

OUR SECOND HOME

England & Wales · Charity number 1197551

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-01-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:-(1) THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED, BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH OR THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SUCH INFORMATION AND ADVICE AS THE TRUSTEES DEEM APPROPRIATE;(2) TO ADVANCE YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 26 IN LIFE BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING SUCH PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;(3) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATING TO MIGRANTS, ESPECIALLY REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM; AND(4) TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION AMONG PEOPLE WHO ARE REFUGEES, ASYLUM SEEKERS AND MIGRANTS WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POSITION.IN FURTHERANCE OF THOSE OBJECTS, BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY PROVIDED THAT THE TRUSTEES ARE SATISFIED THAT THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES WILL FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY TO AN EXTENT JUSTIFIED BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTED AND THE ACTIVITY IS NOT THE DOMINANT MEANS BY WHICH THE CHARITY CARRIES OUT ITS OBJECTS.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.

Activities: Youth activities - in particular residential programmes and leadership training - for refugees and people seeking asylum in the UK.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£493,002	£374,954	-	-
2024-12-31	£245,239	£232,866	-	-
2023-12-31	£178,133	£214,725	-	-
2022-12-31	£164,027	£89,683	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nicholas David Schlagman	Chair	2022-01-18
Dr Robyn Smith		2025-07-16
Ezio Fabricio Silva		2023-07-26
Hamzah Alqhfa		2026-04-28
Hannah May Briony Spark		2025-05-07
Raymond Simonson		2023-07-26
Wintana Mana Tekie		2026-04-28

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Accounts

**OUR SECOND HOME
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

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Our Second Home

Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

The following objects, as set out in the CIO Constitution, are for the public benefit:

- (1) The relief of those in need, by reason of their youth or their social and economic situation for the public benefit through the provision of such information and advice as the trustees deem appropriate.
- (2) To advance young people under the age of 26 in life by providing advice and assistance and organizing programs of physical, educational and other activities as a means of advancing in life and helping such people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
- (3) To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to migrants, especially as set out in the CIO Constitution, and
- (4) To promote social inclusion among people who are refugees, asylum seekers and migrants who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position.

The main aim of the charity is the provision of residential trips, leadership training programs, and year-round support with and for refugees and people seeking asylum. This is done in order to strengthen three main areas of the beneficiary's experience: identity, community, and leadership.

Grant Distribution

The Charity retains the right to administer grants at its discretion. All grants distributed would be in line with the stated objects of the charity. No grants were distributed during the year

Public Benefit

The charity's main activity is advancing the welfare and integrating of individuals into society who are at a disadvantage by virtue of their youth, social, or economic situation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Main Achievements

Non-Financial Achievement

In 2025, Our Second Home had over 1,008 (2024:827) people with refugee backgrounds attending our programming. These were made up of 398 attendances in our residentials and 610 at our non-residential activities, such as our Bristol and London hubs.

People attended on average of 3 activities, with 328 unique participants with lived experience of asylum (2024: 240, 2023: 204).

Participants attended any of a total of 127 events, of which 12 were residential trips (2024: 68, 2023: 77, 2022: 5; 2021: 2).

Other events include 3 (2024:2) leadership training courses with 27 graduates (2024:24) and an annual graduation ceremony. 9 young leaders took up managerial positions within core teams on our trips.

There was also a weekly youth club in Bristol and our youth hub in London organised in collaboration with Hillingdon Refugee Support Group.

We also ran a cycling training course, featuring road safety and maintenance classes, free bikes, and two overnight cycling and camping trips.

As a result of our residentials, 62% of participants told us they had close friends in the UK before the residential, rising to 69% afterwards, while the proportion of those who described themselves as being comfortable communicating in English rose from 71% to 79%.

Financial Performance

In 2025, the charity recorded £39,894 in donations receivable in the year and £1,222 in interest and other income.

Grants receivable during the year amounted to £451,885. A detailed analysis can be found in the notes to the accounts.

Fundraising costs incurred during the year amounted to £31,566 and are detailed in the notes to the accounts.

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Main Achievements - continued

The charity paid out £361,982 on direct costs in the running and management of the charity. The majority of those costs relate to residential programs and staff salaries. Support and governance costs for the year were £74,297.

No grants were distributed during the year.

Related party transactions are detailed in the notes.

There was an overall net income movement in funds for the year, amounting to a net income of £118,049 of which restricted net income amounted to £21,429 and unrestricted net income of £96,620.

Appreciation

The trustees extend their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all donors, employees and volunteers.

Our positive impacts on the charity's beneficiaries would not have been possible without you

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed the level of reserves held by the Charity. The review has concluded that to allow the Charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services in the event of unforeseen circumstances, the level of free reserves, being those not tied up in fixed assets, needs to be maintained at not less than six months' expenditure.

The free reserves, comprising of net current assets, stand at £168,886 of which £57,897 are restricted.

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Nicholas Schlagman

Ezio Fabricio Silva

Dr Robyn Smith (appointed 16/07/2025)

Hannah Spark (appointed 07/05/2025)

Raymond Simonson

Alex Brookes (resigned 21/01/2026)

David King (resigned 21/01/2026)

Other Personnel

Amos Schonfield - Executive Leader

Charity Number

1197551

Principal Address

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Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

Structure, governance and management Charity Structure

Our Second Home is a CIO. It was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 18 January 2022, with charity number 1197551.

Governing Body

The trustees of the Charity are legally responsible for the overall management of the organization. The day-to-day running of the Charity is undertaken by the CEO and the senior management. The CEO is aware of the need to follow best practice and to recruit new trustees as applicable.

The trustees are kept informed of the running of the Charity, and new Trustees will be appointed when and if the need arises.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees would be in line with the Governing Documents. The principal criteria set for the suitable candidate would be someone who is sensitive to the needs and demands required for effective administration of the Charity.

Training and induction of trustees is undertaken as needed.

All major decisions are taken collectively by the trustees and all the trustees give of their time freely. The trustees are unpaid and details of any related party transactions are disclosed as applicable in the notes to the accounts.

The arrangements for setting the pay of the charity's employees are the sole domain of the trustees.

Risk Review

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage exposure to major risks.

The risks faced by the charity are principally operational risks from the ineffective running of the charities programs. These risks are managed by the trustees, ensuring the right staff are utilised and the right policies are implemented.

Procedures are in place to strengthen these safeguards and to ensure public benefit is achieved from all aspects of the charity's management.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at anytime the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Since the end of the financial year, Hamzah Alqhfa and Wintana Mana Tekie were appointed as a Trustees on the 28th April 2026. They have not therefore participated in the approval of these accounts.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Ezio Fabricio Silva

Trustee

30/05/2026

Our Second Home
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Our Second Home
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Our Second Home (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

Sarah Jones FCCA
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**Our Second Home
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	322,408	169,371	491,779	244,294
Investments	4	1,200	-	1,200	945
Other	5	23	-	23	-
		<u>323,631</u>	<u>169,371</u>	<u>493,002</u>	<u>245,239</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	(3,888)	-	(3,888)	(1,560)
Charitable activities	6	(223,123)	(147,942)	(371,065)	(231,306)
		<u>(227,011)</u>	<u>(147,942)</u>	<u>(374,953)</u>	<u>(232,866)</u>
NET INCOME		96,620	21,429	118,049	12,373
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		96,620	21,429	118,049	12,373
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		13,657	36,468	50,125	37,752
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	<u><u>110,277</u></u>	<u><u>57,897</u></u>	<u><u>168,174</u></u>	<u><u>50,125</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Our Second Home
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	190,311	53,983	244,294
Investments	4	945	-	945
		191,256	53,983	245,239
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	6	(1,560)	-	(1,560)
Charitable activities	6	(212,808)	(18,498)	(231,306)
		(214,368)	(18,498)	(232,866)
NET INCOME		(23,112)	35,485	12,373
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(23,112)	35,485	12,373
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		36,769	983	37,752
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14	13,657	36,468	50,125

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

**Our Second Home
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 December 2025**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	2,767	-	2,767	5,282
Cash at bank and in hand		120,777	57,897	178,674	49,746
		<u>123,544</u>	<u>57,897</u>	<u>181,441</u>	<u>55,028</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	12	(13,267)	-	(13,267)	(4,903)
		<u>110,277</u>	<u>57,897</u>	<u>168,174</u>	<u>50,125</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)					
		<u>110,277</u>	<u>57,897</u>	<u>168,174</u>	<u>50,125</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>110,277</u>	<u>57,897</u>	<u>168,174</u>	<u>50,125</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>110,277</u>	<u>57,897</u>	<u>168,174</u>	<u>50,125</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				57,897	36,468
Unrestricted Funds				110,277	13,657
TOTAL FUNDS	14			<u>168,174</u>	<u>50,125</u>

On behalf of the board

Ezio Fabricio Silva

Trustee
30/05/2026

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Our Second Home
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 December 2025

1. General Information

Our Second Home is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1197551. The principal address is Alexander House, 3 Shakespeare Road, London, N3 1XE.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Going Concern Disclosure

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2.3. Incoming Resources

The charity income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the funds, receipt is probable, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations and Legacies

Donations are recognised when received or, where there is sufficient evidence of entitlement (such as a signed deed of covenant or pledge), when receivable. Legacies are recognised when probate has been granted, the estate has been sufficiently administered, and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Grants

Grants are recognised when the conditions of the grant have been met and entitlement has been established. Where a grant is subject to conditions that have not yet been fulfilled at the year end, income is deferred and included within creditors until those conditions are satisfied.

Donated Goods and Services

Donated goods are recognised at fair value at the date of receipt. Donated services are recognised where they would otherwise have been purchased and a reliable estimate of fair value can be made. Volunteer time is not recognised in the accounts.

Other Income

Other income, including fundraising and charitable activities income, is recognised when the related activity or event has taken place and entitlement has been established.

2.4. Resources Expended

Grant Distribution

The Charity retains the right to administer grants at its discretion. All grants distributed would be in line with the stated objects of the charity. No grants were distributed during the year.

2.5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Donations and gifts:				
Donations and legacies	39,894	-	39,894	81,798
Grants:				
Grants	282,514	169,371	451,885	162,496
	<u>322,408</u>	<u>169,371</u>	<u>491,779</u>	<u>244,294</u>

The following grants are included within the total income from donations and legacies above:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
A B Charitable Trust	-	-	-	3,500
Anonymous	10,091	-	10,091	9,213
City Bridge Foundation	-	37,068	37,068	27,000
Goldberg Family Charitable Trust	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
KFC Youth Foundation	3,000	-	3,000	100
London Cycling Campaign	-	-	-	4,000
Seneca Trust	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Shoresh Charitable Trust	-	2,983	2,983	2,983
The Rayne Trust	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
The Weisz Foundation	-	-	-	2,500
The Zohar Dean Trust	-	-	-	2,000
This Day Foundation	30,000	5,000	35,000	35,000
Trace Charitable Trust	5,400	-	5,400	7,200
WFH Foundation	30,000	5,000	35,000	30,000
Women of the Year Foundation	-	-	-	9,000
Allan & Gill Gray Foundation	138,500	-	138,500	-
Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales	25,000	-	25,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	110,320	110,320	-
Prism The Gift Fund	5,200	-	5,200	-
The Big Give Trust	5,323	5,000	10,323	-
The Swan Mountain Trust	-	4,000	4,000	-
	<u>282,514</u>	<u>169,371</u>	<u>451,885</u>	<u>162,496</u>

4. Investment Income

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Total funds £
Other interest receivable	1,200	945

