and [section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008]

Achievements and Performance

The main focus of the charities activities over the past year:

- Regional Sex Work Harm Reduction Strategy – Developed a collaborative network of statutory and key stakeholders across multiple disciplines alongside the sex work community to agree a cohesive harm reduction approach and implementation plan to inform policy and practice across the Cleveland area.

- Developed a robust training package for service providers, including police, raising awareness and understanding to educate and inform regarding the needs of the sex work community and how to embed this in policy and practice.
- Expanded our reach amongst the sex work community and within key services to strengthen communication channels and provide a joined up partnership approach towards service delivery.
- Developed links between academia and community partners raising awareness regarding Participatory Action Research (PAR), a new innovative visual approach to delivery and workshop development.
- Explored support for resettlement Pathway 9 (Sex Work) within a local women's prison led by peers from the prison to develop a training package for prison staff to enhance services.
- Led on gap analysis and research regarding women who experience multiple disadvantages to inform the policy and practice of a local charity as part of their continuous improvement commitment.
- Expanded our digital reach through our charity website, further developing its research/resource pages and service directory.

Future development plans for the next 12 months:

- Development of a Sex Work Strategy toolkit incorporating the learning and process of devising and delivering a regional Sex Work Harm Reduction Strategy across all key stakeholders in conjunction with the Sex Work community.
- Monitor implementation of the regional Sex Work Strategy alongside key stakeholders and the sex work community as part of a regional continuous improvement commitment.
- Deliver Sex Work Harm Reduction training across the region to ensure services are informed of best practice. Explore accreditation for the training programme.
- Develop and expand digital engagement with the sex work community and national/regional partners.
- Provide employment opportunities for the Sex Work community through training development and delivery recognising their expertise and maintaining our inclusive approach to all service development and education.
- Agree an income diversification strategy for the charity to support future sustainability.
- Expand membership of the board of trustees aligned to the required skills and expertise needed for robust governance of the charity including peers with expertise.
- Deliver regional learning days and workshops to inform, educate and provide network opportunities to share information and best practice alongside the sex work community.
- Deliver a staff training package for the female prison estate regarding support for those who identify with resettlement Pathway 9 (Sex Work).

- Hold two strategy development workshops alongside board of trustees.

CHARITY ACCOUNTS

Charity Name	North East Sex Work Forum
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MONEY IN

Dates	Amount	Origin	Purpose
26/09/22	£4,000.00	Cleveland Police Crime Commissioner Office	Property Fund (Funding for the Cleveland Sex Work Strategy)
29/07/22	£1,500.00	Centre for Social Justice & Community Action (CJSCA)	Community Researcher payment – CEO Services
24/20/22	£1,185.00	A Way Out Ltd	Research Consultancy
17/02/23	£9,925.00	Big Lottery	Awards for all funding – Digital Outreach and Engagement Project
20/01/23	£5,000.00	Durham University	Pathway 9 Research Project – Consultancy payment – CEO Services
21/02/23	£1,500.00	Centre for Social Justice & Community Action (CJSCA)	PRILL Project – Community Researcher payment – CEO Services
Total	£23,110.00		

MONEY OUT

Category	Dates	Description of Services	Amount
CEO Services	Dec 21 – March 23	Chief Executive Officer Role – Managing charity, delivering consultancy services/projects, overseeing funding, funding applications, project management	£5890.00
Insurance	03/08/22	Marsh Commercial (Charity Insurance Payment)	£450.00
Website/Email hosting	27/02/23	Digital Edge Online Solutions Limited	£330.00

		Subtotal	£6,670
		Total Monies out	£6,670
		Charity Funds Carried Forward	£16,440

The financial statements were approved by the
Board of Trustees
on 29/01/24 and were signed
on its behalf by:

Sarah McManus

Signature

Sarah McManus

Date *29/01/24*

Name of Trustee