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5. Other Income

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
Other income	23	-

6. Analysis of Expenditure

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 7)	2025
	£	£	Total
			£
Raising funds	2,879	1,009	3,888
Residential Programs	123,960	1,516	125,476
Outreach and Leadership Training Programs	13,048	-	13,048
Telephone & Data	5,632	-	5,632
Travel Costs	5,811	-	5,811
Insurance	2,917	-	2,917
Bank charges	56	-	56
Management & administration	28,607	69,268	97,875
Advertising and marketing	2,300	-	2,300
Printing and stationery	789	-	789
Legal/professional fees	-	1,286	1,286
Staff costs	112,733	-	112,733
General Administration	2,311	-	2,311
Independent examiners fees	-	831	831
	301,043	73,910	374,953

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 7)	2024
	£	£	Total
			£
Raising funds	1,560	-	1,560
Residential Programs	105,909	-	105,909
Outreach and Leadership Training Programs	70	-	70
Telephone & Data	1,098	-	1,098
Bank charges	71	-	71
Management & administration	-	311	311
Printing and stationery	314	-	314
Legal/professional fees	-	11,085	11,085
Staff costs	111,379	-	111,379
Independent examiners fees	-	1,069	1,069
	220,401	12,465	232,866

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7. Support Costs

						2025
	Raising funds	Residential Programs	Management & administration	Legal/professional fees	Independent examiners fees	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Employee costs	-	1,357	65,126	-	-	66,483
Premises expenses	1,010	-	623	-	-	1,633
General administration	(1)	159	3,519	-	-	3,677
Governance costs	-	-	-	1,286	831	2,117
	<u>1,009</u>	<u>1,516</u>	<u>69,268</u>	<u>1,286</u>	<u>831</u>	<u>73,910</u>

					2024
		Management & administration	Legal/professional fees	Independent examiners fees	Total
		£	£	£	£
General administration		311	11,085	-	11,396
Governance costs		-	-	1,069	1,069
		<u>311</u>	<u>11,085</u>	<u>1,069</u>	<u>12,465</u>

8. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	831	1,069

9. Staff Costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	161,881	100,865
Social security costs	8,066	8,222
Other pension costs	3,488	2,292
	<u>173,435</u>	<u>111,379</u>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

10. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
CEO	1	1
Program and Operations	6	4
	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>

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11. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	2,767	5,282

12. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	802	3,382
Other creditors	1,880	452
Taxation and social security	8,685	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,900	1,069
	13,267	4,903

13. Pension Commitments

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

During the year the charge to the statement of financial activities in respect of defined contribution schemes was £3,488 (2024: £2,292).

At the statement of financial position date contributions of £1,880 (2024: £452) were due to the fund and are included in creditors.

14. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 January 2025	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 December 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	13,657	323,631	(227,011)	110,277
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	36,468	169,371	(147,942)	57,897
Total funds	50,125	493,002	(374,953)	168,174
	As at 1 January 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	36,769	191,256	(214,368)	13,657
Restricted funds				
Restricted Funds	983	53,983	(18,498)	36,468
Total funds	37,752	245,239	(232,866)	50,125

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15. Post Balance Sheet Events

Subsequent to the year end, Hamzah Alqhfah and Wintana Mana Tekie were appointed as trustees of the charity on the 28th April 2026. This appointment had no financial impact on the figures reported in these accounts.

16. Transactions with Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

During the year the expenses reimbursed to the trustees or paid directly to third parties were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Subsistence	294	229

Number of trustees reimbursed for expenses during the year was 2 (2024: 1)

17. Related Party Disclosures

During the year ended 31 December 2025, no related party transactions took place other than the reimbursement of expenses disclosed in the note "Trustees' Expenses".

No trustee received any compensation for services or remuneration during the year (2024 : nil).

OUR SECOND HOME

England & Wales - Charity number 1197551

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INTRODUCTION

This year, more than ever, I am grateful to be part of building and nurturing refugee leadership across the country. Britain's record of offering safety and an environment in which people seeking asylum can thrive must be talked about confidently and celebrated. This welcome flows directly from the safety and stability of our society, and the depth and breadth of British culture - which inspires those who call it home. These British values are under assault from a fearful and narrow politics that OSH plays a small role in challenging and changing.

Many of our young people in OSH deeply feel the current political winds; a fresh trauma at a time when they are working hard to build new, purposeful lives.

Despite all this, OSH remains a community of hope. Within OSH we nurture souls and build a blueprint for the future. We do this through developing practical skills in leadership, education, public speaking, and English fluency. We also achieve this more deeply by building community, creating friendships, celebrating successes, and modelling a society we can take out into the wider world.



Every year we grow; in numbers who attend our events, in skills that we use to shape the world around us, and in our belief that in spaces such as these, we are nurturing a better future for all of us.

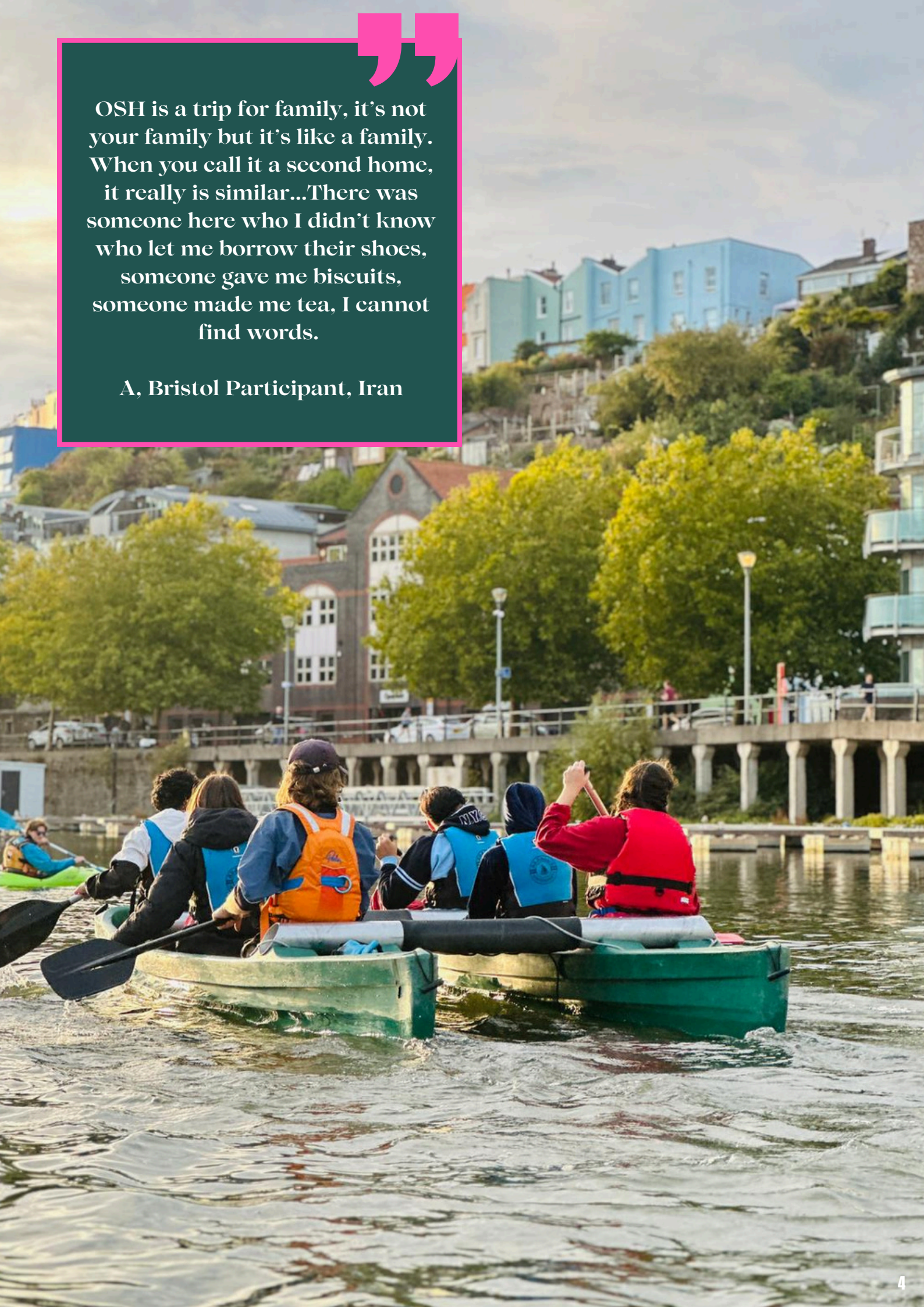
We have a dynamic new strategy to share with you that will transform us into a truly national movement, dramatically expand our reach, and deepen the core activities and programmes that have such a profound impact on all our beneficiaries.

Young people do not just inherit the future; they build and shape it. Thank you for all you do to make it one we can all be proud of.

Nic Schlagman
Chair of Trustees

OSH is a trip for family, it's not your family but it's like a family. When you call it a second home, it really is similar...There was someone here who I didn't know who let me borrow their shoes, someone gave me biscuits, someone made me tea, I cannot find words.

A, Bristol Participant, Iran



W'S STORY

We first met W in November 2023 on the OSH Girls Weekend. She graduated as a leader in Summer 2024, and is an active leader and role model for her peers.

“ I came to the UK 3 years ago when I was a teenager. I came alone, though I do have 2 brothers in the UK. I was initially placed in London where I didn't know anyone, so the first months were very lonely and chaotic and full of culture shocks. The 16+ care home where I was placed was really under-resourced with ever-changing staff members. I kept myself to myself as I felt unsafe with so many damaged young people thrown together without enough support.

It took a year for me to be processed and finally I was moved to be near one of my brothers. More importantly to me, it meant that I could finally restart my education. For as long as I can remember I have wanted to be a doctor. After missing a crucial 13 months I was very worried that my dream was dead.

I went to college to do a BTEC in Applied Science - unfortunately the nearest place that I could do 3 A-levels-worth was an hour away! I was still being moved around by social services and having to adjust emotionally and logistically to new settings, such as my complex commute to college, but no matter the distractions, I was focused on getting a distinction and seeing if I could salvage my career dreams.

Towards the end of 2023 a refugee organisation who had supported me in London contacted me to see if I wanted to go on a girls' residential with an organisation called Our Second Home.

I had no idea what it was, but just said 'yes!' to a chance to get away from the chaotic place I was living, a rare break/holiday and a way to maybe make friends. Up until that point I hadn't made a single friend in the UK.

From the first moment, OSH felt like home (something I hadn't felt since leaving Eritrea) - I felt safe and understood. It was the first time that I had shared my story in the 18 months I had been in the UK - my feelings, what I left behind, how consumed I was with it. Entering this healing space was so powerful, especially hearing others tell their stories and the comfort of not being alone.



W'S STORY

Most powerful to me were the conversations with leaders...

One leader asked me what I would like to do. I told her about medicine, but that I thought that probably wasn't possible anymore with my break in education, being forced to do BTEC rather than A-levels, and all the other barriers. She introduced me to a leader who was doing medicine and I realised that I was the one limiting myself. There is a direct line between that conversation and the fact that this autumn I'm off to the University of York to study medicine.

The other conversation that changed my future was when I was asked if I would like to join the leadership track. I so desperately wanted this to be my place and find ways to come back. Through becoming a leader I communicate better, I have important teamwork skills and so much more confidence. It helped me with my university interview and, more generally, has given me the confidence to represent myself in the many ways that I have to as a lone young refugee.

I've joined this amazing community and built one around myself. There is real care between all of us in OSH. I have learned so much being guided in life by the older leaders. Everyone is so generous with connecting me to people who can help, like with my university application or work experience.

If I had just been left with my social worker, I'm not sure that I would have had the energy or the path to thrive. I would definitely be many years behind. OSH is that wider family and community that OSH members otherwise lack.

I'm always looking for ways to help others in OSH - I particularly love inspiring young OSH participants academically, especially that conversation about goals and ambitions that my leaders had with me. I always ask girls what they want to become. So many say "I did want to..." so I tell them my story and encourage them to pursue it.

I recently spoke to a participant with a dream of becoming a pilot. He said he had given it up because it felt impossible. I didn't want to accept that, so I did loads of research about bursaries and scholarships. A few of us supported him and he is now in college on a course, on his way.

OSH changed everything for me. It helped me to heal, to make friends, to settle, to find community, to pursue my career dreams, to gain vital skills. It's because of OSH that I found the strength and support to thrive. When I think about me becoming a doctor in the UK, I think that my future patients should be grateful to OSH!



WE ARE OUR SECOND HOME

We are the UK's youth movement for refugees and migrants. We believe in the unbounded potential of these individuals, and are driven to empower them to flourish in the place they call home. Our movement is the start of this journey, creating transformative residential activities where we build communities and spark new futures.

The OSH Model



It works like this: young refugees and asylum seekers come on an OSH residential trip. They cook together. Play games. Learn dances from each other's cultures. Many had their childhoods taken away from them, and with OSH they just get to be kids.

The graduates of these trips take part in leadership training and go on to be the ones who take the reins. They become the leaders of the movement.

This is just the beginning of a positive cycle that just needs one big push. OSH is building the next generation of leaders from refugee backgrounds. These displaced youth people will become role models and leaders in our movement and in local communities, supporting those coming after.



WHY WE EXIST

Displaced young people face considerable challenges in establishing and rebuilding their lives here in the UK.

Accessing education has proven to be a challenge: where many did not have formal education prior to arriving in the UK, resettled refugee children are academically over 1.5 years behind their peers by age 16, while unaccompanied asylum-seeking pupils are over 3 years behind. They are 6 times less likely to go to university according to global averages. Later in life, displaced people are 22% less likely to be in a job, and those who are working tend to earn less and work fewer hours than the UK-born workforce. This combination of basic English, low confidence, and limited family support, results in a higher susceptibility to social and financial exploitation.

Rates of anxiety, PTSD and depression vastly outstrip their peers, as is acute mental health distress. This has been exacerbated by the disproportionate impact of the isolation and digital poverty highlighted by COVID-19. Further, as anti-migrant sentiment grows in both politics and media, the need to build resilient and supportive communities increases significantly.

A positive experience in a youth movement can be transformative for these young people. They experience joy and fun, gain social and employability skills, grow confidence in English, a strong and resilient community, and build connections with new and relevant role models. These are crucial for OSH's participants, who, since fleeing violence and persecution from their country of birth, have been robbed of their adolescence.



OUR APPROACH

Our Second Home (OSH) is a peer-powered youth movement that supports young people from refugee backgrounds (aged 14–25) to build lasting relationships, gain leadership skills, and create a thriving community. We believe that if young refugees have access to transformative experiences, strong peer networks, and leadership opportunities, they will develop the confidence, skills, and agency needed to navigate and shape their futures.

Our approach is built on a cycle of leadership development. This theory of change not only supports individual development but also fosters long-term, systemic change by equipping young refugees with the tools to become advocates, professionals, and leaders in their communities.

1 Engagement

Young people join OSH through residential trips and local youth hubs, where they experience belonging and develop friendships.

2 Growth

Through mentorship and skill-building programmes, participants gain confidence, communication skills, and leadership experience.

3 Leadership

Many return as peer leaders, running programmes and mentoring new participants, ensuring a self-sustaining, community-led movement.

The Hub is a great place to socialise and to meet new people. It's a great place to relax your mind and to be happy. I gained new experiences, and it has helped me to set new goals for my life. I am very happy when I'm there and excited for the workshops.

M, Female Participant, Somalia

OUR WORK

OSH delivers a range of programmes that support young refugees in overcoming the barriers of displacement:

Residential Experiences

Intensive, community-building trips where participants form friendships and step into leadership roles.

Leadership Training

A nationally certified course that equips young people with the skills to lead, advocate, and contribute to society.

Youth Hubs

Regular peer-led activities in London and Bristol, providing a space for ongoing support and development.

Mentorship & Advocacy

One-to-one support that helps young people navigate challenges and access education and employment opportunities. These are delivered in collaboration with over 30 referring organisations, including youth clubs, local authorities, and housing providers.



2024 IN NUMBERS

196

young people participated in OSH programming up 20% on last year

827

attendances up 83% on last year

68

events, including 8 residential trips

89

workshops including campfires, circus skills, ESOL, cycling, and boxing

24

participants in our AQA-certified course tripling our total from the year before.



162 boys, 34 girls
83:17

28

countries represented (top 5 were Sudan (49), Afghanistan (36), Iran (18), Eritrea (15), and Syria (14)).

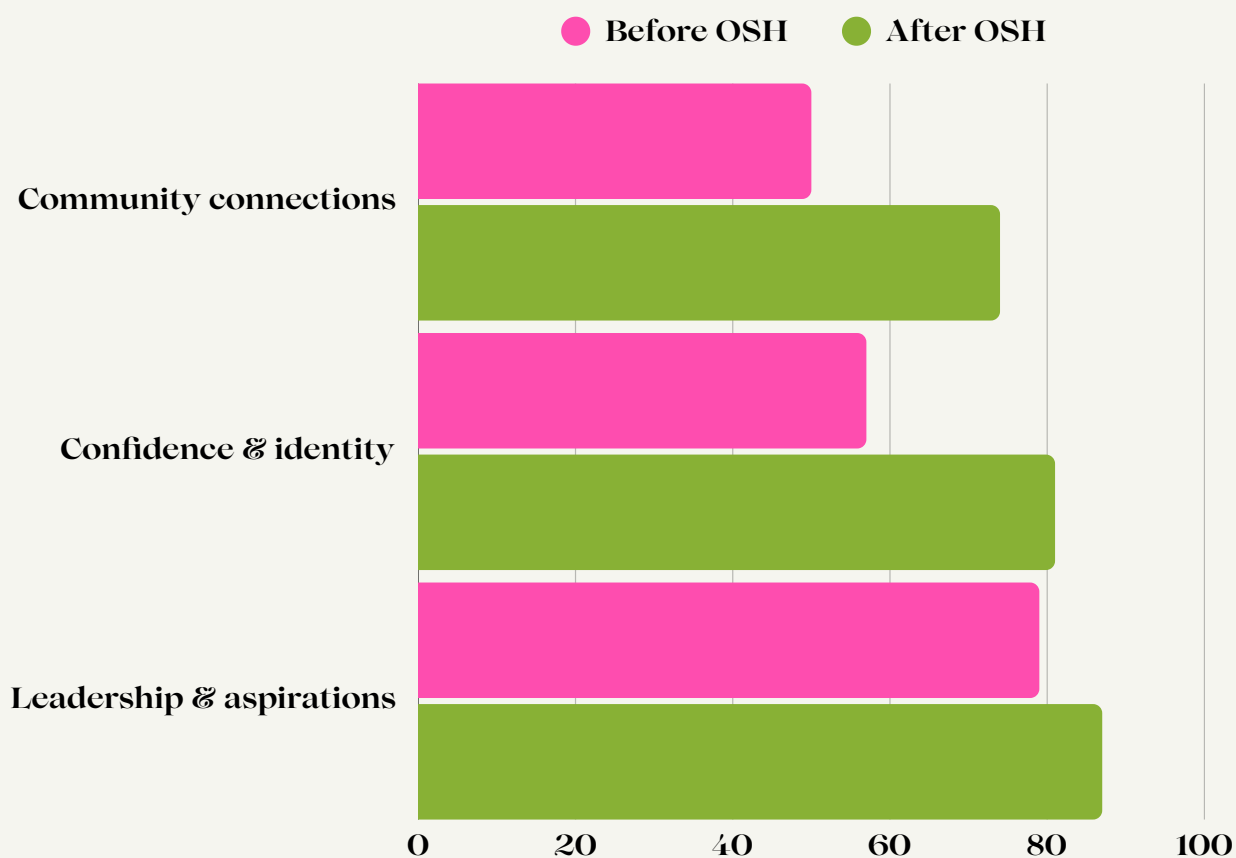


As a leader I learned that I could lead the participants, the young people, when I tell them to do something they listen to me and my confidence has increased because I'm giving instructions and they listen.

M, young leader, Syria

2024 IN NUMBERS

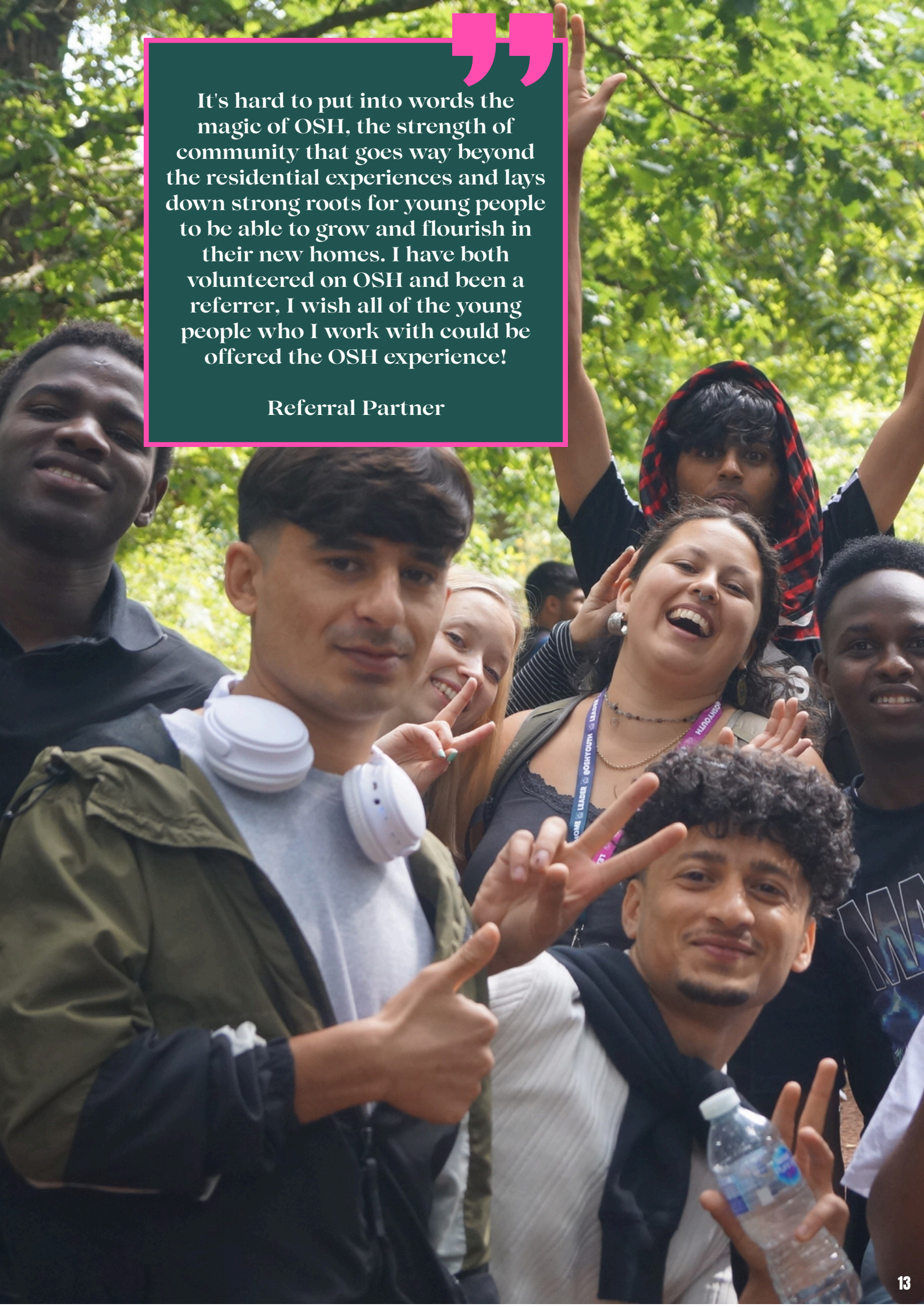
What we have learned over the years is that our work is integral to integration, acclimatisation and flourishing through three main areas of impact: identity, community and leadership. Over the summer, we surveyed all our participants, and learned that:



Community connections: The percentage of participants who report having close friends in the UK increased from 50% to 74% after joining OSH.

Confidence and identity: Those who felt comfortable communicating in English rose from 57% to 81%.

Leadership & aspirations: The number of young people excited about their future in the UK increased from 79% to 87%.



It's hard to put into words the magic of OSH, the strength of community that goes way beyond the residential experiences and lays down strong roots for young people to be able to grow and flourish in their new homes. I have both volunteered on OSH and been a referrer, I wish all of the young people who I work with could be offered the OSH experience!

Referral Partner

LOOKING AHEAD

2025-2028 Strategy

In late 2024, OSH launched a new three-year strategic plan designed to build on everything we've learned and achieved so far: positioning ourselves for ambitious, sustainable growth.

Our plan centres around one clear goal: to triple the reach of our programmes, expand leadership opportunities for young people with refugee backgrounds, and deepen our impact across the UK.

We believe that young people with refugee experience should feel at home, grow as leaders, and flourish in the place they live. Over the next three years, we will work to make that vision a reality for hundreds more young people. To realise this growth, our plan focuses on three interconnected developments:

1 Growth

We will expand from 8 to 20 residentials a year, increase our hubs from 2 to 6, and grow our participant community from 196 to over 500 unique young people annually.

2 Regionalisation

OSH will move from a centralised delivery model to one rooted in regional hubs, each delivering local residentials, leadership courses, mentoring and weekly programming, supported by a national team.

3 Investment in People & Partnerships

We'll expand our team to 9 FTE staff, with at least 25% from refugee backgrounds, and develop new funding partnerships, including statutory contracts and per-participant commissioning models.

OUR AIM FOR 2028

20

residentially annually, led by regional teams

6

active hubs offering weekly activities, leadership training, and mentoring

100

leaders with lived experience, across volunteer, paid and decision-making roles

750K

annual income, supported by trusts, donors, contracts and corporates

A codified curriculum for residentially, hubs and leadership courses

A national evaluation framework collecting consistent, powerful data on impact

What It Will Take

The success of this bold yet achievable plan depends on generous, forward-thinking investment. We're prioritising fundraising and deepening our work with partners to make it happen. With the right support, OSH can reach even more young people and make an even greater difference in the lives of displaced youth across the country. **Let's build it together.**

FROM OUR FOUNDER

A movement is shaped by the people who build it. This year, that movement – Our Second Home – has grown louder, stronger, and more vital than ever.

We've worked with nearly 200 young people from refugee backgrounds, delivered 8 transformative residentials, expanded local youth hubs in London and Bristol, and tripled participation in our leadership training programme. Young people have stepped into leadership at every level: leading activities, coordinating residential programming and logistics, joining our Youth Advisory Board, mentoring others, and helping shape our ambitious 2025–2028 strategy.

This growth has taken place against a stark national backdrop. From the far-right riots in the summer to the continued pursuit of policies like the Rwanda plan and the use of the Bibby Stockholm barge, many of our young people have felt not just overlooked but actively targeted. In that context, OSH has been a place of radical hope. While national rhetoric divides, our spaces nurture community, restore confidence, and equip displaced young people to lead.



And we are only just getting started. Our new strategy sets out a bold plan to triple our reach, invest in regional hubs, and build a truly youth-led national movement. Already, with Ava Ribby-Williams joining as Programme Manager, we've taken vital steps towards expanding our offer for women and girls, and embedding lived experience across our leadership.

None of this would be possible without our supporters. To our donors, referral partners, and allies: thank you. Your trust allows us to dream big and act boldly. And to our young people and leaders: thank you for your passion, care, and courage. You are reshaping the present, creating a new future, and OSH is yours to lead.

Amos Schonfield
Founder and CEO

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank all those who have supported us and partnered with us in 2024, most often as donors or as referrers. Some have asked to remain anonymous, and we thank them too.

OUR PARTNERS

- The Dost Centre
- A B Charitable Trust
- City Bridge Foundation
- Goldberg Family Charitable Trust
- London Cycling Campaign
- Prism the Gift Fund
- Rabbie's Tours
- Rayne Trust
- Seneca Trust
- Shoresh Charitable Trust
- This Day Foundation
- Trace Charitable Trust
- The Weisz Foundation
- WFH Foundation
- Young Roots

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

- Anas
- Khaled
- Mehraveh
- Mishkat
- Tomi
- Tosin

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTINUED
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees

Nicholas Schlagman (Chair)

Raymond Simonson

Ezio Fabricio Silva

David King

Alex Brookes

Hannah Spark appointed 7th May 2025

Dr Robyn Smith appointed 16th July 2025

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' report and financial statements

The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure, governance and management Charity Structure

Our Second Home is a CIO. It was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 18 January 2022, with charity number 1197551.

Governing Body

The trustees of the Charity are legally responsible for the overall management of the organization. The day-to-day running of the Charity is undertaken by the CEO and the senior management. The CEO is aware of the need to follow best practice and to recruit new trustees as applicable. The trustees are kept informed of the running of the Charity, and new Trustees will be appointed when and if the need arises.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees would be in line with the Governing Documents. The principal criteria set for the suitable candidate would be someone who is sensitive to the needs and demands required for effective administration of the Charity.

Training and induction of trustees is undertaken as needed.

All major decisions are taken collectively by the trustees and all the trustees give of their time freely. The trustees are unpaid and details of any related party transactions are disclosed as applicable in the notes to the accounts. The arrangements for setting the pay of the charity's employees are the sole domain of the trustees.

Risk Review

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage exposure to major risks.

The risks faced by the charity are principally operational risks from the ineffective running of the charities programs. These risks are managed by the trustees, ensuring the right staff are utilised and the right policies are implemented.

Procedures are in place to strengthen these safeguards and to ensure public benefit is achieved from all aspects of the charity's management.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing the welfare and integrating of individuals into society who are at a disadvantage by virtue of their youth, social, or economic situation when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Objectives and activities

Charitable Objects

The following objects, as set out in the CIO Constitution, are for the public benefit:

- (1) The relief of those in need, by reason of their youth or their social and economic situation for the public benefit through the provision of such information and advice as the trustees deem appropriate.
- (2) To advance young people under the age of 26 in life by providing advice and assistance and organizing programs of physical, educational and other activities as a means of advancing in life and helping such people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
- (3) To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to migrants, especially as set out in the CIO Constitution, and
- (4) To promote social inclusion among people who are refugees, asylum seekers and migrants who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position.

Aims

The main aim of the charity is the provision of residential trips, leadership training programs, and year-round support with and for refugees and people seeking asylum. This is done in order to strengthen three main areas of the beneficiary's experience: identity, community, and leadership.

Grant Distribution

The Charity retains the right to administer grants at its discretion. All grants distributed would be in line with the

stated objects of the charity. No grants were distributed during the year.

Non-Financial Achievement

In 2024, Our Second Home worked with 827 (2023:453) young refugees and people seeking asylum in London, Essex, Bristol & Newcastle coming from 28 (2023:23) countries.

Participants attended any of a total of 68 events, of which 8 were residential trips (2023: 77, 2022: 5; 2021: 2).

Other events include 2 leadership training courses with 24 graduates (2023:8) and an annual graduation ceremony. There was also a weekly youth club in Bristol and our youth hub in London, that went from monthly to fortnightly.

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Achievements and Performance

The charity recorded £81,798 in donations receivable in the year and £945 in interest and other income.

Grants' receivable during the year amounted to £162,495, a detailed analysis can be found in the notes to the accounts.

Fundraising costs incurred during the year amounted to £1,560 and are detailed in the notes to the accounts.

The charity paid out £205,510 on direct costs in the running and management of the charity. The majority of those costs relate to residential programs and staff salaries.

Support and governance costs for the year were £960.

No grants were distributed during the year

There were no related party transactions during the year.

There was an overall net income movement in funds for the year, amounting to a net income of £12,373 of which restricted net income amounted to £35,485 and unrestricted expenditure amounted to £(23,112).

Appreciation

The trustees extend their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all donors, employees and volunteers.

Our positive impacts on the charity's beneficiaries would not have been possible without you.

Reserve Policy

The trustees have reviewed the level of reserves held by the Charity. The review has concluded that to allow the Charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services in the event of unforeseen circumstances, the level of free reserves, being those not tied up in fixed assets, needs to be maintained at not less than six months' expenditure.

The free reserves, comprising of net current assets, stand at £50,125, of which £36,468 are restricted.

Trustees

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements, were:

Nicholas Schlagman (Chair)

Dr Robyn Smith – appointed 16th July 2025

Hannah Spark – appointed 7th May 2025

Raymond Simonson

Ezio Fabrizio Silva

David King

Alex Brookes

Joseph Grabiner-Wolfson resigned 16th July 2025

Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also the directors of Charity For Our Second Home for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Ezio fabricio Silva
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Ezio Fabricio Silva

Trustee

Date : 19 October 2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Our Second Home

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which consists of the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and the related notes

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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

Sarah Jones

Name: Sarah Jones
For and on behalf of Moneypad Limited
Date: 19 October 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	190,311.00	53,983.00	244,294.00	175,748.00
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	1,538.00
Investments	4	945.00	-	945.00	714.00
Other	5	-	-	-	133.00
Total		191,256.00	53,983.00	245,239.00	178,133.00
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	1,560.00	-	1,560.00	8,255.00
Charitable activities	8	212,808.00	18,498.00	231,306.00	206,470.00
Total		214,368.00	18,498.00	232,866.00	214,725.00
Net income/(expenditure)		(23,112.00)	35,485.00	12,373.00	(36,592.00)
Net movement in funds		(23,112.00)	35,485.00	12,373.00	(36,592.00)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		36,769.00	983.00	37,752.00	74,344.00
Total funds carried forward		13,657.00	36,468.00	50,125.00	37,752.00

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Recommended categories by activity	Notes	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	12	5,282.00	-
Cash at bank and in hand	13	49,746.00	49,115.00
Total current assets		55,028.00	49,115.00
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	4,903.00	11,363.00
Net current assets/(liabilities)		50,125.00	37,752.00
Total net assets		50,125.00	37,752.00
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds	15	13,657.00	36,769.00
Restricted income funds	15	36,468.00	983.00
Endowment funds	15	-	-
Total funds		50,125.00	37,752.00

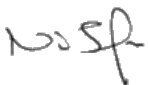
For the year ended 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 19 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Nicholas Schlagman (Chair)

Trustee

Date: 19 October 2025

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Charity, which is a public benefit entity, in the preparation of the accounts are as follows.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of charitable properties and fixed asset investments and investment properties at valuation.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

These accounts are presented in pounds sterling and rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have prepared financial projections, taking into consideration the current economic conditions and have, at the time of approving these accounts, a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2. Income from Donations and Legacies

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donation and gifts	81,798.00	-	81,798.00	72,078.00
General grants provided by Government/other charities	108,513.00	53,983.00	162,496.00	103,670.00
Total	190,311.00	53,983.00	244,294.00	175,748.00

3. Income from Charitable Activities

Analysis	Total funds 2023
	£
Program Income	1,538.00
Total	1,538.00

4. Income from Investments

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£	£
Interest income	945.00	945.00	714.00
Total	945.00	945.00	714.00

5. Other Income

Analysis	Total funds 2023
	£
Other	133.00
Total	133.00

6. Analysis of Receipts of Grants

Funder	Description	This year £
This Day Foundation	Restricted	5,000
City Bridge Foundation	Restricted	27,000
Shoresh	Restricted	2,983
Weisz Foundation	Restricted	2,500
London Cycling Campaign	Restricted	4,000
A B Charitable Trust	Restricted	3,500
Women of the Year Foundation	Restricted	9,000
Zohar Dean Trust	Unrestricted	2,000
Rayne Trust	Unrestricted	10,000
FP Senea Trust	Unrestricted	15,000
FP Blue Thread	Unrestricted	9,213
FP Goldberg Family Charitable Trust	Unrestricted	5,000
Trace Charitable	Unrestricted	7,200
KFC Foundation	Unrestricted	100
WFH Foundation	Unrestricted	30,000
This Day Foundation	Unrestricted	30,000
Total		162,496

Funder	Description	Last year £
Betty Messenger Charitable Foundation	Unrestricted	15,000
Goldberg Family Charitable Trust	Unrestricted	5,000
The Blue Thread	Unrestricted	10,000
The Rayne Trust	Unrestricted	10,000
ABCT Grant	Unrestricted	20,000
This Day Foundation	Unrestricted	30,000
This Day Foundation	Restricted	5,000
Shoresh Charitable Trust	Restricted	3,966
Other	Unrestricted	4,704
Total		103,670

7. Expenditure on Raising Funds

Analysis	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Incurred seeking grants	1,560.00	8,255.00
Total	1,560.00	8,255.00
	3,120.00	16,510.00

8. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Analysis	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Residential Programs	83,066.00	86,682.00
Outreach and Leadership Training Programs	70.00	-
Charitable Costs - Telephone & IT	1,098.00	3,462.00
Charitable Costs - Other Motor and Travel Costs	20,879.00	12,473.00
Charitable Costs - Insurance	895.00	1,238.00
Bank charges	71.00	120.00
Charity management & administration	311.00	-
Advertising and marketing	-	4,196.00
Printing and stationery	314.00	-
Legal/professional fees	12,154.00	5,326.00
Staff costs	111,379.00	92,133.00
Total	230,237.00	205,630.00
Support Costs	1,069.00	840.00
	461,543.00	412,100.00

9. Support Costs

Analysis	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Support Costs		
Governance Costs		
Independent examiners fees	1,069.00	840.00
	1,069.00	840.00

10. Analysis of Support Costs

11. Employee's Emoluments

11.1 Staff Costs

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Salaries and wages	100,865	90,452
Social security costs	8,222	476
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	2,292	1,205
Other employee benefits		
Total staff costs	111,379	92,133

12. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2024
	£
Prepayments & accrued income	5,082.00
Other debtors	200.00
Total	5,282.00

13. Cash at bank and in hand

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	49,746.00	49,115.00
Total	49,746.00	49,115.00

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,382.00	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,069.00	840.00
Taxation and social security	452.00	10,523.00
Total	4,903.00	11,363.00

15. Charity funds

15.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	36,769.00	191,256.00	214,368.00	-	-	13,657.00
Restricted income funds	983.00	53,983.00	18,498.00	-	-	36,468.00
Total	37,752.00	245,239.00	232,866.00	-	-	50,125.00

15.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	74,344.00	169,167.00	206,742.00	-	-	36,769.00
Restricted income funds	-	8,966.00	7,983.00	-	-	983.00
Total	74,344.00	178,133.00	214,725.00	-	-	37,752.00

15.3 Transfers between funds

This Year

Amount
£

Between unrestricted and restricted funds	36,468.00
Between endowment and restricted funds	-
Between endowment and unrestricted funds	-

Last Year

Amount
£

Between unrestricted and restricted funds	983.00
Between endowment and restricted funds	-
Between endowment and unrestricted funds	-

16. Average Number of Employees

Average Employees

	This year	Last year
CEO	1	1
Program and Operations	5	4
Total Employees	6	5

Average number of employees during this year : 6 and last year : 5

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OSH's Graduate Leaders





Welcome from our Chair

One of my absolute highlights of the year was our leaders' graduation. The energy in the room was electric and contagious. Our leaders had come to be celebrated and cheered by the wider OSH family and they bounded up to the stage, one by one, to collect certificates and to address the room. OSH gives this group of young people a warm welcome and a place to feel safe, to grow, develop, and then lead. Each one spoke about the journey to OSH, what they have found inside this community, and how it has helped them navigate the world and plan their futures.

During times of conflict, we often retreat into our smaller circles of family and close friends, places where we know we will be understood and where we will be cared for. For many of us OSH has been part of that space. It is the family we have chosen.

2023 was a challenging year. Friends who have family or close connections to the UK have had to make incredibly dangerous journeys to reach our shores, once they got here the welcome from many parts of our society has been cold and hostile, and the threat of dispersal to dangerous accommodation or deportation an everyday worry. In addition, war and conflict raged around the world.

OSH remains an oasis for our members, and a model of society where we care for each other at our core. We have welcomed new members, volunteers and staff, and supported young people through university applications and Life In The UK tests for citizenship. However, seeing those leaders who graduated give back as role models to the young people taking part in our residential, youth hubs, and English & Maths classes shows what is truly possible in our movement.

Nic Schlagman



We first met A in 2019 as part of our second ever residential. He has since become a cornerstone of the OSH community, both in the kitchen as a leader and one of our team of chefs, and as one of 3 brothers who are always part of our activities:

'Finding OSH was a lucky accident. When I was 17 and volunteering at DOST, one of the trips was with OSH. I thought it was going to be a normal trip, but it turned out to be much more. The people at OSH were incredibly dedicated to helping young refugees and having fun.'

My time with OSH was so impactful that I decided to become a leader, not just a participant. I wanted to help support OSH's mission of being a second home for young people facing challenges in their life. After my family moved to the UK, I got my younger brothers involved too. They've improved their English and made new friends. Now, one of my brothers has become a leader at OSH as well.'

**“Seeing everyone ...
having fun despite
what is happening
elsewhere in their
life is always my
favourite.”**

I have a lot of memories from OSH, but the ones that really stand out are when we are in the kitchen cooking for everyone, and everyone is waiting. When the food is ready and everyone has been served, all the cooks go and sit together and eat our food like one family. Seeing everyone eat together and enjoying their time, having fun despite what is happening elsewhere in their life, is always my favourite. Just everyone enjoying the moment.

If I hadn't joined OSH, my life would be different because I wouldn't have had the opportunity to go away on a residential like this. I first came when I was living here on my own, but especially for my brothers, OSH is the only time where they get to be responsible and trying out living on their own. I think it will be really beneficial for them to be independent like this.

Describing OSH is easy: it's a second home. It's a place where amazing people meet to make a positive impact on young people lives, whether you're a young person or a volunteers OSH is the right place to get involved.'



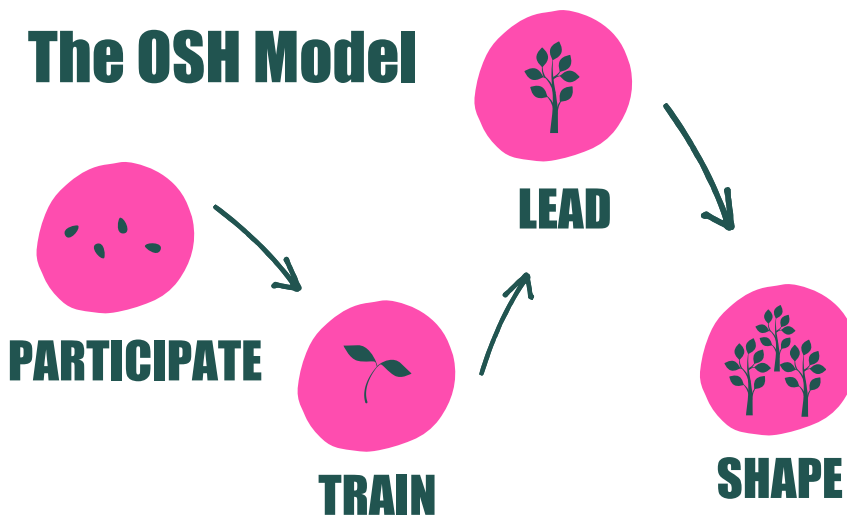
We are Our Second Home

We are the UK's youth movement for refugees and people seeking asylum. We believe in the **unbounded potential** of these individuals, and are driven to empower them to **flourish** in the place they call home. **Our movement is the start of this journey**, providing **transformative activities** where we can build communities and spark ideas.

This is the beginning of a **positive cycle** where we are the **catalyst**. **OSH is building the next generation of leaders from refugee backgrounds**. These displaced young people will become role models and leaders in our movement and in local communities, supporting those coming after.



The OSH Model



It works like this: young refugees and asylum seekers come on an **OSH residential trip**. They cook together. Play games. Learn dances from each other's cultures. Many had their childhoods taken away from them and **with OSH they just get to be kids**.

The **graduates** of these trips take part in **leadership training** and go on to be the ones who take the reins. **They help lead the movement**.

Our Approach

Using a model of peer leadership and regular activity, we are creating a participant-led social movement. We believe that by providing the infrastructure and tools that they lack, we can **tap into the potential** of these individuals and help build the next generation of refugee leaders. To do this, **we create a safe, communal space that enables us to teach leadership skills and spark ideas** through:

- Transformative residential programmes
- Leadership training
- Online English conversation classes
- Year-round community-building programmes
- Engaging with partner organisations
- Educating and advocating for refugees through social media
- Providing hardship grants where needed
- Developing resources and conducting research



Each day on an OSH residential includes a mix of **informal educational activities, creative or vocational workshops, communal meal prep, and time to process and reflect on activities in small groups.** Running through each of these is a clear ethos of nurture and care, peer leadership and inclusivity.

Our residentials combine informal education and creative workshops with time to **relax, unwind and have fun with new friends.** Our aim is to create a **spirit of community** and inclusion, where young people can take advantage of leadership opportunities in a non-hierarchical environment.

"A camp for young refugees can have significant value as a world apart which hopes to make the lives of young refugees in the UK more liveable in the here and now. It hopes to be a space which gives young people the chance to have fun and focus on themselves away from daily stressors, while at the same time enacting an oppositional ideology of care and respect for young refugees against hateful politics. By creating a space in which young refugees can thrive, and by offering them a 'quasi-family', it hopes to empower and support its campers."

Conclusions from a Masters thesis on Our Second Home, University of Oxford

Why we exist

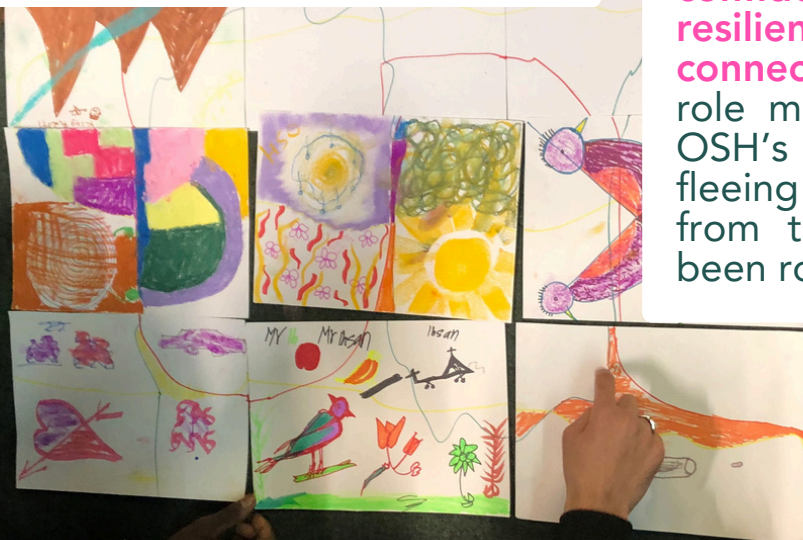
Displaced young people face **considerable challenges** in establishing and rebuilding their lives here in the UK.

Accessing education has proven to be a challenge: where many did not have formal education prior to arriving in the UK, resettled refugee children are academically over **1.5 years behind their peers by age 16**, while **unaccompanied asylum-seeking pupils are over 3 years behind**. They are 6 times less likely to go to university according to global averages.

Later in life, **displaced people are 22% less likely to be in a job**, and those who are working tend to earn less and work fewer hours than the UK-born workforce. This combination of basic English, low confidence, and limited family support, results in a **higher susceptibility to social and financial exploitation**.

Rates of anxiety, PTSD and depression vastly outstrip their peers, as is acute mental health distress. This has been exacerbated by the disproportionate impact of the isolation and digital poverty highlighted by COVID-19. Further, as **anti-migrant sentiment grows** in both politics and media, the need to **build resilient and supportive communities** increases significantly.

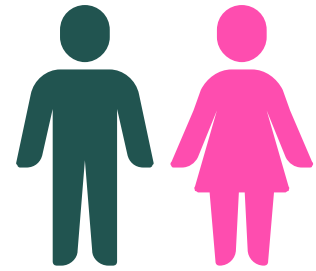
A **positive experience** in a **youth movement** is **transformative** for these young people. They experience **joy and fun**, gain social and employability **skills**, grow **confidence** in English, a strong and **resilient community**, and **build connections** with new and relevant role models. These are crucial for OSH's participants, who, since fleeing violence and persecution from their country of birth, have been robbed of their adolescence.



2023 in Numbers



We supported **164 unique beneficiaries** with a total number supported of **453**



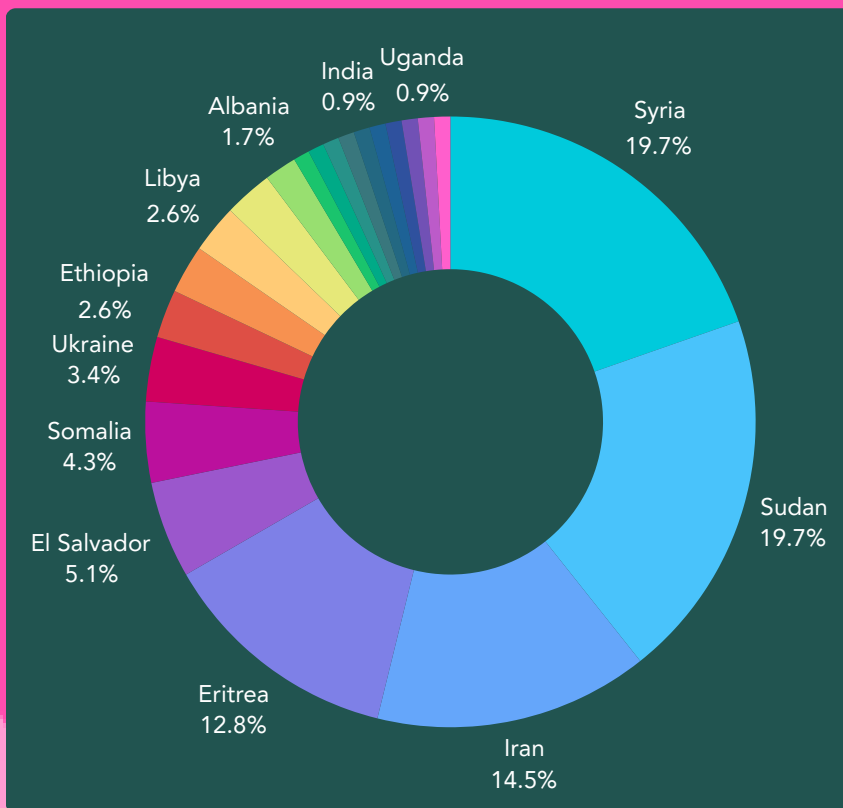
129 boys, 33 girls



We couldn't have done our work without the support of **53 superstar volunteers**, 28% of whom were from a refugee background



We ran **77 events** in total, 9 of which were **residential**



Our young people represent **23 different countries**

- Top 5 were:
1. Afghanistan (39)
 2. Syria (23)
 3. Sudan (23)
 4. Iran (17)
 5. Eritrea (15)

Our Impact

What we have learned over the years is that our work is integral to integration, acclimatisation and flourishing through three main areas of impact: identity, community and leadership. Over the summer, we surveyed all our participants who came on our Hertfordshire and Kent residentials, and learned that:

89% reported improved confidence



79% felt that their English had improved



89% had made a new friend



87% felt part of the OSH family



89% said that they had fun on OSH



90% felt like they could be themselves on OSH



90% said that they had learnt something new



77% wanted to be like one of the leaders



69% said that they wanted to be a leaders themselves



87% wanted return to OSH



Beyond the Residentials

In 2023, we began running two youth clubs, or as we call them 'Hubs', in Bristol and in London. This was in answer to the call from our participants that it was not enough for them for OSH to just be a residential place, but to also be a more regular community for them. This is alongside our online English & Maths classes and our long-running leadership training programme.

London Hub

In 2023, working with **35** young people, many of whom live in nearby asylum hotels, we are delighted to be working with the Hillingdon Refugee Support Group to run a monthly hub for displaced youth in the area.

Bristol Hub

Opening in July 2023, our Bristol Hub supports **35** local young people on a weekly basis."

Activities included bowling, boxing, ice skating, a day trip to SS Great Britain, and even a Hip Hop Gardening workshop.

Online Classes

Our weekly online English & Maths classes began as a way to give young people the confidence to be leaders. They have since grown to provide a vital service for young people who do not have the right support for their education.

We had **80** attending English classes in total, covering various skill and confidence levels, and **43** in our Maths classes.

Leadership Training

Our AQA-certified leadership training programme entered its 4th cohort. Three participants gaining over **80** hours of training and support from our team on the skills needed to thrive as peer leaders.

We also held a graduation in September for everyone who has taken part in the programme (see front page image) attended by over **100** OSH participants, volunteers, and supporters).

Our Partners

We would like to thank all those who have supported us and partnered with us in 2023, most often as donors or as referrers. Some have asked to remain anonymous, and we thank them too.

- The Dost Centre
- Masorti Judaism
- 1625ip
- A B Charitable Trust
- Abiding Care
- Adolescent Support Home Services
- Bain & Company
- The Betty Messenger Foundation
- The Blue Thread
- Bristol City Council
- Bristol Foster Carer Supervision
- Compass Collective
- Edgware & Hendon Reform Synagogue
- Essex County Council
- Focus Futures
- Freedom From Torture
- Goldberg Family Charitable Trust
- Hillingdon Council
- Hillingdon Refugee Support Group
- Katherine Low Settlement
- Lambeth Council
- London Youth
- Keys Group
- North East Solidarity & Teaching (NUSU)
- Prism the Gift Fund
- The Rayne Trust
- Red Cross
- Seven Hills PR
- Shores Charitable Trust
- South Gloucestershire Council
- South London Refugee Association
- Springboard Youth Academy
- This Day Foundation
- The Weisz Foundation
- Turner & Townsend
- West London Welcome
- WFH Foundation
- Young Roots



Thank You From Our Founder & CEO

Finishing our biggest ever summer in 2022, we recognised that there was the appetite and need to bring more OSH into the world. The conversations I was having with partner organisations said as much. Here, on the other side, we can say that both broadened and deepened our work with displaced youth across London, Essex, Bristol & Newcastle.

By creating the Bristol Hub that supports young people in the West of England, and introducing the London Hub in Hillingdon, we added a whole new area to our work. We introduced maths to our online English class provision, and also hosted our first ever weekend trips for girls and for our leaders. This has helped us to realise our vision of being a true community for our members, a place that they can call their own.

Our impact is not just felt in the number of new people who have had an OSH experience. This year, those from our group of young leaders got into university, found new careers through jobs and internships, and navigated the UK asylum system. The OSH community stepped up and played their part, supporting them every step of the way.

As our work has grown, so has the demand and the waiting lists, and the hard work of everyone who has brought OSH to this moment is needed more than ever to help us grow our reach.

These successes belong to everyone who has helped make this work possible. We have welcomed Sarah Avery and Rachel Markies to our staff team, and welcomed in 3 new trustees - David King, Ezio Fabricio & Raymond Simonson. We also said goodbye to Alon Harshak, who has volunteered and worked for OSH in various roles from our very first residential, and to valued trustee Waleed Zuoriki and Marc Gardiner, our founding treasurer. The contributions of both our leavers and joiners have made a difference to the OSH community, and will be felt long into the future.

We couldn't do any of this without our donors, supporters and referral partners, who have backed us at every step of the way. Lastly, my greatest thanks, of course, goes to our leaders, volunteers, and young people. We need all of your support now more than ever as we take these next steps on our journey.

Amos Schonfield



Our Second Home
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2023

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Our Second Home

Charity registration number 1197551

Principal office Alexander House
3 Shakespeare Road
London
N3 1XE

The trustees

A Brookes	
D King	(Appointed 26 July 2023)
E Fabricio Silva	(Appointed 26 July 2023)
J Grabiner-Wolfson	
R Simonson	(Appointed 26 July 2023)
W A Zuoriki	(Resigned 26 July 2023)
M A Gardiner [External Treasurer]	(Resigned 26 July 2023)
N D Schlagman [Chairman]	

Independent examiner Mr Howard Schwalbe ACA
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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Structure, governance and management

Charity Structure

Our Second Home is a CIO. It was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 18 January 2022, with charity number 1197551.

Governing Body

The trustees of the Charity are legally responsible for the overall management of the organisation. The day to day running of the Charity is undertaken by the CEO and the senior management. The CEO is aware of the need to follow best practice and to recruit new trustees as applicable. The trustees are kept informed of the running of the Charity and new Trustees will be appointed when and if the need arises.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees would be in line with the Governing Documents. The principal criteria set for the suitable candidate would be someone who is sensitive to the needs and demands required for effective administration of the Charity.

Training and induction of trustees is undertaken as needed.

All major decisions are taken collectively by the trustees and all the trustees give of their time freely. The trustees are unpaid and details of any related party transactions are disclosed as applicable in the notes to the accounts. The arrangements for setting the pay of the charity's employees are the sole domain of the trustees.

Risk Review

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage exposure to major risks.

The risks faced by the charity are principally operational risks from ineffective running of the charities programs. These risks are managed by the trustees ensuring the right staff are utilised and the right policies are implemented.

Procedures are in place to strengthen these safeguards and to ensure public benefit is achieved from all aspects of the charity's management.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing the welfare and integrating of individuals into society who are at a disadvantage by virtue of their youth, social or economic situation when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Objectives and activities

Charitable Objects

The following objects as set out in the CIO Constitution, are for the public benefit:

- (1) The relief of those in need, by reason of their youth or their social and economic situation for the public benefit through the provision of such information and advice as the trustees deem appropriate;
- (2) To advance young people under the age of 26 in life by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of advancing in life and helping such people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
- (3) To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to migrants, especially as set out in the CIO Constitution, and
- (4) To promote social inclusion among people who are refugees, asylum seekers and migrants who are socially excluded on the grounds of their social and economic position.

Aims

The main aim of the charity is the provision of residential trips, leadership training programmes, and year-round support with and for refugees and people seeking asylum. This is done in order to strengthen three main areas of beneficiary's experiences: identity, community, and leadership.

Grant Distribution

The Charity retains the right to administer grants at its discretion. All grants distributed would be in line with the stated objects of the charity. No grants were distributed during the year.

Non-Financial Achievement

In 2023, Our Second Home worked with 453 young refugees and people seeking asylum in London, Essex, Bristol & Newcastle coming from 23 countries.

Participants attended any of a total of 77 events, of which 9 were residential trips (2022: 5; 2021: 2).

Other events include a leadership training course and annual graduation ceremony, attended by 30 current and former leaders from refugee backgrounds. There was also a weekly online English & Maths class, a weekly youth hub in Bristol, and a monthly youth hub in London.

Identity: 89% of summer residential attendees reported that their confidence had improved, and 90% reported that they can be themselves on OSH. Community: 87% of summer residential attendees reported feeling part of 'the OSH family', and 85% reported that they would like to come back on OSH. Leadership: 71% of summer residential attendees reported that they wanted to be a leader on OSH, and 76% reported that they wanted to be like one of the leaders.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Achievements and performance

The charity recorded £72,078 in donations receivable in the year and £2,386 in interest and other income.

Grants receivable during the year amounted to £103,670, a detailed analysis can be found in the notes to the accounts.

Fundraising costs incurred during the year amounted to £8,255 and are detailed in the notes to the accounts.

The charity paid out £205,510 on direct costs in the running and management of the charity. The majority of those costs relate to residential programs and staff salaries.

Support and governance costs for the year were £960.

No grants were distributed during the year

There were no related party transactions during the year.

There was an overall net expenditure and net movement in funds for the year amounting to £36,592, of which restricted income amounted to £983 and unrestricted expenditure amounted to £37,575.

Appreciation

The trustees extend their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all donors, employees and volunteers. Our positive impacts on the charities beneficiaries would have not been possible without you.

Financial review

Reserve Policy

The trustees have reviewed the level of reserves held by the Charity. The review has concluded that to allow the Charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services in the event of unforeseen circumstances, the level of free reserves, being those not tied up in fixed assets, needs to be maintained at not less than six months expenditure.

The free reserves, comprising of net current assets stand at £37,752, of which £983 are restricted.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 28 June 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

E Fabricio Silva
Trustee

Our Second Home

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Our Second Home

Year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Our Second Home ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

Mr Howard Schwalbe ACA

Independent Examiner

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28 Jun 2024

Our Second Home

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 December 2023

		Year to 31 Dec 23			Period from 18 Jan 22 to 31 Dec 22
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	166,782	8,966	175,748	164,027
Investment income	5	714	–	714	–
Other income	6	1,671	–	1,671	–
Total income		<u>169,167</u>	<u>8,966</u>	<u>178,133</u>	<u>164,027</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	7	8,255	–	8,255	1,843
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	198,487	7,983	206,470	87,840
Total expenditure		<u>206,742</u>	<u>7,983</u>	<u>214,725</u>	<u>89,683</u>
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		<u>(37,575)</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>(36,592)</u>	<u>74,344</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		74,344	–	74,344	–
Total funds carried forward		<u>36,769</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>37,752</u>	<u>74,344</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		49,115	76,429
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>11,363</u>	<u>2,085</u>
Net current assets		<u>37,752</u>	<u>74,344</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>37,752</u>	<u>74,344</u>
Net assets		<u>37,752</u>	<u>74,344</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		983	–
Unrestricted funds		<u>36,769</u>	<u>74,344</u>
Total charity funds	16	<u>37,752</u>	<u>74,344</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 28 Jun 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

E Fabricio Silva
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Alexander House, 3 Shakespeare Road, London, N3 1XE.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements did not require management to make judgements, estimates or assumptions that affect the amounts reported.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	72,078	–	72,078

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants			
Betty Messenger Charitable Foundation	15,000	–	15,000
Goldberg Family Charitable Trust	5,000	–	5,000
National Lottery	–	–	–
Other Grants receivable	4,704	–	4,704
Shoresh Charitable Trust	–	3,966	3,966
The Blue Thread	10,000	–	10,000
The Rayne Trust	10,000	–	10,000
The Swan Mountain Trust	–	–	–
The Weisz Foundation	–	–	–
ABCT Grant	20,000	–	20,000
This Day Foundation	30,000	5,000	35,000
	<u>166,782</u>	<u>8,966</u>	<u>175,748</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	69,110	–	69,110
Grants			
Betty Messenger Charitable Foundation	3,000	–	3,000
Goldberg Family Charitable Trust	5,000	–	5,000
National Lottery	10,000	–	10,000
Other Grants receivable	10,144	–	10,144
Shoresh Charitable Trust	2,483	–	2,483
The Blue Thread	47,090	–	47,090
The Rayne Trust	10,000	–	10,000
The Swan Mountain Trust	4,700	–	4,700
The Weisz Foundation	2,500	–	2,500
ABCT Grant	–	–	–
This Day Foundation	–	–	–
	<u>164,027</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>164,027</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	714	714	–	–
	<u>714</u>	<u>714</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

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6. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Program Income	1,538	1,538	–	–
Miscellaneous Income	133	133	–	–
	<u>1,671</u>	<u>1,671</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies	8,255	8,255	1,843	1,843
	<u>8,255</u>	<u>8,255</u>	<u>1,843</u>	<u>1,843</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Residential Programs	197,527	7,983	205,510
Outreach And Leadership Training Programs	–	–	–
Support costs	960	–	960
	<u>198,487</u>	<u>7,983</u>	<u>206,470</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Residential Programs	84,280	–	84,280
Outreach And Leadership Training Programs	2,416	–	2,416
Support costs	1,144	–	1,144
	<u>87,840</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>87,840</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Residential Programs	205,510	120	205,630	84,705
Outreach And Leadership Training Programs	–	–	–	2,416
Governance costs	–	840	840	719
	<u>205,510</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>206,470</u>	<u>87,840</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

10. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
General office	120	120	425
Governance costs	840	840	719
	<u>960</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>1,144</u>

11. Independent examination fees

	Year to 31 Dec 23 £	Period from 18 Jan 22 to 31 Dec 22 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	840	720

12. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	Year to 31 Dec 23 £	Period from 18 Jan 22 to 31 Dec 22 £
Wages and salaries	90,452	17,990
Social security costs	476	320
Employer contributions to pension plans	1,205	72
	<u>92,133</u>	<u>18,382</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 5 (2022: 3). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
CEO	1	1
Programs And Operations	4	2
	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	840	720
Social security and other taxes	10,523	1,365
	<u>11,363</u>	<u>2,085</u>

15. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,205 (2022: £72).

16. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 01 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>74,344</u>	<u>169,167</u>	<u>(206,742)</u>	<u>36,769</u>

	At 18 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>–</u>	<u>164,027</u>	<u>(89,683)</u>	<u>74,344</u>

Restricted funds

	At 01 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£
Grants receivable	<u>–</u>	<u>8,966</u>	<u>(7,983)</u>	<u>983</u>

	At 18 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£
Grants receivable	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

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Year ended 31 December 2023

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets	48,132	983	49,115
Creditors less than 1 year	(11,363)	—	(11,363)
Net assets	<u>36,769</u>	<u>983</u>	<u>37,752</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Current assets	76,429	—	76,429
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,085)	—	(2,085)
Net assets	<u>74,344</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>74,344</u>

18. Taxation

Our Second Home is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

Empowering refugees and people seeking
asylum to flourish into adulthood in the place
they call home.

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OUR SECOND HOME

England & Wales - Charity number 1197551

Accounts



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2022

OSH IS...



Trustees: Alex Brookes, Marc Gardiner, Joseph Grabiner-Wolfson, Nic Schlagman & Waleed Zuoriki

Staff & Core Team: Emma Brand, Ella Cohen, Ali Ghaderi, Alon Harshak, Josie Richardson, Amos Schonfield, Alex Skolnick & Bethany Tilston

The many incredible leaders, leaders-in-training & participants who make up our movement.

The referrers & supporters who make it all possible.

Welcome from our Chair

Everyone smiles all the time. Young people smile in that innocent way you see when the first half of the day has been fun and silly and they know the rest of the day is only going in the same direction. Leaders smile because they have been given responsibility and given training and it is all coming together and the camp they have planned is going great. Facilitators are smiling because there is that infectious energy you often find on successful residential camps. It is a place of laughter and dancing and games and youth.

Our Second Home does many things excellently. It has created a safe and welcoming environment for hundreds of displaced young people from across the world. It has trained dynamic and creative youth leaders who have quickly absorbed high level youth leadership training. These leaders now reliably deliver creative, fun and challenging activities to their peers. Our Second Home creates camps where young people can be young people. It also creates leaders who feel confident and empowered.

The Our Second Home community meets an important and unmet need for young refugees and people seeking asylum, and it is helping them to flourish. Young people we meet want to grow and develop, they want to support their peers and those who arrived after them, they want to help build a better future. OSH is part of the platform for them to do that.

We want to tell you all about our successes and showcase the stories of the people who inspire us at OSH. We want to support more people, in more places. We want to achieve this together. Much of the work supporting refugees and people seeking asylum is hard and sad, Our Second Home is an oasis from that for many weeks of the year. We're excited to tell you our story.

Nic Schlagman



Introduction from our founder & director

Back in 2015, when so many asked ourselves “what are you going to do to help refugees?”, I reached for the formula that, from age 14, had offered me so much: summer camp.

At our first residential in 2018, our volunteers joined 25 young refugees and asylum seekers to cook together, play games and learn dances from each other's cultures. Those 25 participants were the real beginning of the story of Our Second Home. They are the ones who make it a youth movement.

Ever since that first trip, the graduates of our programmes have gone on to take part in leadership training, putting the skills they've learnt to use at the next residential. They've taken the reins, becoming the role models for those that come after them. It is a cycle of resilience and empowerment that can long continue.

We couldn't do any of this without our supporters and referral partners, who have backed us at every step of the way. We wouldn't have been where we are today without the support of Masorti Judaism, who incubated OSH from our founding in February 2018 until now. The guidance and encouragement of their staff and trustees got us through early jitters and the COVID period, and gave us the space to get us on our feet. Lastly, my greatest thanks goes to our leaders, volunteers, trustees, and staff. The creativity, joy and commitment that each and every one of them brings will continue to inspire me long into the future.

Amos Schonfield





How We Work

We are the UK's youth movement for refugees and migrants. We believe in the unbounded potential of these individuals, and are driven to empower them to flourish in the place they call home. Our movement is the start of this journey, creating transformative residential activities where we can build communities and spark ideas.

THE OSH MODEL:

Participate — Train — Lead — Shape

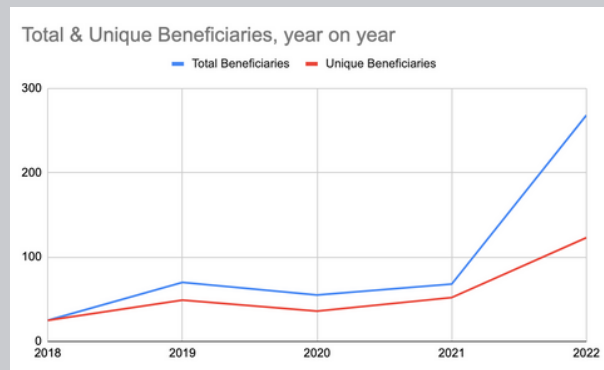
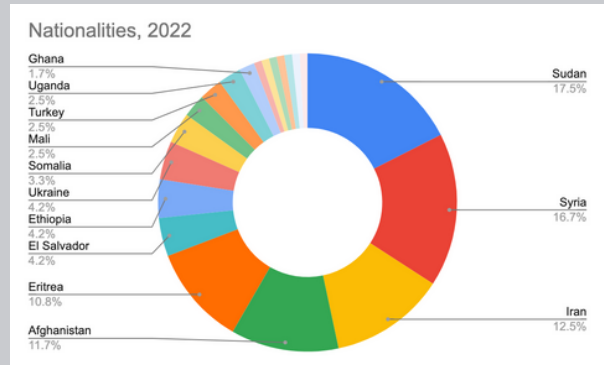
It works like this: young refugees and asylum seekers come on an OSH residential trip. They cook together. Play games. Learn dances from each other's cultures. Many had their childhoods taken away from them and with OSH they just get to be kids.

The graduates of these trips take part in leadership training and go on to be the ones who take the reins. They help lead the movement.

This is just the beginning of a positive cycle that just needs one big push. OSH is building the next generation of leaders from refugee backgrounds. These young migrants will become role models and leaders in our movement and in local communities, supporting those coming after.

2022 in Numbers

- 5 residential trips, 13 events total
- 123 unique beneficiaries, total 268 beneficiaries
- Gender split – 89 boys, 34 girls (72:28)
- 35 volunteers in 2022; 51% of our volunteers were from a refugee background
- 21 countries represented: top 5 were Sudan (21 people), Syria (20), Iran (15), Afghanistan (14), Eritrea (13).

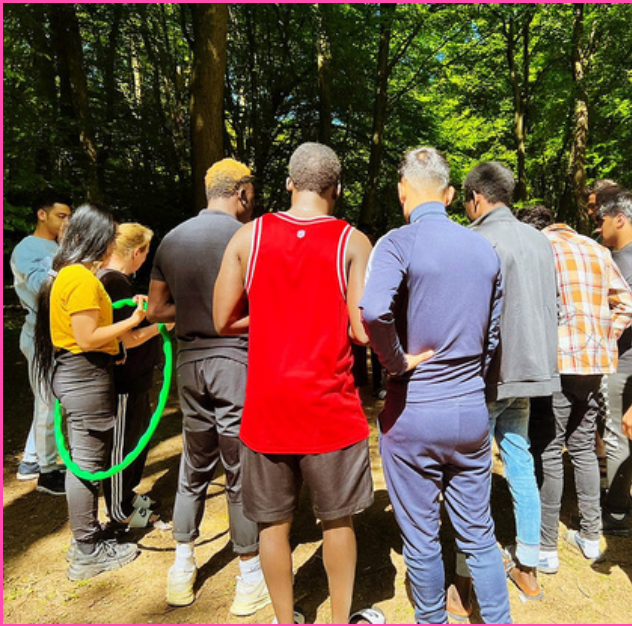


Why We Exist

Displaced young people face considerable challenges in establishing and rebuilding their lives here in the UK. Accessing education has proven to be a challenge: where many did not have formal education prior to arriving in the UK, resettled refugee children are academically over 1.5 years behind their peers by age 16, while unaccompanied asylum-seeking pupils are over 3 years behind. They are 6 times less likely to go to university according to global averages. Later in life, displaced people are 22% less likely to be in a job, and those who are working tend to earn less and work fewer hours than the UK-born workforce. This combination of basic English, low confidence, and limited family support, results in a higher susceptibility to social and financial exploitation.

Rates of anxiety, PTSD and depression vastly outstrip their peers, as is acute mental health distress. This has been exacerbated by the disproportionate impact of the isolation and digital poverty highlighted by COVID-19. Further, as anti-migrant sentiment grows in both politics and media, the need to build resilient and supportive communities increases significantly.

A positive experience in a youth movement can be transformative for these young people. They experience joy and fun, gain social and employability skills, grow confidence in English, a strong and resilient community, and build connections with new and relevant role models. These are crucial for OSH's participants, who, since fleeing violence and persecution from their country of birth, have been robbed of their adolescence.



Our Impact

We could tell you that we have served over 3,150 meals on our residentials this year, or that over 7,250 volunteer hours have gone into making our residentials possible. However, on a deeper level, we have learned that our work is integral to integration, acclimatisation and flourishing through three main areas of impact: identity, community and leadership. We measure our impact by surveying all participants at the end of each residential, alongside qualitative interviews, and have recently recruited a volunteer Impact Lead who will develop this work further.

% of OSH participants who agreed when asked at the end of a residential

Would you say your confidence has improved?	78%
Would you say your English has improved?	49%
Have you made new friends?	81%
Have you felt comfortable on the residential?	89%
Do you think your leaders were helpful?	96%
Would you like to come back to this residential?	94%
Would you like to come back to this residential as a leader?	67%



In our Participants' words

- Thank you very much, I appreciate you guys. This is life. Bless you guys for what you do for us. We came from a bad country, we didn't see anything like this. Thank you very much.
- I never forget it. Ever. It's like a heaven. Trust me. Cause for a long time I didn't do anything nice, just staying in my room on a computer, I didn't enjoy anything for like 3 months. This was very nice.
- We talk in front of people here. We are getting brave, like confident, how to speak in front of people. Doing a presentation builds your confidence. It will help in college or business cause you'll have to represent and be a confident good speaker.

And our Young Leaders' Words

- You get so much experience. The other leaders teach me what they have learnt over 5 to 6 years in 5 days. They teach me how they are leading, how it should be done, how to work with teenagers and how to speak to them.
- The most important thing for me is in OSH you're equal and treated equal in everything. In other organisations, the way that they act would make you feel like you're nothing. Here, they make you feel like we all need each other.
- The best part was that I was important in it. I used to be a participant 6 months ago but I became an important part of it so they can count on me and they know I can do something for them. That was the really good part.





Our Partners

We would like to thank all those who have supported us and partnered with us in 2022, most often as donors or as referrers. We are particularly indebted to Dost Centre and Masorti Judaism, whose commitment to OSH as a referrer and host respectively has been the driving force behind our growth.



- Dost Centre
- Masorti Judaism
- Alpha Care Service
- Betsy Foundation
- Betty Messenger Foundation
- British Red Cross
- Essex County Council
- Goldberg Family Charitable Trust
- Hillingdon County Council
- Housing Plus QARA
- Lambeth Council
- National Lottery Community Fund
- P3 Charity
- Swan Mountain Trust
- The Advocacy Academy
- The Blue Thread
- The Shores Foundation
- The Weisz Foundation
- Young Roots



Some have asked to remain anonymous, and we thank them too.

Our Second Home
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 December 2022

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Our Second Home

Financial Statements

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

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Our Second Home

Trustees' Annual Report

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the Period ended 31 December 2022.

Reference and administrative details

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Charity registration number 1197551

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Structure, governance and management

Charity Structure

Our Second Home is a CIO. It was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 18 January 2022, with charity number 1197551.

Governing Body

The trustees of the Charity are legally responsible for the overall management of the organisation. The day to day running of the Charity is undertaken by the CEO and the senior management. The CEO is aware of the need to follow best practice and to recruit new trustees as applicable. The trustees are kept informed of the running of the Charity and new Trustees will be appointed when and if the need arises.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees would be in line with the Governing Documents. The principal criteria set for the suitable candidate would be someone who is sensitive to the needs and demands required for effective administration of the Charity.

Training and induction of trustees is undertaken as needed.

All major decisions are taken collectively by the trustees and all the trustees give of their time freely. The trustees are unpaid and details of any related party transactions are disclosed as applicable in the notes to the accounts. The arrangements for setting the pay of the charity's employees are the sole domain of the trustees.

Risk Review

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity, and are satisfied that systems are in place to manage exposure to major risks.

The risks faced by the charity are principally operational risks from ineffective running of the charity's programs. These risks are managed by the trustees ensuring the right staff are utilised and the right policies are implemented.

Procedures are in place to strengthen these safeguards and to ensure public benefit is achieved from all aspects of the charity's management.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing the welfare and integrating of individuals into society who are at a disadvantage by virtue of their youth, social or economic situation when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Objectives and activities

Charitable Objects

The Charity's objects, as set out in the CIO Constitution, to advance in life and to relieve the needs of people living in the UK - in particular (but without limitation) young (under 26 years old) migrants, refugees and those seeking asylum - by providing information and advice;

Aims

The main aim of the charity is the provision of various residential and leadership programs in furtherance of the charity's objects.

Grant Distribution

The Charity retains the right to administer grants at its discretion. All grants distributed would be in line with the stated objects of the charity

Achievements and performance

The charity recorded £69,110 in donations receivable in the year.

Grants receivable during the year amounted to £94,917, a detailed analysis can be found in the notes to the accounts.

Fundraising costs incurred during the year amounted to £1,843 and are detailed in the notes to the accounts.

The charity paid out £86,696 on direct costs in the running and management of the charity. The majority of those costs relate to residential programs and staff salaries.

Support and governance costs for the year were £1,144.

No grants were distributed during the year

There were no related party transactions during the year.

There was an overall net income and net movement in funds for the year amounting to £74,344.

Non-Financial Achievement

Report backs from the beneficiaries of the charities have been resoundingly positive.

78% of participants surveyed say their confidence has improved as a result of Our Second Home.

Over 200 people originally from some 30 different countries participated in our residential programmes.

96% of participants surveyed would like to come back to Our Second Home.

Appreciation

The trustees extend their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all donors, employees and volunteers. Our positive impacts on the charities beneficiaries would have not been possible without you.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Financial review

Reserve Policy

The trustees have reviewed the level of reserves held by the Charity. The review has concluded that to allow the Charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services in the event of unforeseen circumstances, the level of free reserves, being those not tied up in fixed assets, needs to be maintained at not less than six months expenditure.

The free reserves, comprising of net current assets stand at £74,344 all of which are unrestricted.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 25 April 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

M A Gardiner

Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Our Second Home

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Our Second Home ('the charity') for the Period ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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.

Mr Howard Schwalbe ACA

Independent Examiner

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25 Apr 23

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Statement of Financial Activities

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

		Period from 18 Jan 22 to 31 Dec 22	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments			
Donations and legacies	4	164,027	164,027
Total income		<u>164,027</u>	<u>164,027</u>
Expenditure			
Expenditure on raising funds:			
Costs of raising donations and legacies	5	1,843	1,843
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	87,840	87,840
Total expenditure		<u>89,683</u>	<u>89,683</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>74,344</u>	<u>74,344</u>
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		—	—
Total funds carried forward		<u>74,344</u>	<u>74,344</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2022

	Note	31 Dec 22 £
Current assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		76,429
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>2,085</u>
Net current assets		<u>74,344</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>74,344</u>
Net assets		<u><u>74,344</u></u>
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds		<u>74,344</u>
Total charity funds	14	<u><u>74,344</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 25 Apr 23, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

M A Gardiner
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Alexander House, 3 Shakespeare Road, London, N3 1XE.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements did not require management to make judgements, estimates or assumptions that affect the amounts reported.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations		
Donations	69,110	69,110

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants		
Betty Messenger Charitable Foundation	3,000	3,000
Goldberg Family Charitable Trust	5,000	5,000
National Lottery	10,000	10,000
Other Grants receivable	10,144	10,144
Shoresh Charitable Trust	2,483	2,483
The Blue Thread	47,090	47,090
The Rayne Trust	10,000	10,000
The Swan Mountain Trust	4,700	4,700
The Weisz Foundation	2,500	2,500
	<u>164,027</u>	<u>164,027</u>

5. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies	<u>1,843</u>	<u>1,843</u>

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Residential Programs	84,280	84,280
Outreach And Leadership Training Programs	2,416	2,416
Support costs	1,144	1,144
	<u>87,840</u>	<u>87,840</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2022 £
Residential Programs	84,280	425	84,705
Outreach And Leadership Training Programs	2,416	–	2,416
Governance costs	–	719	719
	<u>86,696</u>	<u>1,144</u>	<u>87,840</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

8. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs	Total 2022
	£	£
General office	425	425
Governance costs	719	719
	<u>1,144</u>	<u>1,144</u>

9. Independent examination fees

	Period from 18 Jan 22 to 31 Dec 22
	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>720</u>

10. Staff costs

The average head count of employees during the Period was 3. The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the Period is analysed as follows:

	31 Dec 22
	No.
CEO	1
Programs And Operations	2
	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 Dec 22
	£
Accruals and deferred income	720
Social security and other taxes	1,365
	<u>2,085</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Period from 18 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

13. Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £72.

14. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 18 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	–	<u>164,027</u>	<u>(89,683)</u>	<u>74,344</u>

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£
Current assets	76,429	76,429
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(2,085)</u>	<u>(2,085)</u>
Net assets	<u>74,344</u>	<u>74,344</u>

16. Taxation

Our Second Home is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

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